



# The Friday Message

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### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (B)



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week to mark the start of Ramadan, we learnt about the special ninth month in the Islamic calendar. It is a time for fasting, prayer, reflection, and community. We read Rameena's Ramadan and talked about all the helpful things Rameena, and her family did for her community; such as helping her neighbour with the gardening and cooking food for those who were vulnerable. We likened lots of the celebrations to those we have already learnt about for Christmas and Lunar New Year, such as sharing special meals with the family, exchanging lots of gifts, and even watching firework displays! We discussed the similarities between Ramadan and Lent, with both being a time for kindness and new promises. In the story Rameena's Ramadan, her family go to a Mosque to pray. We decided to look at Mosques from around the world, admiring their key features such as domes and the moons on top before drawing our own.</p>	<p>This week in RE, we have been studying Pope Francis's Laudato Si. This touched the kids, and they all wanted to do their part to keep the environment safe. The kids have all pledged to undertake honourable deeds to help preserve the Earth for future generations to demonstrate their love for this.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>In RE this week, we have continued looking at the concept of 'New Beginnings' within the Church and Bible however this time from the perspective of Baptism. We created our own Baptism invitations and within these explained how the service begins and how it symbolises a child being welcomed into the Catholic Church. We then moved on to look at the white garment and holy water being representative of New Life. We enjoyed discussing how this linked to the <i>new life</i> provided by God after the flood in the story of Noah's Ark.</p>	<p>Year 3 have focused their learning on the offertory prayer and what this means. We discussed how we prepare to receive Jesus and what receiving Holy Communion means. We have written a prayer to welcome Jesus into our hearts and round our prayer we drew pictures of what giving ourselves to Jesus means to us. Our second lesson focused on scriptures written by Matthew, Luke, and John. We discussed what each of these said Jesus did during the Last Supper. We looked at some of the actions used at mass and had a go at these. We stuck the words 'Do this in remembrance of me' in our books and drew pictures and wrote words of what this means to me.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>This week in RE, Year 4 looked in detail at the forthcoming events of Holy Week. This followed the structure of looking at the event itself, deciphering the differing reactions to Jesus at the time and then linking the event from the Bible to the Catholic practices that we see in our modern world. The children found some excellent links within their learning and realised that Holy Week really was a week of "ups and downs" for Jesus and his Disciples. Following this, the children unpicked Peter's Denial through creating their own Godly Play pieces! Once again, Year 4 produced some fantastic wondering statements to get all our brains working deeply. Well, done Year 4 - a busy week of Religious Education!</p>	<p>In our R.E. learning this week, we delved into the concept of 'conscience' and what it signifies. We pondered over how our 'conscience' guides us in making decisions, serving as our internal compass for discerning between 'right and wrong'. Together, we shared examples of moments when we have relied on our conscience to navigate choices. It was a thought-provoking discussion that encouraged us to reflect on the moral compass within each of us.</p>
Year 6	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monthly Gospel Value</b>  <b>Our Gospel Vale we are exploring is ....</b>  <b>Forgiveness</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Who will you forgive this week?</b></p>
<p>In RE this week, the children looked at Jn: 25-27, where Jesus told Mary that she was the mother to His disciples. The class discussed why he used the word 'disciple' in this scripture, rather than naming someone and concluded that we are all His disciples as we all follow him which then meant that Mary was the mother to all Christians. Prior to this, we unpicked a visual representation of Mary visiting Jesus on the cross and the children made links to the lead up of this.</p>	