



The Friday Message

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2nd Sunday of Lent (C)



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week in Reception, we explored Luke 4:1-13, where Jesus, guided by the Holy Spirit, spent 40 days in the desert praying and preparing for His special mission on Earth. The children reflected on how Jesus might have felt during this time—being hungry, cold, and perhaps even lonely. Through thoughtful discussions and wondering questions, we considered where Jesus may have slept and how it felt to be alone. We also reflected on where we go to feel close to Jesus and how prayer helps us during difficult times.</p> <p>I wonder where Jesus slept in the desert? I wonder how it felt to be alone? I wonder if he was cold, hungry and sad? Where would you go to feel closer to Jesus? I wonder if this story makes you want to feel alone like Jesus did? It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to deepen their understanding of Jesus' journey and how we, too, can turn to prayer for strength and guidance.</p>	<p>In RE this week, we have continued our daily Lent reflections, showing how we can be Pilgrims of Hope this Jubilee year. In the lessons, we have been listening and learning about Jesus' triumphal entry, and we have shown our understanding of Jesus in the Temple by acting out the passage, which the children did really well. Also to end this week, as a school community we all took part in the 'Big Lent' walk, which was really nice and thought provoking despite the cold weather. So, thank you for all those that came along to support.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>In our first session we looked in detail at the story of The Last Supper (Luke 22:7-23, 28-34). The children listened carefully to the bible reading and then watched a clip of the story. They recalled lots of detail about the events and we highlighted who had made a bad choice (sin). The children then drew a face to show how they felt after hearing the story and explained why they felt that way. Everyone then wrote 3 things they had learnt from looking at the story in more detail. In our second session, we looked at what The Last Supper teaches us about sin and forgiveness. We discussed why Judas and Peter would choose to sin and how Jesus forgave them and still loved them. The children enjoyed exploring their thoughts through some 'hot seating' activities.</p>	<p>Continuing to look at parts of Mass this week, we explored the Offertory and Liturgy of the Eucharist and what happens in these important parts of a service. We role played this in class and focused on the words spoken by the priest and their meaning. We also looked at responses by the congregation and why they kneel for certain parts of this section of the Mass. Watching a video of Mass, we were able to recognise and point out actual items used in this part of Mass such as bells, hosts, chalice for wine, paschal candles. We recognised that we, as Catholics, believe the miracle that the Liturgy of the Eucharist provides as the body and blood of God are present within Mass. It was great how much we have learned by attending Mass at school and being able to discuss it together in RE.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>In RE this week, we explored the story of the Judgement of the Nations (Matthew 25: 31-46) through Godly Play. The children listened to the scripture, supported by objects to further develop their understanding. Throughout the session, the children contributed with 'wondering statements' surrounding the parable. We then linked the parable to modern-day Christian beliefs, and considered how it can teach us to lead good, compassionate lives. In the second lesson, we learnt about the Corporal Works of Mercy, linking this back to the parable, and further contemplated how we can live these in our own lives.</p>	<p>This week, the children explored the concept of sin and how it affects our relationship with God and others. They reflected on the Ten Commandments and Jesus' teachings on love and kindness. We are so proud of their thoughtful diary entries on how they can make positive choices in their daily lives. Fantastic effort by all in Year 5, well done!</p>
Year 6	<p>Monthly Gospel Value</p> <p>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is</p> <p>.... FORGIVENESS</p> <p>How can you show FORGIVENESS to those around you?</p>
<p>In RE this week, Year 6 explored the arrest of Jesus, discussing the important messages within the scripture, such as loyalty, forgiveness, and acceptance. We considered how these themes are still relevant in our lives today and reflected on their significance during Lent.] As part of our Lenten reflections, we focused on the idea of hope. We began by thinking about what Jesus might have hoped for during his 40 days and nights in the desert before reflecting on our own hopes and aspirations. This encouraged thoughtful discussions about perseverance and faith. We also explored the concept of family, considering what it truly means beyond just biological connections. The children shared insightful ideas, with many agreeing that <i>"family isn't always related by blood, but includes people who love, care for you, and encourage you to do your best."</i> It was a meaningful discussion that helped us appreciate the importance of love and support in our lives'.</p>	