



The Friday Message

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The Sacred Paschal Tridium (B)



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week we continued to learn that Easter is a time to celebrate Jesus and his forgiveness of others. We learnt that he was given new life by God the Father and when he rose, everybody celebrated. A tomb, crosses and blankets were added to the Godly Play areas of our classroom along with characters such as Jesus' disciples, Mary, and the Angel. We made our own craft of the resurrection, putting out tombs and using a split pin to symbolise the stone being rolled away. We will use these as part of our Easter Cards which we will send home to wish our families a Happy Easter time.</p>	<p>In RE this week Year 1 have been discussing prayer and how this is a way to draw ourselves closer to God. We have also been exploring the different ways people can pray and the various times people pray. The children wrote a prayer of their own to God about taking care of his creation, as Pope Francis stated in the Laudato Si.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>In our final RE lessons of the term we have consolidated our learning from previous lessons. We enjoyed role playing a Baptism, taking on the roles of the Priest, Parents, God parents and the congregation. At each stage of the role play Baptism, we discussed why this aspect is important and what it symbolises. During our next lesson we made comparisons between the story of Noah's Ark and the Sacrament Baptism and the theme of 'new life' which is symbolic in both. We displayed our ideas in our own stain glass window designs.</p>	<p>In RE this week, we have learnt lots about Holy Week, we looked at how different countries around the world celebrate the different days that make Holy Week. This lesson allowed us the opportunity to make our own Palm Cross and think about what happened on Palm Sunday when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem. Our last lesson within this unit we ended the session with writing what we have learnt about Holy Communion and Mass over the last few weeks.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>This week in RE, Year 4 have rounded off their current unit by looking at people and charities who live out the Works of Mercy in the modern-day world. They began by researching and analysing the life of Ruth Pfau. They looked at her actions in Pakistan and discussed her charitable acts. The children also looked at the National Justice and Peace Network and compared their work to the Works of Mercy. The class then completed their work by discussing how both pieces of research are inspirational to the modern-day Catholic.</p>	<p>In R.E. this week, we delved into the significance of the Rosary, exploring its importance in prayer and reflection. We discussed the sequence of prayers and how each bead represents a specific prayer or meditation. Connecting each bead to a part of the prayer helped us understand the structure and rhythm of the Rosary. Additionally, we had a hands-on experience by learning how to make our own Rosaries.</p>
Year 6	<p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Gospel Value Our Gospel Vale we are exploring is Forgiveness</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Who will you forgive this week?</p>
<p>In RE this week, the children have consolidated their learning of "Desert to Garden" by answering the question "How has Jesus shown His love for all through His actions on Holy Thursday and Good Friday?" The children reflected on the scriptures explored throughout the unit to give evidence for their points made.</p>	