



The Friday Message

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5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week, we explored the story of Jesus feeding the hungry crowd. We listened to the scripture and engaged with it through Godly Play, helping us understand how Jesus cares for everyone. The children sequenced pictures of the story, reinforcing their learning, and continued practicing their new knowledge through continuous provision. We also revisited our previous learning about giving thanks to Jesus by introducing our new classroom prayer areas. These special spaces help us reflect on gratitude and Jesus' love for us all.</p>	<p>In RE, we explored the story of Zacchaeus, who was disliked by many for being a tax collector and sinner. Despite this, Jesus chose to dine with him, profoundly impacting Zacchaeus and leading to his transformation after meeting Jesus. We then drew and shared how each of us can be a guiding light for others at home and at school. The children spoke about being good friends and showing kindness to one another. They also demonstrated how they could light up the world with just a smile</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>This week the children have learnt about 2 parables from Luke. The first was 'The cure of the paralytic'. The children listened to the scripture and then watched a short dramatisation of the story. We then discussed the two important messages in the parable; Jesus' miracles were a sign that he was the son of God and that because the paralysed man had faith in Jesus his sins were forgiven, and he was cured. The children wrote some fantastic diary entries for the paralysed man explaining what happened to him and how he felt.</p>	<p>Looking at parables again this week, we read and explored the parables from Mathew. They were about treasure and pearls and we read them independently and discussed them in small groups using prompt cards. We then fed back our discussions, ideas and opinions to the class. This helped us reflect on the deeper meanings of the parables and we compared this our earlier work on the parable of the sower. We went on to work on how we can make changes to our behaviour in lots of positives ways through Jesus' meanings in His parables. Looking at lots of scenarios, we focused on making right decisions that Jesus shows us to make.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>In RE this week, we have been learning about two of the Seven Sacraments. In lesson 1, we learnt about the Sacrament of Reconciliation, otherwise known as 'Confession'. In pairs, we role-played the 6 main elements of Confession, practising using specific religious vocabulary. We learnt why this Sacrament is important to Catholics, and how it helps to bring us closer to God. In the second lesson, we learnt about the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. We considered reasons why someone may wish to receive this sacrament and learnt about the main elements. We then wrote letters, imagining we were writing to a person from the Parish who is unwell, explaining what happens during the sacrament and why it might be significant to receive it. We linked this to our learning about the Messiah, considering how Jesus healed others and that both sacraments help to bring us closer to God.</p>	<p>In Week 5, we ventured into the powerful story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-13). The children were captivated as they learned about Jesus revealing His divine glory and shared their knowledge through some imaginative diary entries. Their reflections on the significance of Moses and Elijah's presence showed their deepening understanding of Jesus' divine mission in the second lesson as Year 5 explored key pieces of artwork together in groups. Excellent work, Year 5!</p>
Year 6	<p>Monthly Gospel Value</p> <p>Our Gospel Value we are exploring</p> <p>is</p> <p>GENEROSITY</p> <p>How can you be generous with your time?</p>
<p>This week in RE, we explored the story of Lazarus of Bethany (John 11:38-44) in depth. We began by working together to create detailed timelines of the key events in the story, discussing the meaning and message behind each section. As we delved deeper into the scripture, we reflected on several thought-provoking questions, such as: <i>Why do you think Jesus cried, even though He knew He would raise Lazarus? Why might Jesus wait before helping someone? and What does this story teach us about trusting God, even when things seem difficult?</i></p>	