



The Friday Message

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5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)



Reception	Year 1
In Reception, we listened to the Bible story of the miracle of the Feeding of the 5000. Through a Godly Play session, we listened carefully to the story and thought about sharing, kindness, and trust. We also discussed what a miracle is and talked about how some events are special. We then represented our understanding by creating zig-zag books, sequencing the events and adding our own drawings and words.	This week we have focused on Zaccheaus (Luk 19:1-9). We have thought about how Zaccheaus changed after meeting Jesus. We learnt that Zaccheaus climbed a tree to see Jesus, we discussed why he did this as well as why Jesus went to his house. We have also sang 'This little light of mine', we discussed how Christians are called to follow Jesus and share the Good News with others. We drew a self-portrait within a lantern, we wrote and drew images of ourselves being a light to others both at home and at school.
Year 2	Year 3
This week in Year 2 the children have learnt about 2 parables from the book of Luke. The first was 'The cure of the paralytic'. The children listened to the scripture and then watched a short dramatisation of the story. We then discussed the two important messages in the parable; Jesus' miracles were a sign that he was the son of God and that because the paralysed man had faith in Jesus his sins were forgiven, and he was cured. The children wrote some fantastic diary entries for the paralysed man explaining what happened to him and how he felt.	In Year 3 this week, we began exploring the Our Father prayer, thinking about what it means to pray as Catholics and how the prayer connects to building the Kingdom of God. Children watched a video about the meaning of each line and created their own special prayer cards to share with someone important to them.
Year 4	Year 5
In RE this week, Year 4 learned about two of the Church's Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick. We began by thinking about friendships and what is needed to repair them, helping the children make links between saying sorry, forgiveness, and restoring relationships with God. The children learned about the Sacrament of Reconciliation, exploring key ideas such as contrition, confession, absolution, and penance, and discussed how sin can separate us from God but forgiveness brings us back into friendship with Him. Later in the week, we focused on the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The children learned how this sacrament brings comfort, strength, peace, and hope to those who are seriously ill, and reflected on how Jesus shows compassion and healing to those who are suffering. They finished by writing thoughtful letters explaining the sacrament and why someone might wish to receive it.	In Week 5, we ventured into the powerful story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-13). The children were captivated as they learned about Jesus revealing His divine glory and shared their knowledge through some imaginative diary entries. Their reflections on the significance of Moses and Elijah's presence showed their deepening understanding of Jesus' divine mission in the second lesson as Year 5 explored key pieces of artwork together in groups. Excellent work, Year 5!
Year 6	<p>Monthly Gospel Value</p> <p>Our Gospel Value we are exploring</p> <p>is</p> <p>GENEROSITY</p> <p>How can you be generous with your time?</p>
This week in RE, the children explored two further miracles of Jesus: the feeding of the 5,000 and Jesus walking on water. Through these stories, pupils carefully examined both the literal events and their deeper spiritual meanings. We discussed how Jesus' followers showed trust by welcoming him into the boat during the storm, and what this teaches us about faith during times of difficulty. The children reflected on how, in our own lives, we can accept Jesus during moments of challenge and believe that he will guide us safely through them. To deepen their understanding, pupils were encouraged to think about how these miracles might have felt for those who witnessed them firsthand. The children then created their own pieces of artwork inspired by one of the miracles, thoughtfully representing the emotions, symbolism and messages behind the events. Their artwork showed creativity, reflection and a growing understanding of how Bible stories can still hold meaning for us today.	