

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. 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.

Ordinary Time: Autumn
Until the start of the season of Advent

Pray it



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

Prayer suggestions and activities:

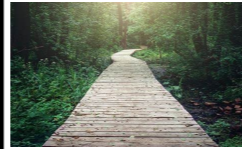
The Season of Creation starts on September 1 and finishes on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi October 4:

- Use St. Francis' Canticles of Creation to explore his love of the earth and all creatures.

- Write your own litanies and prayers of intercession for creation, praying that all may be compassionate and loving stewards of God's creation.

- We pray for those who currently do not show a reverent use of resources and spoil creation. May their hearts be turned towards creating a better world.
- We pray that those in positions of power and responsibility, lead with compassionate hearts, responding with love to those in greatest need.
- We pray for the fruits of human work, especially those who work the land and sea. May their love shown towards tending their crop provide a bountiful harvest for all.
- September 26 - Little Way Week. We pray that we may be inspired always to carry small acts of kindness with great love.
- St. Bernadette - Pray the rosary especially during the month of October.

Explore it



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

Activities and Questions: -

- October 1—The Feast Day of St. Therese of Lisieux. Research St. Therese of Lisieux, especially focusing on her charism 'Do small things with great love'.
- October 4 - The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. Explore how St. Francis showed love and compassion for all of God's creation especially those who are poor and marginalised.
- Explore the life of Mary especially during the month of October.
- Reflect upon those stories of Mary, the model of a loving mother and mother of the Church on earth.
- Explore the devotion to Mary and the many places where she appeared for example Lourdes and Fatima.
- St. Bernadette - Explore the story of St. Bernadette. Consider how her life inspires the compassion and love towards others in Lourdes today.
- Explore the CAFOD resource for Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si' [Laudato Si' encyclical resources | CAFOD](#) and Fratelli Tutti [Fratelli Tutti animation and resources for schools | CAFOD](#).
- Explore the needs of the local area/Parish e.g. food poverty.
- Explore the Spiritual and Corporal acts of mercy. How can you be faithful to these today?

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:

- Consider how your school is caring for creation by living simply, sustainability and in solidarity with others.
- What actions can you take within your local area to show compassion towards nature around you? (e.g. making a bird feeder).
- October 15 - The Feast of St. Teresa of Avila, She said 'Christ has no body but yours'. How can you use this phrase to live out Christ's mission on earth?
- We are all made in the image and likeness of God. How can we use our God given gifts to show compassion and love to others?
- September 26- Participate in Little Way Week, carrying out daily acts of compassion and love towards others.
- Make a rosary to support praying the rosary especially during the month of October.
- Start a school vegetable patch, consider how you will share the produce either gifting it to those less fortunate or selling it and donating the proceeds to charity.
- What can you do to support the needs of the local Parish? E.g. support the foodbank.
- Enquire if a local parish has a St. Vincent de Paul society, join together in a charitable outreach project.

Sunday Gospels to Explore

Gospels reflective of Compassionate and Loving highlighted



4th September 2022
Luke 14:25-33

Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple

11th September
Luke 15:1-10

There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner

18th September
Luke 16:10-13

You cannot be the slave of both God and money

25th September
Luke 16:19-31

The rich man and Lazarus

2nd October
Luke 17:5-10

Say, we are merely servants

9th October
Luke 17:11-19

No-one has come back to praise God, only this foreigner

16th October
Luke 18:1-8

The parable of the unjust judge

23rd October
Luke 18:9-14

The tax collector; not the Pharisee, went home justified.

Sing it



Linking Compassionate and Loving to traditional and contemporary music.

- [This is my body](#): Jimmy Owens
- [Love Divine](#): Charles Wesley
- [Oh the love of my Lord](#): Estelle White
- [The Lord is gracious and compassionate](#): Vineyard Music
- [All things bright and beautiful](#):
- [Our God is an awesome God](#): Rich Mullins
- [Shout to the Lord](#): Hillsong
- [Indescribable](#): Chris Tomlin
- [Lord of all Creation](#): CJM Music
- [How great thou art](#): Carl Boberg

Picture It

Linking Compassionate and Loving to artwork.



Nasa Astronomy Picture of the Day

Explore a resource such as Nasa Astronomy Picture of the Day. Which parts of creation help you grow in awe and wonder?

[Astronomy Picture of the Day \(nasa.gov\)](https://www.nasa.gov/feature/astronomy-picture-of-the-day)

Further explore Compassionate & Loving by reading The Jesuit Publication found;

[http://jesuitinstitute.org/Pages/JPP/JPP%20Birmingham/JPP%20Booklet%20Birmingham%20\(2017\).pdf](http://jesuitinstitute.org/Pages/JPP/JPP%20Birmingham/JPP%20Booklet%20Birmingham%20(2017).pdf)