


Our Lady & St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

Overview of Catholic Social Teaching

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	Autumn Term 1		Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
	Rights and responsibilities	Options for the poor and vulnerable	Family and community	The dignity of work	Stewardship	Solidarity and the common good	Dignity of the human person
	<i>'...there is no authority except from God and those that have been instituted by God'. (Romans 13:1)</i>	<i>'You are not making a gift of your possessions to the poor person, you are handing over to them what is theirs.'</i> (St Ambrose)	<i>'Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.'</i> (Exodus 20:12)	<i>'The Lord wants to turn your hands, my hands, our hands, into signs of reconciliation, of communion, of creation' – Pope Francis.</i>	<i>'We must care for nature so that nature can care for us.'</i> (Pope Francis)	<i>'In truth I tell you, as you did this to one of these brothers of mine, you did this to me.'</i> (Matthew 25:40)	<i>'Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.'</i> (Jeremiah 1:5)
Nursery	God wants everyone to be happy God gives us all we need to be happy	God's gifts are for everyone Learning to share our toys and food with our friends so that everyone has enough	My family at home My school family	We are helping to do God's work We use our gifts for each other	Discovering God's beautiful creation Playing in and caring for creation	We are friends We play together in love and peace	God made me and loves me very much God made me and all my friends beautiful
Reception	Making the right choices We share all God's gifts	Helping everybody to be happy by playing, sharing and learning together Using our gifts to help others	We are all different and we love and care for each other We love and look after each other because we are all brothers and sister's in God's family	Everybody's gifts are needed to build God's world When we build together, we can do much more	Helping God's creation grow Celebrating God's creation	We help each other We thank God for each other	We show our love for each other We thank God for loving us and our love for each other
Year 1	Happiness is? Exploring what makes us happy Finding happiness with each other	Some of God's family have plenty of food, toys and clothes Some don't	We are all part of a community We look after and care for each other	Everybody's work is valuable and important for the community	Learning from God's creation (interdependence) Making good choices – being responsible	We are brothers and sisters – one family – one world We learn together	God loves us equally as his children We are all different and amazing

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		Exploring the feelings of those who have plenty and those who have little		Working together to build up our school family			
Year 2	Helping each other to make the right choices Fair shares for all	Working together to make our family happy Exploring fairness and justice Who needs our help? How can we help?	I belong to my family and community My community needs me	Finding my special job – my gift to the world Working hard to be the best you can be for others	God's gardeners Celebrating the harvest	We build together a community of peace We celebrate together	We love and look after each other because we are all brothers and sisters Loving each other makes us strong
Year 3	Barriers to happiness	Why are some parts of our area richer or poorer than others?	What makes community?	Exploring our understanding of work How does work build us up?	All things are connected	I listen to you with my ears, eyes, heart and mind	We are all equal in God's eyes and loved
Year 4	Exploring our responsibilities for each other	What are the needs of those in a poor area compared with those in a rich area?	Who is in my community?	The many sides of working together to build up community	Enough for everybody's need but not everybody's greed	We walk together as people of peace	I have been given a special gift for the world
Year 5	Recognising the difference between rights and responsibilities	Helping each other to see brothers and sisters not strangers in need Raising awakes locally and nationally	Building up the community	Recognising and helping others to find their gift and share it	Stewards of God's world (understanding the concept)	We face challenges together	Each person is unique and irreplaceable – everyone matters
Year 6	Happiness comes in sharing and giving	Being Christ's voice in our area for those who need us the most	Building up the kingdom of God	Enabling each other to aim high	Seeing God in creation	Building our mission team	People matter more than possessions

We link our Catholic Social Teaching units of work to our current curriculum aims and events in the Catholic calendar. Although taught explicitly, Catholic Social Teaching is embedded across our curriculum.