



OLW NEWS 2023

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Dear Parents & Families,

This week marks a very special and important time in our Church calendar, the beginning of Lent and the preparation of Easter. Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday; we often call this Pancake Tuesday as it was the day when Catholics fasted for Lent. Homes would empty their pantries of milk, flour and eggs to prepare for fasting during Lent. Another significant event on Shrove Tuesday is the burning of last year's palms to prepare the ashes for Ash Wednesday. This year Father Trac will preside over the burning of the palms Paraliturgy with our students at 2pm. During this ceremony, our 2023 Fire Carriers will be announced. Parents are welcome to attend the Paraliturgy that should only take 15 minutes.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent is on 22nd February. The school leaders will go to Mass at 10am and during the Mass Father Trac will bless and prepare the ashes that will be distributed to each class by their teacher in a class Paraliturgy.



SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Sporting Schools Program in Term 1 will be Golf, commencing Tuesday February 28 for 6 weeks. The students who have missed out on the program this term will be put on a waiting list in case of a cancellation. These students will be considered for our Sporting Schools Program in Term 2. We are excited and looking forward to learning a new sport!

SCHOOL CHOIR

There has been an overwhelming response to students wanting to join the school choir. Mrs. Myers is ecstatic to see that over 60 students want to join. Choir practice will be on Tuesday afternoons. We look forward to hearing our students sing for us at our school events.

EASTER RAFFLE

The Term One fundraiser will be an Easter Raffle that will be drawn on Holy Thursday. The P & F are asking families for donations of Easter chocolates only for our raffle. Donations of toys or other gifts will not be accepted for this raffle. A booklet of 10 raffle tickets will be sent home to families on Ash Wednesday. Each ticket will cost 50 cents. The money raised will go towards funding our Futurescapes/STEM program. We will be purchasing Makey Makey kits for the students to use this year.



POLICE VISIT

Last Monday at our assembly we had Constable Andy Morton from Reservoir Police visit our school to talk about the role of Police in keeping the peace in our community, 000, how and when to call 000, and the importance of knowing your full name and address in an emergency. He also spoke about Cyber Safety and how children can be kept safe when online. Constable Andy Morton will return later in the year to speak with our Year 3 – 6 students about Cyber Safety.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

There will be a school closure on Tuesday March 14. This is the day after the Labour Day long weekend. As parents are aware, over the last few years we have moved to be a Science of Reading/Science of Learning school. This has seen the teachers



change their practice to introduce Daily Reviews in all key learning areas, using the Cognitive Load Theory to plan lessons, and the introduction of InitialLit in Prep, Sounds Write Program in Year 1 & 2, and using MiniLit and MacqLit for reading intervention. OLW will join with three other schools as a Learning Collective where we have organised Dr. Lorraine Hammond AM and Associate Professor at Edith Cowan University WA to do a further deep dive into Daily Reviews with our staff. Over the coming weeks in the newsletter, we will inform parents further about what we teach and why we teach this way to improve student performance.

OPEN EVENING & ENROLMENTS

OLW is holding an Open Evening and Guided Tours for prospective families on Wednesday, March 8, from 4.00pm - 6.00pm. Information has been distributed to the local Kinders, but please feel free to let other people know about the evening.

We currently have quite a number of applications, so if your child is in 4-year-old Kinder, please complete and return an Enrolment Form as soon as possible as places are limited!

ICYPOLES

The selling of Zooper Doopers in Term 1 has been a hit, especially with the warm weather that we had last week. Thank you to the P & F who organised this treat for our students. Just a reminder that Zooper Doopers are sold every Tuesday & Thursday at lunch for a cost of 50 cents per Zooper Dooper.



OLW SCHOOL APP – SKOOLBAG

Please up date your Skoolbag app for 2023. The weekly school newsletter will only be available electronically through Skoolbag. Attached are further instructions on how to add your child's 2023 class group in order to access the eForm for student absent notification.

PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that **'Salt of the Earth'** means a *very good and honest person*. This phrase originated from Biblical verses.

Our word for this week is:

'Feeble'

Find out its meaning and see if you can add this phrase to your vocabulary over the next week.

