

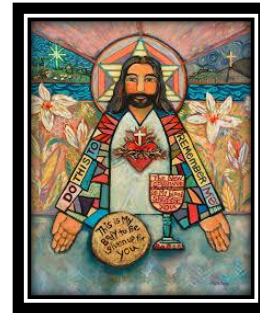


The Friday Messenger

Thirty-third Sunday in ordinary Time (Year A)
Friday 17th 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: Inspirational People- Vocations (Sacrament of Ordination)
- Year 6: Justice

Year 1	Year 2
As a class we listened to and read Psalm 16, Psalm 63 and Psalm 28 to compare and decide on the theme that runs through these psalms. We found that these psalms showed us God's love for us. The children chose words from the psalms that described God's love and care. We collected the words and created a piece of word art. We talked about King David who wrote many of the psalms.	This week we have completed our final lesson on 'Signs and symbols'. We started off with revisiting the whole topic and discussing what we have learnt. We then thought about what else we would like to know. We created I wonder questions about the power of signs and symbols and then discussed these first in pairs and then as a class.
Year 3	Year 4
In RE Year 3 have finished their work on Baptism. They discussed the important promises the parents and Godparents made and why they were so important in the Rite of Baptism. They then revisited all they had learn and made information leaflets for parents who would like to have their baby baptised.	In our RE lessons this week, Year 4 discussed the story of Zechariah. They each drew a thought bubble on a picture of Zachariah. Inside they wrote what he might have thought after the angel had visited him and explained why they believed this. After more discussion about the story and having trust in God, the children answered key questions. These included "What was God teaching Zachariah?", "Did he learn the lesson? How do you know?" and "In what way did God's plan come true for Zachariah and Elizabeth?" This gave the children the opportunity to explore and write their knowledge of the story and trust in their books.
Year 5	Year 6
In RE this week, the children continued their topic of 'Inspirational People' by finding out about someone who lived out The Beatitudes: St Josephine Bakhita. They thought of questions that they would like to ask her about how her religious beliefs shaped her life. In the second lesson, they researched another historical figure who lived out The Beatitudes: Fr Miguel Pro SJ. They wrote a letter to Fr Miguel's great grandson thanking him for his great grandfather's actions.	In R.E. this week, the children studied the lives of two people: Oscar Romero and Martin Luther King. They learnt about the different types of conflict that occurred during the two men's lives and compared how they were both driven by belief to stand up for justice. Finally, they compared the ways in which both men paid consequences for standing up for the greater good and discussed how the men are viewed in the eyes of God.

Gospel Values This month's values are... Respect and Reverence	Action! Thinking ahead- our Gospel Value for December is Hope. For this week's challenge, make an A4 poster on the theme of 'Hope' for your class prayer area.
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