




The Friday Message

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Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)



Reception	Year 1
<p>After learning about the journey of the Three Wise Men last week, this week we focused on the special gifts they brought when they arrived at the stable to visit baby Jesus. The children shared thoughtful ideas about the kinds of gifts we might offer Jesus today, such as kindness, happiness, love, and helping others, discussing how these are special gifts that do not come in a box but show care and love. We then explored the traditional gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh given by the Three Wise Men. We enjoyed creating collages using special paper. We drew the chests and bottles the gifts may have been presented in and carefully decorated them with shiny and textured materials, making them beautiful and special for baby Jesus.</p> 	<p>This week we have listened to the story of Jesus Announces his Mission (Luke 4:16-22). We focused on verses 18-19 and illustrated our understanding of key words within this. We also discussed as a class what good news means. In our second session we reflected on how Jesus cares for other people and how we can learn from his actions. We created a mind map of ways in which Jesus shows care for other people. We also thought about how people show care for other people within the world.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>This week Year 2 have been looking at how Catholics say sorry to God through prayer. The children discussed what a sin is and what forgiveness and repentance means. In our first session we looked at some scenario pictures where people were committing sins. The children worked collaboratively in pairs to come up with a simple prayer that the person in the picture could say to seek forgiveness from God. In our second session the children wrote about a time they have had to say sorry. We discussed different ways of saying sorry and how forgiveness makes you feel.</p>	<p>This week in R.E, Year 3 have been exploring Jesus' miracles and what they teach us about the Kingdom of God. Through stories like the healing of the paralyzed man and the feeding of the five thousand, the children were able to identify and discuss many different examples that Jesus' miracles showed God's love and care for everyone, especially those in need. The children have been thinking about how they can help build God's Kingdom in their own lives by showing kindness, helping others, and remembering that God loves each one of us. We're proud of how thoughtfully Year 3 have engaged with these Gospel stories.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>In RE this week, Year 4 explored key Gospel stories that reveal Jesus as the Messiah. In our first lesson, we reflected on the question John the Baptist asked about Jesus and discussed the ways Jesus showed He was the promised Messiah through His actions, teachings, and miracles. The children thought carefully about how these moments revealed Jesus' compassion, authority, and faithfulness to God's promises. Later in the week, we explored the story of Jesus and Peter walking on water. The children imagined themselves in Peter's place and wrote thoughtful diary entries, reflecting on his faith, doubts, and emotions during this powerful moment.</p>	<p>In Week 3, the children enthusiastically compared the Great Commandment in Matthew and Luke's Gospels, focusing on the inspiring story of the Good Samaritan. They explored how this parable encourages us to love God and our neighbours actively. Their engagement and thoughtful reflections on how to serve others were truly heartwarming. Keep up the great work!</p>

Year 6

This week in RE, we began exploring scripture from John's Gospel, focusing on Jesus' first miracle: turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana. We discussed the events of the story and thought carefully about the roles of the different people involved. The children then worked in groups to create freeze frames, showing how key characters might have acted at important moments in the story. To conclude our learning, each child chose one individual and reflected on how that person may have been feeling at different points. This helped deepen their understanding of the message and meaning of the miracle.

Monthly Gospel Value
Our Gospel Value we are exploring is
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What are you going to try hard on?