



The Friday Message

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15th Week of Ordinary Time (C)



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week, we have continued to focus on the story of Paul’s conversion to Christianity. First, we recapped the story of Saul converting to Christianity and becoming Paul. We did very well to remember the events in detail! We were then learning about the letters Paul wrote to the churches, that have formed part of the New Testament in the Bible. We discussed the ways we can show that we are a friend of Jesus – we had many ideas including: praying to him, being kind to others and loving each other. In the provision, we have been writing postcards to our friends to show this, just as Paul wrote in his letters.</p>	<p>In RE, we enjoyed looking at a variety of pictures of the cross. We were amazed at how beautiful each one is, and we reflected on how, although all of the crosses are different in design and style, they all represent the same powerful message — the love of Jesus and the sacrifice he made for us. The children were thoughtful and respectful as they shared their ideas about what the cross means to them personally, and it was lovely to see how much they already understand about its significance in Christianity. We also began learning about Judaism, which is the religion Jesus followed as a child. The children were fascinated to find out how old Judaism is — even older than Christianity — and we discussed some of the key beliefs and traditions. They asked many thoughtful questions about how Jewish people worship and how some of the practices are similar to and different from those in Christianity.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>This week Year 2 had some great discussions around respecting the beliefs and religion of others. They discussed how it contributes to creating a peaceful and kind world and strong communities. The children drew and wrote about ways they could show respect to others; they came up with some thoughtful and mature ideas. In our second session we looked at the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The children learnt what the heart, thorns, cross, flames and wound represent and enjoyed looking at different artistic representations. They then showed their understanding by creating their own artwork of Jesus’ Sacred Heart.</p>	<p>Our focus this week was on Passover and the Last Supper. We made excellent connections reflected within images and symbolism both in Judaism and the Catholic faith. We read through the Last Supper from the scriptures and were able to link this firmly in the words and actions during the Eucharist of communion. We then creatively made a poster of guidance about the Last Supper and what it relates to in Mass. There was excellent contribution to our class discussion, and this was reflected in the work the children completed. Our collective worship this week focused on people who have given so much to their faith and the children were fascinated by the life of Fr Oscar Romero and inspired by his devotion to the faith.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>This week in RE, Year 4 revisited the powerful story of St Paul’s conversion on the road to Damascus. The children reflected on how this life-changing moment led Paul to become one of the most important figures in early Christianity. We looked at how Paul’s words still speak to us today, especially his teachings about love, courage, and faith. Using maps of Paul’s journeys, the children created ‘Footsteps of Faith,’ adding messages they felt Paul might have shared in each place he visited. They spent time writing their own personal prayers, asking God to help them live out the values they’ve been learning about, such as showing love like Jesus and being brave like Paul, as well as showing respect to others.</p>	<p>This week in RE, our Year 5 children wrapped up their learning on Jewish-Christian connections by creating a brilliant double-page spread showcasing everything they’ve learned. They included key milestones in the Bible’s story, explored the original languages like Hebrew and Greek and reflected on powerful names for God such as Yahweh and El Shaddai. They also compared Jewish and Catholic traditions, drew links between symbols like the mezuzah and crucifix, and thought deeply about their own faith journeys—writing thoughtful reflections and beautiful prayers. Year 5, you’ve shown great creativity, understanding and care in your work— well done!</p>
Year 6	<p>Monthly Gospel Value</p> <p>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is</p> <p>....</p> <p>THANKFULNESS</p> <p>What are you THANKFUL for?</p>
<p>This week in RE, we explored the meaning and significance of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Together, we discussed the different elements of the Sacred Heart, including the crown of thorns and the light, and reflected on what each symbol represents. We also studied the scripture of St Margaret Mary Alacoque and her visions of the Sacred Heart. The children considered what this reveals to us about Jesus — His deep love, compassion, and sacrifice for all people — and how it connects to the meaning behind the Sacred Heart. It was a thoughtful and reflective lesson, and the children shared some wonderful insights about how we can show love and kindness in our own lives, just as Jesus showed through His Sacred Heart.</p>	