



The Friday Message

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4th Sunday of Lent (C)



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| Reception | Year 1 |
| <p>This week, we learnt that all of Jesus’s friends, called disciples, loved Jesus and believed he was God’s Son. Other people didn’t like Jesus - they didn’t like to hear his truth as they liked doing things their own way. They wanted to hurt him and make him go away. Jesus was arrested and placed on a cross where he died- we learnt that this is known as the crucifixion. After Jesus had died, he was placed in a special dark cave called a tomb. A heavy stone sealed the entrance to keep his body safe. Jesus’s disciples were sad they couldn’t see him anymore. On the third day after his death, Jesus’s friends went to the tomb and were shocked to find that the stone had been rolled away and that it was empty. Jesus’s friends were scared as they didn’t know what had happened to his body. An angel appeared and told them that Jesus had risen. Their sadness turned to excitement and joy!</p> | <p>In RE this week, we have been learning about the crucifixion of Jesus and Holy Week, as well as how these events are commemorated worldwide. When discussing the crucifixion, the children were deeply moved and upset Jesus was treated by the Romans, describing it as unkind and not the right way to act. However, they came to understand that Jesus died for our sins, offering humanity a fresh start. Some children were inspired to write prayers of forgiveness, expressing their sorrow for the suffering Jesus endured. As part of our exploration of Holy Week, we listened to religious music from different countries, reflecting on how the music made us feel. We also examined local and international traditions, such as eating Hot Cross buns in the UK and the beautiful practice in Brazil of decorating streets with flowers. The children enjoyed connecting with these varied traditions and gained insight into the global significance of Holy Week.</p> |
| Year 2 | Year 3 |
| <p>This week Year 2 looked in detail at the events of Good Friday, Luke 23: 33-46. We looked in detail at what Jesus said about forgiveness on the cross. We related this to what happens in the ‘Sacrament of Reconciliation’ in church and discussed how God always forgives us. The children completed a ‘Good Friday quiz’ and showed excellent understanding of why Jesus died and why it is known as ‘Good Friday’. We looked at representations of forgiveness and reconciliation in art. The children then had a go at creating their own ‘living sculpture’ in a pair or small group demonstrating forgiveness and reconciliation.</p> | <p>This week we continued our exploration of the Eucharist and specifically the sacrament of Communion. Our lessons focused on how the Eucharist brings God’s presence into our lives through receiving Communion. To illustrate this, we looked at an example of a weekly newsletter from a Catholic Parish. We annotated all the areas where we thought God is present in the events and activities listed in the newsletter and discussed how His presence is so positive and full of grace. We then created our own newsletter for St Lukes Parish and filled it with events/activities that ensure God’s grace is present with our community. There were some excellent and creative examples in books.</p> |
| Year 4 | Year 5 |
| <p>This week, Year 4 have explored scripture surrounding Holy Week, from Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane to the death of Jesus. In our first lesson, we read the story of Jesus in the Garden, and considered how it relates to three statements: ‘it is important to spend time alone with God,’ ‘God is with us in our suffering,’ and ‘trust that God has a plan for all of us.’ We found evidence to support these statements in the scripture, and considered how Christians could live out these statements during the period of Lent. In our second lesson, the children listened to the story of Jesus’ crucifixion, they wrote and drew meaningful reflections about their feelings, the feelings of Jesus, any questions they had, and how it could relate to their lives today. Brilliant reflection this week, Year 4!</p> | <p>This week, our thoughtful Year 5s discussed what Catholics believe about life after death. They tackled big questions with maturity and curiosity, creating some excellent artwork and group discussions on Heaven, Hell, the concept of judgement and purgatory. For the second part of the learning, the children worked on deeply unpicking Corinthians 15:1-8, 20-25, 54-57 through two lenses: What was St Paul teaching, and why is it still important to Catholics today? Well done Year 5 for a great week of RE learning.</p> |
| Year 6 | Monthly Gospel Value |
| <p>This week in RE, Year 6 explored the significance of Mary being seen as a mother figure in Christianity. We discussed how she is not only recognised as the mother of Jesus but also as a spiritual mother to all believers. Following our discussion, we examined a variety of artistic representations of Mary, noticing the recurring symbols that are often used to express her virtues and importance. These symbols, such as the colour blue representing purity, crowns signifying her role as the Queen of Heaven, and lilies symbolising her innocence, helped us understand the deeper meanings conveyed through religious art. We then went on to create our own version of these pieces of work.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Our Gospel Value we are exploring is FORGIVENESS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">How can you show FORGIVENESS to those around you?</p> |