Enjoy the week!
Allison Luff

**OUR LADY OF THE WAY
KINGSBURY**

**School Tours &
Open Evening**

Wednesday March 8 2023
4.00pm to 6.00pm

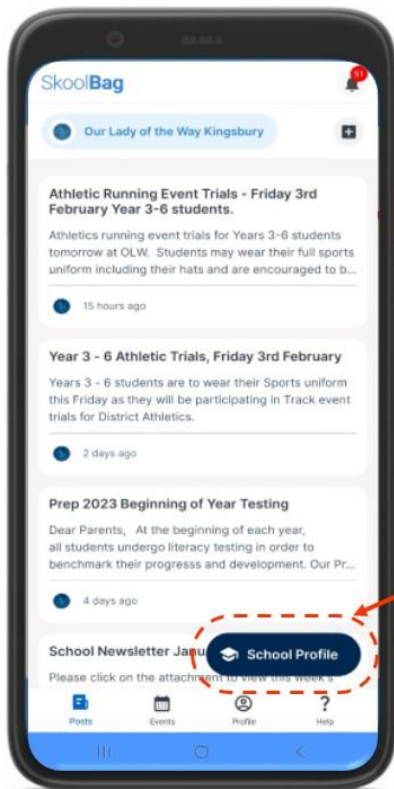
Everyone is most welcome to visit our multi-award winning school and:

- Meet our friendly Staff
- Meet our Student Leaders
- Tour the School and visit all the Classrooms, Specialist Areas and explore our grounds.
- Collect an Enrolment Pack

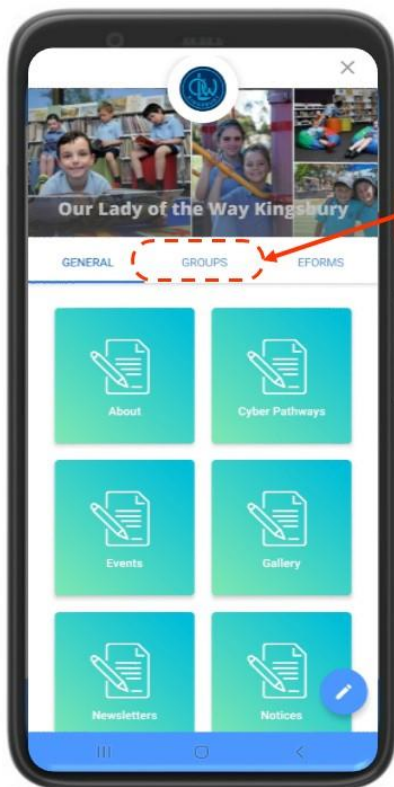
Guided Tours with our Student Leaders are available throughout the evening!

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Adding Your Child's Class Group

