



The Friday Message

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28th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)



Reception	Year 1
<p>During this week we celebrated the feast of St John Henry Newman Catholic school. We learnt why our Saint was so special and a very caring person. He helped those in hospital, prison and schools. He was a friend to everybody on the streets, to people in high places and power, with the poor, the rich, the famous, and the unknown.</p> <p>We created some cut out pictures of Saint John Henry Newman and we created a class heart using paint and our fingers. We decorated bookmarks with words to remind us of Saint John Henry Newman these included: help others, kindness, love and shine.</p>	<p>This week in RE has been exciting and special. We have come together as a school to celebrate Saint John Henry Newman. We have learnt more about him and his love of churches. So, to honour him, we have wanted to make our own, and we all agree they are amazing. We also learned part of the Nicene Creed and talked about what each part of it means. The children have had amazing thoughts and ideas.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>This week in RE, Year 2 have consolidated their learning about Baptisms by role-playing what happens during a Baptism. They really enjoyed playing the part of the Priest and pouring water on the baby's head and drawing the cross on the baby's forehead. The children have also written letters to a baby to explain what will happen during their Baptism.</p>	<p>In this special week of the feast of St John Henry Newman, we decided to focus on the word 'mission.' We discussed the patron saint of our school and his 'mission' in supporting and loving people all his life. We also looked at how this brought him closer to God and how he used this to bring God to lots of people he had contact with. We created a stained-glass window for our classrooms in recognition of his service to the Church and we wrote some notebooks to keep as a reminder of his life and meaning to us today.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>It has been a special week for the school from a religious context, with all children taking part in our annual celebration of the Feast of St. John Henry Newman, our patron saint and namesake. We began by learning about his own life and the journey he went on, from growing up in an Anglican household, to his conversion to Catholicism and eventual canonization by the church.</p>	<p>This week in Year 5 RE, students have been learning about St. Therese of Lisieux and her philosophy of living life 'The Little Way,' which emphasises kindness and humility through small, meaningful actions. The children created advice leaflets on how to live according to her teachings and took part in a reflective 'Little Way' walk around the school, where they stayed mindful and noticed opportunities for small acts of kindness. These activities helped them understand how simple, thoughtful gestures can make a positive difference in their everyday lives.</p>
Year 6	<p>Monthly Gospel Value</p> <p>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is</p> <p>.... TRUST</p> <p>Who do you TRUST and why?</p>
<p>This week in RE we looked at the role of God as the creator and sustainer of the universe and how this, at first look, differs to scientific views of the Big Bang theory and evolution. We then learnt about a variety of significant Scientists (Francis Collins, John Polkinghorne, Stephen Blundell and Mary Kenneth Keller) from throughout history who were Christians, and their faith had inspired them to explore and understand the universe. We thoroughly enjoyed working collaboratively with our peers to create informative posters about these individuals and then presenting to the rest of the class about how their faith influenced their work.</p>	