



# The Friday Message

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### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (C)



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week, we explored the story of Jesus and His disciples. His friends loved Him and believed He was God’s Son, but not everyone felt the same. Some people didn’t like His teachings because they wanted to live their own way. Jesus was arrested and sentenced to die on a cross—this is called the crucifixion. After He died, His body was placed in a tomb, and a heavy stone was rolled in front to seal it. His disciples were heartbroken, believing they had lost Him forever. Three days later, something incredible happened! When His friends visited the tomb, they found the stone had been moved, and Jesus’s body was gone. They were frightened and confused, but an angel appeared with an amazing message: Jesus had risen! Their sorrow turned into joy as they realised, He was alive. To celebrate this special time, we created beautiful Easter cards, sharing the message of hope and new life that Easter brings.</p>	<p>This week we have listened to the story – The angel’s message (Luke 24:1-8). We then took an angel template and added messages and images to this that reminded us of the story we heard. We included the words ‘Jesus is risen’ to the angel. In our second lesson we recapped the last week of Jesus’ life. We thought about Holy week and the key events that happened – Last Supper, crucifixion and resurrection. We then sequenced these images and wrote down key words about these events. We went on to think which was the most important event to us and why.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>In our lesson this week we looked at The Easter Vigil Mass. The children learnt about what happens during this Mass, the significance of light, dark and water and how it is the most important Mass of the year. A few of the children enjoyed sharing their experiences and we talked about the Paschal candle and the meanings of the markings and lettering on it. The children then designed their own Paschal candle – there were some amazing designs! In our second session we learnt about the apostle Peter’s actions on Easter Sunday and how this signified Peter being forgiven and running back to Jesus. We thought about how we can all be a bit like Peter sometimes. We made Easter pledges reflecting how we can show love and forgiveness and live as ‘Easter people’.</p>	<p>This week’s focus was looking at Holy week around the world. We watched videos that explained and showed how people, in different corners of the world, displayed how important this time is in the Liturgical year. Parades, special psalms, sand sculptures and street parties are just some of the things that people do at Easter. We also focused on the Stations of the Cross and we read them, reflected on them and prayed alongside them in class. Using them as inspiration to ‘shine a light’ on events in our lives and how we can learn from Jesus. It was a very quiet and thought-filled lesson which brought about lots of rich discussion and deep thinking from Year 3. From this, we all had a better understanding of this story and how it can bring us closer to our faith and our devotion to Jesus.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>This week we researched Ruth Pfau and the National Justice and Peace Network. We explored the work they do and considered how this links to the Corporal Works of Mercy. As a class, we reflected on how Christians today can be inspired by this work and live out the Works of Mercy in our own lives, before considering how we could personally follow their example. We then deepened our thinking by making links between the works of Ruth Pfau and the NPJN and previous parables we have learnt. We talked about the connections between the ‘Judgement of the Nations’ parable and made some brilliant connections between Ruth Pfau and St. Damien of Molokai.</p>	<p>As we approach Easter, Year 5 have been reflecting on how Jesus’ resurrection gives hope and inspires Christians to live with kindness and faith. They wrote powerful speeches reminding us all that we are a "Resurrection People" called to spread love and joy. The children delivered their speeches with passion and confidence and showed a deep understanding of the importance of this for Christians. Well done Year 5 on a great topic overall!</p>
Year 6	<p><b>Monthly Gospel Value</b></p> <p><b>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is</b></p> <p><b>... FORGIVENESS</b></p> <p><b>How can you show FORGIVENESS to those around you?</b></p>
<p>This week, we explored John 19:28-37 – The Death of Jesus. As we read, we reflected on the people who were present at the time of His crucifixion and considered how they might have been feeling in that moment. We then took our learning further by formulating thoughtful questions we would ask these individuals if we had the chance to meet them. Stepping into their shoes, we wrote responses as if we were Mary, the Jewish leaders, or John the disciple, considering their emotions, perspectives, and experiences. To bring our work to life, we engaged in a hot-seating activity, where we took on the roles of these key figures, answering questions and deepening our understanding of this powerful moment in history. We also hope that all our families love the Easter cards the children have worked so hard to create. Each card was made with care and creativity, and we hope they bring joy and warmth to your celebrations this Easter.</p>	