



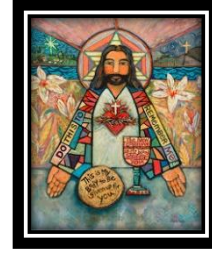
The Friday Messenger

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B
Friday 9th February 2024



Our curriculum themes are:

- Year 1: Galilee to Jerusalem
- Year 2: Galilee to Jerusalem
- Year 3: Being a Christian
- Year 4: Jesus the Teacher
- Year 5: God's Covenant (The Commandments)
- Year 6: Jesus, Bread of Life



Year 1	Year 2
In RE this week, the children listened to the scripture story of 'Zacchaeus' (Luke 19:1-9). We explored how Zacchaeus changed after he had met Jesus and why he changed. The children created questions that they would have liked to ask Zacchaeus about his meeting with Jesus.	This week in RE we continued to work on the topic of 'Galilee to Jerusalem'. We focussed on the miracles of Jesus, we started off we listening to the scripture readings The Calming Of The Storm and The Curing Of The Paralytic Man. We then discussed what a miracle is and the miracles within the stories and discussed how these stories show that Jesus is the son of God.
Year 3	Year 4
Year 3 continued their lessons about what it means to be a Christian. This week they tried out different ways of praying. This included guided prayer, praying the rosary and silent prayer. They also tried praying in both the chapel and the classroom. They then discussed the differences and which one made them feel closer to God. Afterwards, they shared the prayers that have special meanings to them. Some children shared the home prayers they said in their home languages. They discussed why the prayers were special to them.	In RE this week, Year 4 recalled and discussed the meaning of the word 'parable'. We explored two different parables, The Parable of the Sower and The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant. For the Parable of the Sower, we looked at how Jesus used parables to bring the good news to everyone. The children answered the questions: Explain what 'The Good News' is. Explain how the good things that you do in your life (how you live as a true follower of Jesus) can make a positive difference to other people. For the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, we explored what Jesus was teaching in the parable and why Jesus was teaching this. Using post-it notes, the children wrote down their ideas and displayed them on the board. We then had a discussion and shared our ideas with one another.
Year 5	Year 6
In Year Five this week we investigated how Jesus' New Commandment is linked to the Ten Commandments. The children looked closely at Jesus' words, asking us to love the Lord with all our heart and soul and to love our neighbour as ourselves and then picked out which of the Ten Commandments could link to these ideas. We also looked at different scripture which illustrate what Jesus' New Commandment means for us today and they then gave real-life examples of this at work. Our final lesson was about Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis' letter to us all. We read Pope Francis' letter carefully and then listed all the ways he is showing us that God continues to challenge and guide us today just in the same way the God set out to do this with the Ten Commandments.	We continued our learning of The Eucharist. The children were asked the following big question: Why do you think Mass is so important to Catholics? After much class discussion, they answered the question by referring to and making links between Fratelli Tutti, Jesus as the source of life, the source and the summit and The New Covenant. The second lesson focused on Blessed Chiara Badano who, even after being diagnosed with a terminal condition, continued to give her life to Jesus and remained positive due to her strong faith. The children thought about how she is an inspiration to young people today.

Gospel Values This month's value is... Compassion	Action! <i>This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday which is the first day of Lent- a time when we focus on preparing ourselves for remembering and celebrating Jesus' death and rising to new life at Easter. To help us to prepare we should decide to do one extra thing for someone else every day during Lent or to give something up that we really like or enjoy for the whole of Lent. By doing this we will grow closer to Jesus. We should also spend more time in prayer during Lent. Below is a prayer that you and your family can pray each day in Lent.</i>
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Be close to us, Lord Jesus, as we journey through Lent.

As we pray and share with others, help us to see that all people are precious,

and that we are all blessed by your love. Amen