



# The Friday Message

## Volume 6 - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Reception	Year 1
Following our learning of God creation and Covenant, we continued talking about the importance of care and love for ourselves, family, and others. God made each of us, so each one of us is special. We discussed that we must treat each other's in a caring way because God made us all. During this week we celebrated the feast of St John Henry Newman Catholic school. We learnt why our Saint it was so special and very caring person. "He worked in prisons, his group of Oratorian's worked with people in hospitals, in schools. He was a friend to everybody on the streets, to people in high places and power, with the poor, the rich, the famous, the unknown. And that work still goes on through the Oratory - his memory has never been forgotten". We created some cut out pictures of St John Henry Newman and we wrote quotes about him and decorated some heart to commemorate such a special day.	In RE this week, Year One have been finishing their unit on Creation. We looked at God's beautiful world and thought about ways we could preserve and look after it. We came up with excellent ideas such as picking up litter, turning off lights and making sure places like beaches and forests are looked after for everyone to enjoy. Later in the week we looked at the promise God made to Noah in the story of Noah's Ark. We sequenced and retold the story to our friends.
Year 2	Year 3
In RE, Year 2 had great discussions about the importance of taking care of the Earth that God had created for us. They were able to illustrate this through detailed pictures. They then looked in depth about the story of Noah's Ark and went on to answer questions relating to Noah's relationship with God. All children thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the Feast and St John Henry Newman. They explored key values that he followed and linked these to their own lives.	Year 3 have finished them RE topic on homes this week. We acted out key words which told us how to be a holy person from the text Colossians 3:12-17. We discussed how these words might help us in our daily life and gave reasons how this could help to make a holy person. We ended the unit by discussing what is important to our family and why, what makes a house a home and God's dream for every family. We then wrote a prayer to help us to pray for special things for our family.
Year 4	Year 5
This week in RE, Year 4 brought their current topic - The Bible - to a close. The week began with Year 4 looking at David being chosen by God and the level of trust that David would have had to have placed in God to fulfil His requirements. The second lesson of the week saw the children exploring the Catholic Mass and how different parts of the Bible are used to help Christians reflect on some of the things that God tells them. The pupils have worked well during this topic and have enjoyed learning about some of the key figures from the Bible - well done Year 4!	Following on for celebrating the feast of St John Henry Newman on Monday, Year 5 looked further into the way people become a saint. We explored the process of canonisation and what people do to earn the highest honour of sainthood. Discovering that some people just live in God's footsteps and strive to always help others all the way through their lifetimes. We related this to our RE focus this week of 'how can we improve ourselves.' To understand this, we looked at the artwork by Michelangelo within the Sistine Chapel. It took years and years of dedication, improvement, and resilience to achieve this amazing spectacle. Michelangelo spent hours and hours on small details – slowly improving his art. We discussed how we can make small (and large) improvements to our own selves which will bring us closer to God. We asked for help with this in prayer within our lesson.
Year 6	<p><b>Monthly Gospel Value</b></p> <p><b>Our Gospel Vale we are exploring is ....</b></p> <p><b>Trust</b></p> <p><b>Draw a time when you have been trusted...</b></p>