



The Friday Message

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6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week, we re-listened to the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 and retold it through Godly Play. As we explored the story again, we focused on thinking about how we can show love and kindness to others, just like Jesus did when he shared the loaves and fishes with the hungry crowd. Using Godly Play helped us bring the story to life and reminded us that even small acts of sharing and caring can make a big difference to the people around us.</p>	<p>In this final week of branch 3, we thought about Jesus being the light to all nations. We spoke about the ways in which Jesus is shown as the light. We then thought about how Jesus is the light within churches; this led our conversations on to thinking about candles and stain glass windows. We went onto create our own stain glass window. In our second lesson we thought about how Christians are called to take care of each other, especially those most in need. We thought about how we can care for people at school and at home. We created a pledge of how we can take care of other people in the half term break.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>In our first RE session, we learnt about ‘The Choice of the twelve’ Luke 6:12-16. We read from the bible and watched a dramatisation of Jesus choosing his 12 apostles from his group of disciples. We discussed why Jesus needed the apostles and the role they played. The children created their own ‘fact sheet’ of information about the apostles demonstrating what they had learnt. They included information such as their names, what they did as apostles and the link with the job the Bishop’s do in Church now.</p> <p>In our second session we looked at how Catholics say sorry to God and seek forgiveness. The children learnt about the ‘Act of Contrition’ and what the ‘Our Father’ says about forgiveness. The children enjoyed some quiet reflection time creating their own ‘forgiveness’ symbols in modelling clay.</p>	<p>This week in RE, we explored the life of Mother Teresa, learning about her mission work and how she showed service and selflessness through the Missionaries of Charity. The children researched her life and created fact files to present to the class. We have also been learning about the Kingdom of God and reflecting on how we can show values such as truth, love, fairness, kindness and forgiveness in our daily lives. The children took part in a ‘Kingdom Living’ scavenger hunt in the classroom and shared thoughtful reflections about how we can build God’s kingdom on earth.</p> <p>Well done, Year 3, for your thoughtful discussions and excellent teamwork.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>In RE this week, Year 4 explored what it means to serve those who are marginalised, learning about the life of St Damien of Molokai. We discussed the meaning of the word marginalised and considered how people with leprosy were often treated unfairly and pushed to the edges of society. The children learned about St Damien’s decision to live among those who were sick and isolated, reflecting on the virtues of faith, hope and love that guided his actions. They thoughtfully discussed why he chose to serve others in this way and how his life mirrored the example of Jesus. In our second lesson, we focused on what it means to “love like Jesus did.” The children identified ways Jesus showed love—particularly to those who were excluded—and created posters showing how they can follow His example in their own lives. We ended by reflecting again on Peter’s declaration, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God,” and considered how our own actions can show that we believe this too.</p>	<p>This week, we wrapped up our learning of our current topic by revisiting the key lessons from the Beatitudes, the Great Commandment, the Transfiguration, The Our Father and other pieces of scripture studied along the way. The children thoughtfully reflected on how these teachings connect and guide us to live lives filled with love, service, and faith. The children came up with a charity name, logo and mission statement and responded to a series of given scenarios to advise Christians on how they should act next. Week done Year 5 – a great end to the topic!</p>

Year 6

This week in RE, we explored the seven “I am” statements of Jesus found in John’s Gospel, reflecting on the importance of the number seven in the Bible. Throughout Scripture, seven symbolises completeness and perfection, helping us to understand that these statements reveal something deeply significant about who Jesus is. We discussed each statement and what it teaches Christians about Jesus’ identity and mission. Focusing particularly on “I am the bread of life,” the children used art and music to reflect more deeply on its meaning. Through creative responses, they considered how bread represents nourishment, comfort and sustenance, and how Catholics believe Jesus provides spiritual strength and guidance.

In our final RE lesson of the half term, pupils used their knowledge and deeper understanding to review and reflect on everything they have learned, showing thoughtful insight and maturity in their discussions.

Monthly Gospel Value
Our Gospel Value we are exploring
is
GENEROSITY
How can you be generous with your
time?