

Compassionate and Loving

Pupils are growing to be **compassionate** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and **loving** by their just actions and forgiving words.

What does this mean?

Catholic Schools help their pupils grow by being **compassionate** and **loving** in the way they are treated especially when a pupil is in trouble; and by opening their eyes to those who suffer poverty, injustice or violence.

Pray it

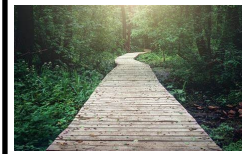


Linking Compassionate and Loving to prayers of the Church and Liturgical Season.

Prayer suggestions and activities:

- Pray with St. Catherine of Siena who worked with those who were marginalised - 29 April.
- Pray with St. Joseph the Worker particularly on his feast day - 1 May.
- Use the diocesan prayer for vocations as a focus for prayer, especially around the World Day of Prayer for Vocations - 11 April.
- We pray that during the Jubilee year, the compassion and love that we show to others, will give people a sense of purpose and hope.
- As we enter a new financial year, we pray Governments around the world will have a preferential option for the poor. (Catholic Social Teaching)

Explore it



Linking Compassionate and Loving to scripture, meaning and teachings of the Church, Pope Francis and the Saints.

Scripture to Explore: -

- John 10:27-30: I give eternal life to my sheep.
- John 13:31-35: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another.

Activities and Questions: -

- Explore Pope Francis' Pectoral cross. How does this link to his role as our Good Shepherd?
- Vocations: Exploring 'Who has God called you to be?'
- Catholic Social Teaching: Exploring Solidarity and the Common Good linked to being Compassionate and Loving.
- Explore how St. Joseph was Compassionate and Loving (when Jesus was lost in the temple, teaching Jesus about his faith as well as carpentry skills).
- The Popes prayer intention for April is for the use of new technologies. Explore ways in which technology can help us communicate the Gospel message.
- Explore the life of St. Catherine of Siena - 29th April. How was she Compassionate and Loving?

Live it



Linking Compassionate and Loving to the way we can choose to live our lives to serve God and to serve others.

Activities and challenges:

- How can we be like a shepherd to other people? For example, how can you support pupils who are younger than you?
- What local charities can you support that are Compassionate and Loving to those who are in need? e.g. foodbanks & Fr. Hudson's Caritas.
- Be activists for social justice: show support by writing letters or creating posters around a particular local community issue.
- Vocations: Interview a priest or someone with a vocation to the religious life. How do they serve others?
- Vocations: Interview or learn about those who are missionaries. For further information, email education@columbians.co.uk
- Ensure each time we communicate with others, we do this in a Compassionate and Loving way. e.g. social media
- Choose a Corporal Work of Mercy and demonstrate it in your actions, words and deeds.

Sunday Gospels to Explore

Gospels reflective of Compassionate and Loving highlighted



Sunday 27th April
Divine Mercy Sunday:
John 20:19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came.

Sunday 4th April
John 21:1-14

Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.

Sunday 11th April
John 10:27-30

I give eternal life to my sheep.

Sunday 18th April
John 13:31-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another.

Sunday 25th April
John 14:23-29

The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Sing it



Linking Compassionate and Loving to traditional and contemporary music.

- [A New Commandment I Give Unto You: Anon](#)
- [This Is My Body: Jimmy Owens](#)
- [Sing Hosanna: Anon](#)
- [The Summons: John L. Bell & Graham Maule](#)
- [I am the Good Shepherd: Fernando Ortega](#)
- [Hail Mary, Gentle Woman](#)
- [Hail Queen of Heaven: Emmaus Music](#)
- [Immaculate Mary: Anon](#)
- [Hail Mary: CJM](#)

Picture It

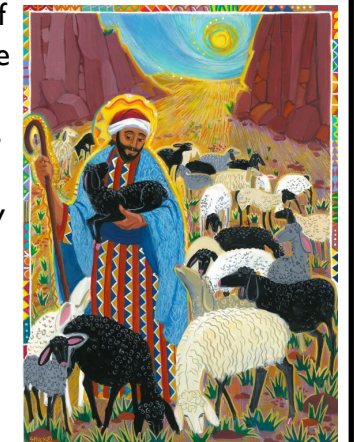
Linking Compassionate and Loving to artwork.

This artwork was inspired by the Gospel of John 10:11-18. Jesus identifies himself as the good shepherd. This Shepherd who would "lay down his life for his sheep" reminds us that there is One with whom we are safe beyond all imagining. This One is absolutely aligned with the purposes of the Father who lives in Him—and brings people into this sacred fold.

Jesus shows great humility.

How can you be of service to others?

Can you recreate your own image of the Good Shepherd?



My Shepherd is the Lord

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