



The Friday Message

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33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)



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| Reception | Year 1 |
| We have continued to learn about birthdays this week. We had a go at making our own birthday cakes by cutting carefully around the decorations we wanted to add. We even counted the number candles we had used on our pictures too! We had a go at making paper chains. Lots of people use decorations for special birthdays. We listened to how to say 'happy birthday' in some of the different languages we speak at home. We also had a special circle time and shared what we do to celebrate our birthday. | In RE this week, we have been starting to look at the Annunciation. We have been talking about times when we have had to say yes to something that could be seen as scary, and it has made us all think how Mary would have felt when Angel Gabriel came to her. We have also talked about how we feel when plans change, relating this all back to Mary and how she felt. |
| Year 2 | Year 3 |
| This week in Year 2 we have been learning about the story of Zechariah; how he was visited by the Holy Spirit and told his wife Elizabeth would give birth to a baby called 'John' (who would grow up to be 'John the Baptist'). We read Zechariah's prophecy of what John would go on to do, preparing the way for Jesus. In our second RE session, we read Isaiah's message about light and darkness. We discussed that darkness was about sin and light was related to Jesus being the light of the World and guiding us to live a life without sin. The children enjoyed creating a piece of art about light over our world. | Mass is the focus in Year 3 again this week as we explored, in more detail, the Introductory Rite and Liturgy of the Word. We watched a video and used drama to act out each part of the Mass. We explored the meanings of the signs and symbols within a church and the things that are said by the priest and the congregation. We also had a chance to sing some of the hymns that we would hear in church during these parts of the Mass. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Acting out the Introductory Rite from Mass.</i></p> |
| Year 4 | Year 5 |
| Year 4 have continued to learn about the prophet Elijah this week, considering the historical and religious context of his time. In Lesson 1, we read 1 Kings 18:20-39 and learnt about why the Israelites needed to be reminded of God's covenant with Abraham (which we had learnt about last term). In Lesson 2, we learnt about Elijah's encounter with God in a gentle whisper. We listened in silence to quiet sounds of nature as we heard the story and reflected on it, asking why God might have appeared in this way, and what it tells us about Him, as well as thinking about how we can be peaceful and listen in our daily lives. | Year 5 students explored the theme of leadership in Religious Education this week through creative activities and reflection. In Lesson 1, the class engaged in a Godly Play session, where they listened to a story at a gentle, reflective pace, encouraging them to ask "wondering questions" to deepen their understanding. For Lesson 2, the children created a "Shepherd's Guide to Leadership" booklet. Each student was given a key leadership word, found a Bible quote about David illustrating this quality, and added their own advice on how to be a good shepherd in today's world. |
| Year 6 | <p>Monthly Gospel Value</p> <p>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is</p> <p>PEACE</p> <p>How can you show PEACE to others around you?</p> |
| This week, we have continued to explore stories of significant females from the Old Testament. We studied Ruth, Esther, Debroah and Hannah. In groups, the children read through scripture and answered key questions such as "How does the story of Ruth show courage and loyalty?" and "How does Esther's story show God's commit We then discussed Pope John Paul II's message that women in the Old Testament are "true protagonists of salvation history." | |