



The Friday Messenger

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Friday 30th June



Our curriculum themes are:

Year 1: Holidays and Holydays

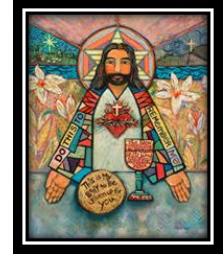
Year 2: The Mass

Year 3: The Mass

Year 4: Belonging to The Church

Year 5: Pentecost and Serving: Transformation

Year 6: Vocations and Commitment: Ordination



Year 1	Year 2
<p>This week we have been spending more time thinking about how Pentecost marks the beginning of the Church. We reflected on how and why it is the beginning of the Church, as well as how the Holy Spirit helped and guided Jesus' friends to spread the Good News. The children thought about what Jesus' friends may have been saying to those around them on Pentecost day. In the second session, the children spent time reflecting on their learning throughout the unit 'Holidays and Holydays'. They showed an excellent understanding of their learning and all created their own decorated flame for the display to show their own reflections on how the Holy Spirit can help them in their lives.</p>	<p>Within our RE work this week, we spent time reflecting on the whole of Mass and the significance of it. We also spent time discussing how you can become closer to Jesus during this time. We then decided which part of Mass was special to us and why.</p>
Year 3	Year 4
<p>In RE this week the children were thinking about some "I wonder" questions about the Mass. The children worked with a partner to talk about questions that they have thought of throughout the topic. We talked about the fact that it is not always easy to believe in something that we cannot see and that there are many stories in the Bible about Jesus and his life that are mysteries to us – we have to have faith to believe. The children were given some questions and answers which they had to match together. Our final lesson was a reflection on the topic and the part that each child plays in the Mass.</p>	<p>This week, Year 4 have explored the behaviour of Mary, The Pope and Mother Teresa and thought about how their examples can teach us how to live a better, more caring life. The children were able to give ideas of how they could be like Mother Teresa by doing one small thing for another person. She taught us that if everyone does one small thing then it will become a big thing.</p>
Year 5	Year 6
<p>This week Year Five wrote a letter from one of the early Christians who was baptised after hearing Peter's message, to a friend who had not heard about Jesus. They told their friend how the transforming power of the Holy Spirit had changed their lives. They also worked in small groups to think of questions they had about transformation. They wrote them on sticky notes and stuck them to a sheet, before passing the sheet to another group to answer. We shared the questions and answers as a class and reflected on how the Holy Spirit strengthens and transforms Christians today.</p>	<p>This week, the children began their new topic – 'Vocation and Commitment'. The topic began by the children discussing the meaning of both words and sharing any existing ideas they may have about what the topic may be about. In groups, the children then compared different roles within society (e.g., parent, doctor etc) and discussed in depth what the role involves, the level of commitment needed, any personal risks and how to measure the commitment involved. The second lesson this week involved looking at Jesus' mission and what we can learn from this. We began by reading Mark 1: 9-13 to discuss the challenges that Jesus faced. We then discussed God's presence and how Jesus' level of commitment can still be felt today by everybody.</p>

Gospel Values

This month's value is... **Perseverance**

Action! Our Gospel value for July is Perseverance: keeping going even when things are really difficult for us. When we are finding things difficult, God is always there for us. For today's activity: write a prayer to God thanking him for always being there and asking him to help us in difficult times.