

Grateful and Generous

Pupils are growing to be **grateful** for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for blessings of each day; and **generous** with their gifts, both now and in the future.

What does this mean?

Catholic Schools help their pupils grow by encouraging them to know and be **grateful** for all their gifts, developing them to the full so that they can be **generous** in the service of others.

Pray it

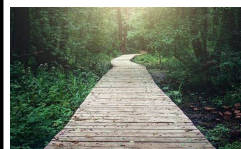


Linking Grateful and Generous to prayers of the Church and Liturgical Season

Prayer suggestions and activities:

- January: Pope's Prayer Intention for the right to an education
- Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord 5th Jan: Pray for the gifts that we receive both physically and spiritually.
- Pray for the sick and those who care for them.
- Don Bosco 31st Jan: We pray for students and teachers.
- Pray for our gifts and talents that we are grateful for and we give generously to others.
- The Presentation of the Lord Feb 2: Simeon recognised Jesus as the light of the world. We welcome Christ's light into our hearts. Pray the Nunc Dimittis (Teach us to Pray Document)
- Octave of prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January. 'Do you believe this?'
- We are grateful for the generosity of others. For example, those who work at Father Hudson's Caritas and St. Chad's Sanctuary.
- Pray the Jubilee Prayer for Schools:
- cafod.org.uk/jubilee-schools/jubilee-prayers-for-schools

Explore it



Linking Grateful and Generous to scripture, meaning and teachings of the Church, Church traditions, Pope Francis and the Saints

Scripture and the Lives of Saints to Explore:

- Explore the life of St. Don Bosco (patron saint of education) for the generosity he showed to others

Activities and Questions:

- In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invites us all to be signs of hope in our world. Explore what the word 'hope' means to you and your school community.
- Explore the generosity of those who look after the sick in Lourdes.
- Explore the scripture Luke 2: 22-40 about the Presentation of the Lord and how this represents Jesus being a sign of hope for us all.
- Explore religious artwork of the Magi (from different cultures) presenting their gifts to the new born king.
- Explore how Children celebrate Christmas from around the world. (whyChristmas.com)

Live it



Linking Grateful and Generous to the way we can choose to live our lives.

Activities and Challenges:

- Pray for the sick and send prayer cards to those who are unwell in your parish.
- Participate in the blessing of the classrooms /houses
- Recognise and tell others when they have been generous with their gifts.
- Take the time to be grateful at the end of each day for the gifts in your life and remember to say thank you.
- Participate in the Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope celebrations, prayers and activities in school and in your parish.

Discuss:

- Are you generous with your time to help others; with your siblings, family, school or parish community?
- Do you thank God each day for the blessings in your life?
- Which gift do you need to develop to be the person that God has called you to be?
- If Jesus was born today, which gift would you present to him and why?
- How can you use your God given gifts to serve God and others both now and in the future?



Sunday Gospels to Explore

Gospels linked to Grateful and Generous highlighted

5 January Matthew 2: 1-12	We have come from the East to worship the king
12th January Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22	When Jesus had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened
19th January John 2: 1-11	This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee
26th January Luke 1: 1-4; 4:14-21	Today the scripture has been fulfilled
2nd February Luke 2: 22-32	My eyes have seen your salvation
9th February Luke 5: 1-11	They left everything and followed him
16th February Luke 6: 17, 20-26	Blessed are you who are poor. Woe to you who are poor.

Sing it



Linking Grateful and Generous to traditional and contemporary music.

- Give thanks with a Grateful heart: Henry Smith
- If I were a butterfly: Brian Howard
- Blessed be God: Aniceto Narazerth
- There is a redeemer: Keith Green
- Thank you Lord for this fine day: Diane Davis
- Thank you for giving me the morning: Martin G. Schneider
- Oh Happy Day: Philip Doddridge
- I will enter his gates: Leona Von Erthorst
- This is the Day: One Life Music
- Thank you Lord: One Life Music
- Give us Hope O Lord: One Life Music
- Song of Hope: One Life Music

'To sing is to pray twice' St. Augustine

Picture It

Linking Grateful and Generous to artwork.



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The Magi

Find examples of religious art depicting grateful and generous. The examples could come from scripture stories or lives of the saints. Create your own images to express these virtues. Please see 'Using Art to Develop Thinking Skills in RE document' to support questioning.