

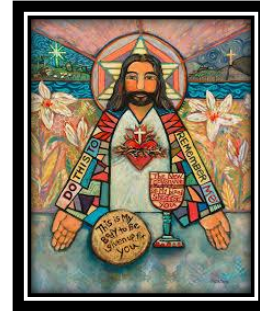


The Friday Messenger

Thirty-second Sunday in ordinary Time (Year A)
Friday 10th November 2023



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
<p>We are continuing with our theme of how we show love to each other within our families. We discussed the make-up of different families; we noticed as we shared our family photos and that God loved every family be they small or large.</p> <p>We then wondered about Jesus and his family.</p> <p>We watched a video about Jesus' growing up and then compared his childhood to ours. We found out he was born in a stable, he helped his dad with his job, he went to the temple and read the 'Torah', he prayed and had family meals with his family.</p>	<p>This week we have continued to work on the topic 'Signs and symbols', we have been looking at Christian symbols and describing what they are. After this we have been thinking about and discussing the symbols that we encounter in our lives.</p>
Year 3	Year 4
<p>This week the children investigated the symbols and signs used in Baptism. They discussed why they were used and linked them to the baptism of Jesus. They wrote explanations for each sign or symbol. The children made a candle from card and illustrated it with a quote from scripture related to the sacrament of baptism: <i>Unless a man is born through water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. John 3:5-8</i></p>	<p>This week in RE, Year 4 started their new topic of Trust in God. Together we explored the meaning of the word trust, in the context of trust in ourselves, trust in other people and trust in God. The children discussed and answered questions about situations where they needed to place trust in someone and where the children have trusted in God. Our second activity explored questions that the children would like to ask about how they put their trust in God and how other people put their trust in God. The children worked in pairs to record the questions in speech bubbles which we displayed on our RE display board. We will be hoping to answer these questions throughout the topic.</p>
Year 5	Year 6
<p>Continuing our topic of Inspirational People, we began discussions around how we can follow Jesus and become inspirational ourselves. We worked in groups to list all the qualities that make Jesus a truly inspirational leader. We then thought about the role of a disciple and used Scripture, as well as our own ideas, to list all the qualities needed for this role. The lists looked like job advertisements with the qualities clearly set out. We discussed how when we show these qualities ourselves in our own lives and live like a disciple of Jesus then we can be true followers of Jesus.</p> <p>We then investigated another true disciple of Jesus, St Damien de Veuster of Molokai who, in the late 1800s in Hawaii, worked tirelessly and selflessly to help some of the most vulnerable and lonely people in society.</p>	<p>This week, the children started their new RE topic entitled 'Justice'. To begin with, the children explored the meaning of the words 'justice' and 'injustice' and 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.</p>

Gospel Values	Action! Our Gospel values for this month are Respect and Reverence. There is a prayer below about respecting everyone that you can pray together as a family over the coming week.
This month's values are... Respect and Reverence	

Dear God,

We thank you for each day. Please help us to respect and tolerate everyone, including those that are different to us. Help us to be kind and patient with one another and always show respect. Help us to co-operate, be helpful and listen. Protect all of us and help us to make our school and the world a better place. Amen