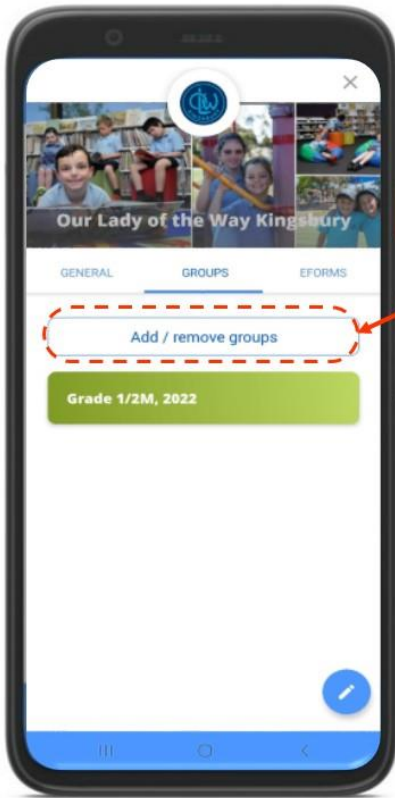


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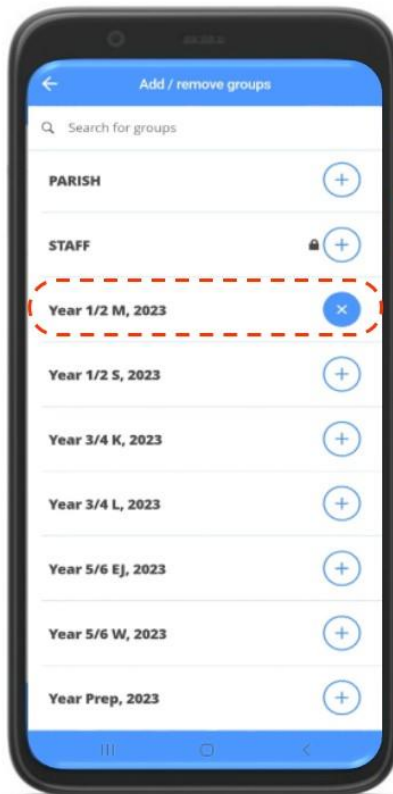
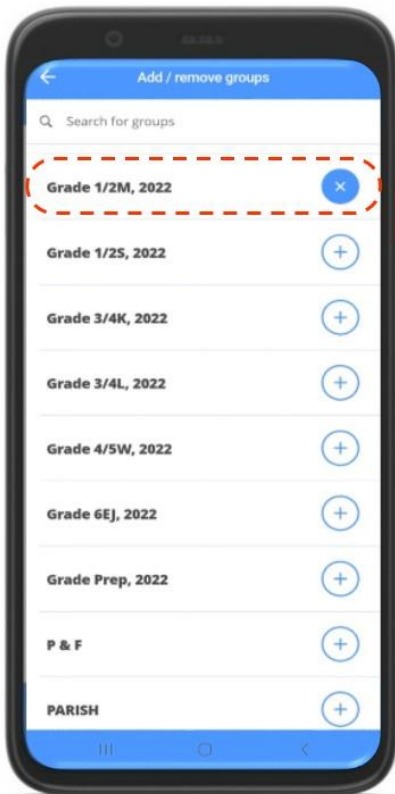


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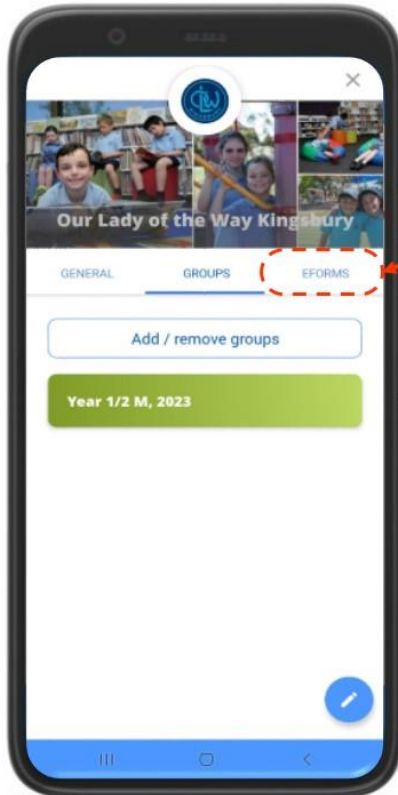


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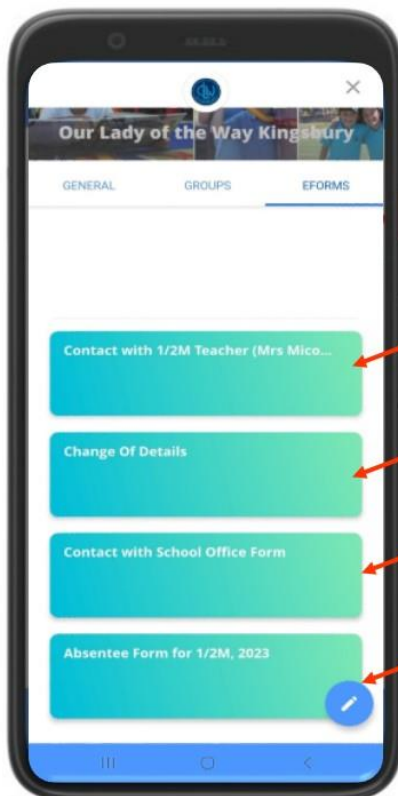


Add/Remove groups
Click the **x** to remove previous groups and **+** to add new groups.

Adding Your Child's Class Group



EFORMS - the online forms for your child's class group will appear here.



leave a message for your child's classroom teacher.

update your contact details

leave a message for the office

submit an absent form for your child



**SANTA MARIA
COLLEGE**

A CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



SANTA MARIA COLLEGE

Open Day



Thursday 9 March 2.00pm - 6.30pm 2023
Visit us and experience the Santa Spirit!

Register online:

<https://www.santamaria.vic.edu.au/enrolment/open-day>

or via the QR code

Contact the College:

Phone: 9488 1600 **Email:** registrar@santamaria.vic.edu.au

**YEAR 7 2025 APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN
VERY LIMITED PLACES FOR YEAR 7 2024**

Parish of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury

Presbytery: 13 Green Ave, Kingsbury. VIC. 3083



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School Tel: 9460 6684
Email: Kingsbury@cam.org.au

Parish Website: <http://www.olwkingsbury.org.au/>

Mass Timetable

Saturday – Vigil Mass:	6.00PM
Sunday:	8.00AM and 10.00AM
Weekdays: Tuesday - Friday	10.00AM
Rosary: Tuesday - Friday	9.30AM
Sacrament of Reconciliation:	Saturday from 5.15 to 5.45PM
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:	Friday from 9.15 to 9.45AM

Baptisms and Marriages by appointment: Please ring 0488 020 364

Welcome to you all.

