



The Friday Message

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24th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)



Reception	Year 1
<p>We used our first RE lesson of the year to celebrate what it means to be part of a Catholic Primary School including looking at photos of our school which was created only a few years ago as the introduction to our 'Creation and Covenant' branch of learning. We revisited the prayers we had started learning, discussing their significance as well as spotting the cross in our school logo and looking at St John Henry Newman himself. We now know that St. John Henry Newman was a kind man who loved God, the creator of our world, very much. He also created a school, a little bit like ours, to help children learn and grow close to God. We have enjoyed learning in the Godly Play area of our new classrooms.</p> <p>Here, we have become familiar with key figures in our school community including the visitors from the church we may get to meet throughout the year.</p> 	<p>Year 1 have been thinking deeply about the beauty of God's Creation and how it can help us feel close to Him. The children reflected on special moments that made them say "wow!" – from sunsets and animals to rainbows and tiny babies. We explored how these feelings of wonder help us recognise God's love and care for the world.</p> <p>Through drawing, discussion, and prayer, the children expressed what makes Creation special to them and how prayer can be a way of saying thank you to God. They are learning that God made the world not just to be used, but to be enjoyed — like a precious gift.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>In Year 2 this week we have continued to look at the story of Noah. The children focused in on the messages in the story, how God chose to save Noah because he was Good, he listened to God and did as he said – God trusted him. God was unhappy because there was so much 'sin' in the World. He made a covenant (special promise) with Noah to restore the World to how he wanted it. God promised never to flood the world again and this was shown in the sign of the rainbow. We linked this with our learning about 'stewardship' of the Earth last week and how this covenant isn't one way. The children did some amazing 'Hot Seating' of Noah and came up with some very thoughtful questions they wanted to ask.</p>	<p>In R.E. this week, we talked about the wonderful world around us and how the Psalmists praised God for creating it. We shared our ideas about the beauty of nature and why it is important to look after it. We also thought about how the Psalmists believed that everyone is special and unique, which led to some lovely class discussions about what makes each of us special too.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>In RE this week, Year 4 continued their learning about Abraham by focusing on the covenant God made with him. The children thought carefully about how Abraham might have felt when God promised him descendants and land, and considered how this moment fits within the wider story of salvation. They wrote diary entries in role as Abraham, imagining his thoughts and emotions as he received God's promises. Later, we read the account of the three visitors who told Sarah she would have a son and reflected on whether Abraham and Sarah truly showed faith in God's word. We ended with a structured class discussion, where the children shared their ideas and supported them with evidence from scripture.</p>	<p>This week, we delved into the story of Moses, focusing on his encounter with God through the Burning Bush and the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai. The students did a fantastic job of understanding how these commandments guide us to live good and happy lives. Their debates on the importance of each commandment were insightful and showed great critical thinking. Excellent work, Year 5!</p>

Year 6

This week, we have been exploring how imagery and art can reveal God's humility in many different ways. We looked carefully at how artists choose to show God through human qualities, and we discussed what this teaches us about His nature. The children reflected on qualities such as caring, forgiveness, and even pain, recognising how these help us to understand the depth of God's love for humanity.

We also spent time learning about Stewardship through Godly Play. The children listened to the story and then reflected on what it means to be stewards of the world God created. Together, we thought about the responsibility we have to look after the earth. As always, the children asked thoughtful and challenging questions. One child wondered, *"I wonder why God chose us to be the protectors of His creation?"*

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