



The Friday Message

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6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week, we explored how Jesus teaches us the importance of sharing with others. We practiced saying the Glory Be and revisited the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000, reflecting on its message of generosity and care. Building on this, we thought about how we can make a difference in our own community by living out the values of care, sharing, and love. Through discussion and reflection, we considered ways to put our faith into action, celebrating these values in our daily lives.</p>	<p>This week in RE we recapped ways we have shown Jesus as the light of the world. We thought about how we physically see Jesus as light in places like churches. This led to us thinking about how candles and stained glass windows are beautiful forms of light. We went on to create our own stained glass window. During our second lesson we thought about how many ways Jesus took care of other people? We then thought of examples of where people in school have shown they take care of each other. We went on to think about how we can care for each other over a break. We ended the lesson by creating a pledge of how we can take care of other people in the half term break. We wrote one pledge on each finger and then on the palm drew a picture of us completing the pledge.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>In our first RE session, we learnt about 'The Choice of the twelve' Luke 6:12-16. We read from the bible and watched a dramatisation of Jesus choosing his 12 apostles from his group of disciples. We discussed why Jesus needed the apostles and the role they played. The children created their own 'fact sheet' of information about the apostles demonstrating what they had learnt. They included information such as their names, what they did as apostles and the link with the job the Bishops do in Church now. In our second session we looked at how Catholics say sorry to God and seek forgiveness. The children learnt about the 'Act of Contrition' and what the 'Our Father' says about forgiveness. The children enjoyed some quiet reflection time creating their own 'forgiveness' symbols in modelling clay.</p>	<p>Our early focus this week was on prayer and we spent some time looking closely at the words of 'Our Father.' We discussed and explored what the actual deeper meaning of each line in this fundamental prayer. Using these meanings to align this within the Kingdom of God. Later in the week we carried out some research into someone who epitomises Jesus' love within God's Kingdom – Mother Theresa. We used iPads to research her life's work and presented this in different and creative ways. Latterly this week, we recapped what we have learned during this thought-provoking unit of work and assessed our understanding.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>This week in Year 4, we have been thinking about the ways Jesus showed His love to others, and how this can be emulated. We learnt about the work of Saint Damien of Molokai, a missionary who dedicated his life caring for those in a leper colony. We reflected on how he showed the virtues of faith, hope and love towards others throughout his ministry. We reflected on how we can follow Jesus' example in caring for the marginalised to lead loving, faithful lives. We then revisited our learning from the beginning of the topic – Jesus' question to his disciples: "Who do you say I am?" We considered how we would answer that question if Jesus asked it of us.</p>	<p>This week, we wrapped up our learning of our current topic by revisiting the key lessons from the Beatitudes, the Great Commandment, the Transfiguration, The Our Father and other pieces of scripture studied along the way. The children thoughtfully reflected on how these teachings connect and guide us to live lives filled with love, service, and faith. The children came up with a charity name, logo and mission statement and responded to a series of given scenarios to advise Christians on how they should act next. Week done Year 5 – a great end to the topic!</p>
Year 6	<p>Monthly Gospel Value</p> <p>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is</p> <p>.... GENEROSITY</p> <p>How can you be generous with your love?</p>
<p>This week in Year 6 RE, the children explored the seven 'I AM' statements of Jesus, focusing on "I am the Bread of Life." They discussed its meaning, considering how bread symbolizes nourishment and how Jesus used this metaphor to explain His role in providing spiritual sustenance. Later in the week, the children worked in groups to create PowerPoint presentations summarising their learning from the unit. This activity helped them consolidate their understanding while developing teamwork and presentation skills. It was a great week of discussion, reflection, and creativity, with the children producing thoughtful and impressive work.</p>	