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 12:6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 9:2-3

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Newsletter Information on 7th Sunday – 18 and 19 February 2023

Looking into the Mass:

*What are we, the People of God, doing at Mass?
We are being the People of God!*

We are taking up the means that Christ has left to us to enter into contact and communion with him! The two greatest things that he has left us are his words and the Eucharist. It is by listening to and hearing those words and by celebrating the Eucharist that we are able to continue to be his disciples.

When we celebrate the Liturgy of the Word, we are entering into dialogue with him. We are not just being instructed or given moral principles. We are putting ourselves in the shoes of those people who originally heard his words. If we take up any of the gospels, we will find that for the most part they are telling us about Jesus' contacts with the many and various people of his time. He interacts with Peter and James and John etc., he interacts with blind people, with crippled people, with religious people who disagree with him and so on. It is really helpful to take up a gospel and see what goes on between him and the people around him.

Fundamentally this is what we are seeking to do in the Liturgy of the Word. We are placing ourselves before him and letting him say to us what he said to those people in his time. And as they entered into a process of coming to grasp what he had to say so that is what we are called to be doing.

And so it is crucial that we listen or read not only the words of the gospels but also listen to our honest and immediate reactions to those words. This involves us in a dialogue with Christ! So we ought never neglect what arises in our hearts at the hearing of his words, be those reactions positive or negative or are seemingly indifferent. Such reactions are the beginning of his word having its interior effects within us. The Word of God being proclaimed to us now is one of the ways in which the Christ whom we cannot see is making himself present to us.

We then move on to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist, in which we also celebrate his continuing risen presence with us.

Fr Frank O'Loughlin

Ash Wednesday 22 February 2023

On Ash Wednesday Mass, at Our Lady of the Way Parish, Kingsbury; there will be two Masses: 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Order of Malta – Lourdes day mass – Saturday 18 February 2023

For some years now the Order of Malta has organised an annual Lourdes Day Mass to provide an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm particularly those who would not otherwise have the possibility of visiting Lourdes. The Mass will take place again on Saturday, 18th February at 10.30am at St Patrick’s Cathedral, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant.

Please promote this Mass, especially among parishioners who are sick, infirm or elderly and the people who care for them. Everyone attending will receive a gift pack containing Lourdes water, rosary beads and prayer material. For further information, please contact: Sauro Antonelli AM on 0411 250 288.

Parish Lunch:

OLW Parish monthly lunch will be back on Wednesday 22nd February 2023 at Summerhill Hotel - 840 Plenty Rd, Reservoir VIC 3073. You are welcome to join our parishioners for lunch at 12:00pm. There will be a list in the foyer of the church, please add your name if you would like to attend.

Catholic Theological College to celebrate 50 years of theological education

“Solemn Celebration of Evening Prayer & Occasional Address” to celebration 50 years of theological education. The celebration is taking place on Sunday 5th March at 3.30pm at St Patrick’s Cathedral. The celebration is open to everyone and we particularly invite any past students of Catholic Theological College to attend. For further information, please contact: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or Ph 9412 3333

SACRAMENTS 2023

The OLW School have now set our Sacrament dates for 2023. The following dates for our Sacraments are:

First Reconciliation – Yr 2 Tuesday 9th May at 2:30pm

First Eucharist – Yr 3 Sunday 27th August at 11:30am

Confirmation - Year 6 Thursday 8th June at 5pm

For those students around our areas who would like to join our parish school for these Sacraments, please give a call to the parish office: 0488 020 364 or email: kingsbury@cam.org.au

Eucharistic Ministers:

18 th Feb:	6pm Kath Zanini	19 th Feb:	8am Gerard Dowling	10am Nicola
25 th Feb:	6pm Jim Conway	26 th Feb:	8am Martina Dowling	10am A Mattia

Readers:

18 th Feb:	6pm Elizabeth Becker	19 th Feb:	8am Carolyn Nguyen	10am Angelina Crupi
25 th Feb:	6pm Gabriel Becker	26 th Feb:	8am Gerard Dowling	10am Wendy Theuissen

