



The Friday Message

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26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)



Reception	Year 1
<p>In readiness for our Welcoming Ceremony on Wednesday, we have been looking at the theme of 'belonging'. We first thought carefully about what the word belonging meant and thought about where objects belong in the classroom, such as the pencils belonging in pencil pots and chairs belonging under the tables. We then read Michael Rosen's 'This Is Our House'. We were excited to know that we belong to either Attenborough or Luther-King classes as well as in Reception, St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School.</p>	<p>In RE this week, children have been learning about Laudato Si. We have looked at this letter written by Pope Francis and talked about how we can as a class and a community help to protect the Earth. The ideas that came from the children were amazing!</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>This week we focused on Baptism. We learned about why baptism is important for Catholics and designed a beautiful card to invite someone to a baptism that included information on what would happen in the baptism ceremony. We then started to look at the different symbols involved in baptism, particularly the white garment and the holy water. We did some lovely drawings highlighting these symbols and annotated them to show their importance.</p>	<p>Stewardship was the focus in Year 3 this week. We discussed what this means and what it looks like in other situations such as at a football stadium. We discussed how stewards need to be safe, caring, helpful and strong leaders. We then went on to listen to Pope Francis who asked us to be 'stewards of our world.' We discussed examples of how people do this and how we could do this and support others to keep our world a great place to live for everyone.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>This week, we have begun looking at the story of Joseph, thinking about how Joseph and Abraham's decisions were informed by their faith, hope and love. We ordered and illustrated the story of Joseph's life, and discussed which parts we felt show a 'special relationship' with God.</p>	<p>This week, we discussed Catholic Social Teaching and what it means to love our neighbour, especially those who are vulnerable, like refugees. The students participated in a debate on welcoming refugees, showing great empathy and understanding of the Church's teachings on justice and solidarity. We're so proud of your thoughtful and compassionate responses, Year 5!</p>
Year 6	<p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Gospel Value Our Gospel Value we are exploring is ... Friendship How can you be a good FRIEND?</p>