



The Friday Messenger

Thirty-third Sunday in ordinary Time (Year A)
Friday 13th November 2020



Our curriculum themes are:

- Year 1: Families
- Year 2: Signs and Symbols
- Year 3: The Christian Family (Baptism)
- Year 4: Trust in God
- Year 5: Inspiration People- Vocations (Sacrament of Ordination)
- Year 6: Justice



Year 1	Year 2
Our RE lessons in Year 1 this week have been focussed on the idea that we are all part of God's family. In our first lesson we listened to a story where Jesus explained to two arguing brothers that there were more important things in life than being rich; it is more important to be loving and kind. The children produced some lovely work showing all the different things God loves and cares for. Our second lesson was learning about Jesus' childhood and how he grew up in a loving family.	We have continued to learn about baptism this week. We explored the use of water in baptism and how the priest pours holy water from the font onto a baby's forehead. In the second lesson, we talked about the oil of chrism. The children had a good understanding of how important this oil is and how it symbolises being a friend of Jesus.
Year 3	Year 4
This week in RE, Year 3 have continued our Christian Family topic: Baptism. We have explored the signs and symbols of Baptism and reflected on the meaning and importance of these. We have made a display around the scripture that we linked our learning to (John 3:5) by writing short Baptismal prayers on candles and decorating them with symbols of Baptism.	This week in RE, Year 4 started their new topic 'Trust in God'. We explored the meaning of 'Trust' and how it is sometimes hard to put our trust in others. We read the story of Jonah and how he found it difficult to trust God. We explored why he found this difficult and what happens when we put our faith in God
Year 5	Year 6
We have been continuing our topic 'Inspirational People' in Year 5. Children have continued to learn about The Beatitudes. In their first lesson, children chose a Beatitude, wrote it out then drew and labelled an illustration to show what the Beatitude was about. In their second lesson they learned about St. Josephine Bakhita, the decisions she made about life and how she decided to live them out and fulfil them.	This week, the children have started their new RE topic entitled 'Justice'. To begin with, the children have been exploring their understanding of the word 'justice' and 'injustice' and have applied these definitions to real-life examples. Another key word from this week's teaching was the word 'refugee'. As a class, the children watched Myriam's story – a child refugee who has faced many hardships in her life already. The children identified moments of suffering, fear and hope for refugees during this lesson and discussed how a good Christian can be called upon by God to help others in this difficult situation.

Gospel Values This month's value is... JUSTICE	Action! <i>On Wednesday (11/11) it was Remembrance Day when we remember all those who have lost their lives in wars and conflicts. As a family, pray together for peace in the world.</i>
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November is the month in the Church's calendar when we remember and pray for the members of our family and those known to us who have died.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord

And let perpetual light shine upon them

May they rest in peace

Amen