Fr. Trac
Priest in Charge

Online Donation

1st Collection: is for the support of our parish, its welfare and maintenance. *(Taken up after the homily).*

Name: Kingsbury Parish Church
BSB: 083 347 A/C: 68643 0901

2nd Collection: is for the support of our Parish Priest, the Archbishop, the sick and retired priests and priests in less fortunate areas of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. *(Taken up after the prayers of the faithful).*

Name: Our Lady of the Way Parish Presbytery
BSB: 083 347 A/C: 66765 5224

We appreciate your generous support to the parish and priest of Our Lady of the Way.

At Our Lady of the Way, Kingsbury Parish we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

The Living Word

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

19 February 2023

First Reading Lv 19:1-2. 17-18

You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and
compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 3:16-23

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The

Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

'Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.' Is Jesus advocating rather static fault-lessness? Not very appealing! No, the Greek word is closer to the idea of a perfect wine – one that has matured and has reached its full potential. So, Our Lord is saying, 'Be a person who is everything you are capable of being.'

Our Lord gives a striking example of the challenge. God does not withhold life-giving sun and rain from people because they are bad or dishonest, nor extinguish the life of human beings because they are evil, because they are enemies.

What are the implications for Church teaching on capital punishment or warfare? Note that Jesus' command: 'You must be ...' is directed to *You* in the plural. It is communal, social. The Church community must listen. Is the Holy Spirit moving us in a direction not experienced since its first three centuries?

We could pause for a moment to pray on behalf of those who want to do us harm, the better to hear: 'Blessed are the peacemakers.'

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St Polycarp was converted to Christianity by St John the Apostle and became an important leader throughout western Asia Minor as the Bishop of Smyrna. Polycarp was eventually betrayed by a servant who had him arrested. He was urged to denounce his religion and to curse Christ, to which he replied, "I have served him for eighty six years and he has done me no wrong." He was ordered to be burnt alive, and it is said that he offered a prayer of praise and glory to God and the flames did not harm him.

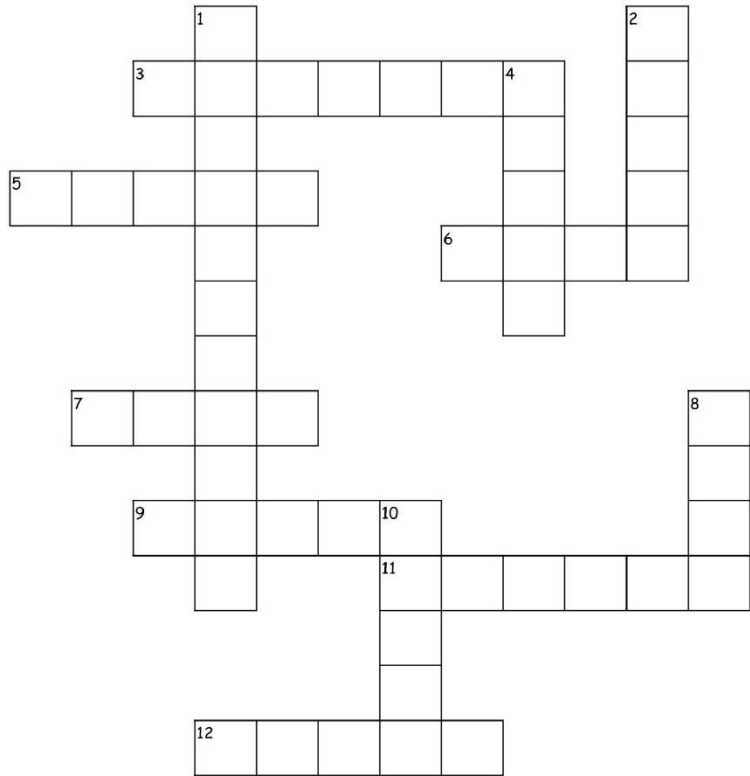
Crossword

Down

- 1: people who do not believe
- 2: what we use to buy things
- 4: clothing worn over the upper body
- 8: to loan something to a person
- 10: welcome

Across

- 3: those who are against you
- 5: the side of your face
- 6: to communicate with God
- 7: God is _____
- 9: incorrect
- 11: a gift for good deeds
- 12: "an eye for an eye, a _____ for a"



Color in the shapes with a dot to reveal who we are behaving like when we show love for those who are unkind to us.

