

The Olive Branch

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Catholic Social Teaching

Welcome to this addition of Holy Cross RE Newsletter

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is rooted in Scripture, formed by the Church leaders, and influenced by grassroots movements. It is a moral compass, guiding us on how to live out our faith in the world.

CST forms a large part of our Catholic Life and Mission at Holy Cross. As well as being part of the new RED curriculum, over the coming weeks children will be learning about each principle of CST during assemblies.

Here are the Principles we will be learning about:

- Human dignity
- The Common Good
- Participation
- Subsidiarity
- Stewardship
- Solidarity
- Preferential Option for the Poor
- Distributive Justice
- Peace



“Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God’s voice is no longer here, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades.”

Pope Francis

The Olive Branch will look at one of the Principles of CST in more detail each edition.

Chapel Opening Lunchtimes

Led by Holy Cross Faith Council the Chapel is now open for prayer Thursday and Friday lunchtimes for KS2.



Within our Chapel as well as main seating area and a Holy focus area or Altar, we have different sections to support prayer. There is a prayer station for Mary, the mother of God, a prayer wall, a votive candle (battery powered) station, a 'Sky full of Intentions' where children can peg up a cloud with their intention.

If your child would like to add a prayer to our Prayer Wall they are welcome to bring it to myself and we will add it to the Wall together.

Look out for our Pray & Stay sessions for your child's year group. So far these have been very special moments for us at Holy Cross and I look forward to welcoming you all.



Monday 27th January is launch day for The Jubilee Year when Pope Francis asks us to be Pilgrims of Hope. We invite everyone to wear an accessory of a colour that symbolises hope to them. We look forward to a very special year.

