



The Friday Messenger

Thirty-fourth Sunday in ordinary Time (Year A)
Friday 20th 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
To conclude our Families topic, we spent time reflecting on what we have learnt. The children have shown a good understanding of their own immediate family and also that we are all part of God's family and that he shows us love and care in lots of different ways.	The focus of this week's learning has been on the importance of wearing white at a baptism and the symbolism of the candle. The children designed some lovely baptism outfits and baptismal candles. We also wrote a poem about allowing Jesus the light of the world into your life when you are baptised and how the candle is a possession to be treasured.
Year 3	Year 4
This week Year 3 have completed the Christian Family topic: Baptism by reflecting on the promises made at Baptism by the parents and the God parents and why it is so important to keep promises. We thought about promises that had been made to us and that we had made and how we had felt if those promises had been broken. We also thought about the commitment involved in keeping a promise, even when it can be hard to do so.	This week in RE, Year 4 learnt about God's promise to Zechariah and how he had to put his trust in God. We discussed what we thought Zechariah might have been thinking when the angel had listened to him. The children answered the following questions in their RE books: What was God teaching Zechariah? Did he learn the lesson? How do you know? In what way did God's plan come true for Zechariah and Elizabeth?
Year 5	Year 6
This week in our RE lessons, we have been continuing our topic 'Inspirational People'. Children learned about St. Edith Stein and her experiences in life. They related this to The Beatitudes which we have been learning about. In their lessons they explored how our conscience is the secret core of our being where we can be alone with God whose voice echoes within us. It is our conscience that urges us to do something or avoid it. This week we will spend some extra time thinking about the choices we make and listening to our conscience to make the right decisions and choices.	This week, the children studied the lives of two people in-depth: Oscar Romero and Martin Luther King. The vocabulary focus for the lesson was the word 'conflict'. This led to some excellent discussions about different types of conflict that occurred during the two men's lives. After studying the lives of both men, the children then compared how both people were driven by belief to stand up for justice and how they coped in times of high tension. They also compared the ways in which both men paid consequences for standing up for the greater good and how they are viewed under the eyes of God.

Gospel Values This month's value is... JUSTICE	Action! <i>This Sunday is the last Sunday in the Church's year and we celebrate the Feast of Christ The King: Jesus the King of love and King of the world</i> <i>You could make a Christ the King crown or poster at home, take a photograph and upload it to Tapestry or Seesaw.</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