



St. Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School
"Love one another as I have loved you"

Religious Education and Catholic Life Weekly Newsletter Spring 1 Week 4

End Of Topic' Celebration of the Word' Liturgy



At the end of each 'Come and See' Religious Education topic the children in each class plan, lead and deliver an end of topic liturgy.

This celebrates their newfound learning.

Children follow the liturgy format of: gather, word, response and go forth. The children choose which space to worship, how to gather to worship, scripture passages, write prayers, select hymns and create activities which helped embed the Gospel message.

Response

Can your child share the message from their class liturgy with the family?

Reception

The children celebrated their learning through their liturgy on 'Celebrating'



Year 1

The children celebrated their learning through their liturgy on 'Special People'



Year 3

The children celebrated their learning through their liturgy on 'Journeys'



Year 5

The children celebrated their learning through their liturgy on 'Mission'



Year 6

The children celebrated their learning through their liturgy on 'Sources'



The Mass 'The Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the temple' was planned, organised and led by Y4.

Y2 planned, led and delivered a class 'Celebration of the Word' liturgy to the whole school on the theme of books

Value assembly



Today, during 'Values' assembly the children heard the inspirational life story of St Josephine Bakhita. (one of our school house saints)
The feast day of St Josephine Bakhita will be celebrated tomorrow-8th February.
The children heard, through her life story, about the importance of forgiveness and Hope.

'Upper Room' Chapel



Thank you to the children who have already submitted their stained glass window designs.

All children are invited to create a stained glass window design for the chapel.
We look forward to seeing more of the children's designs. Some of these will be used in the creation of the new 'Upper Room' chapel.

Please can all designs be sent into school by Monday 24th February

Pupil Chaplain interactive Prayer Area



Children have continued to record their favourite miracle that Jesus performed and display it in the Pupil Chaplain interactive prayer area.

Children are encouraged to think about the message from the miracle and to say thank you to God for sending Jesus to show us how to live and make the right choice.

Response:

At home, draw your favourite miracle and bring it into school and display it in our Pupil Chaplain interactive Prayer area.

Bible Club





A group of Pupil Chaplains planned a liturgy based on the miracle of 'The feeding of the Five Thousand' from the Gospel of St Luke.

Pupil Chaplains reviewed the miracles from previous Bible Clubs too.

The Pupil Chaplains discussed what a miracle is.

The Pupil Chaplains used the hymn 'Jesus' Love is very wonderful' to gather a group of Key Stage 1 children together and begin the liturgy.

This term there is a focus on Pupil Chaplains modelling how to greet the Gospel.

The Pupil Chaplains modelled the responses and encouraged the children to respond.

'A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke'

'Glory to you, O Lord'

The Pupil Chaplains modelled the actions of drawing a cross on their foreheads, on their lips and on their heart and the younger children were encouraged to copy this.

The KS1 children listened to the Gospel of Jesus feeding the five thousand.

The children listened as five loaves and two fishes fed over five thousand people.

Through freeze frames, the children were asked to recreate a scene from one of Jesus' miracles.

The key message that the special power Jesus had was because He is the Son of God, was shared. The message that God always provides for us- we need to listen to Him, trust Him and believe Him.

Respond

Pupil Chaplains have asked the children to talk to God by praying every day.

Parent Prayer Club

Thank you to the parents who joined this week's prayer club.



We would like to invite parents to attend a prayer club each Thursday in school at 2:45.

Mrs Diver will be try to be present and this will be an opportunity for all parents to gather together to pray together and talk about their faith.



The Year of Jubilee

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

An extract from the letter from Bishop Marcus Stock to schools...

"The theme of Jubilee 2025 is Hope: the hope that comes from knowing we are loved by God, the hope we can bring to those in most need, and the hope we can bring to our common home, the earth."

At present we are planning activities and liturgies for pupils to participate in to celebrate 'The Year of Jubilee'.

Response: Please pray the Jubilee Prayer with your family

A prayer of hope

God, our loving Father,
in this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love creation.
Help us to work together
to replant, repair, and renew.

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

Jesus, our light,
In this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our call to love
our neighbours
and to set free those who suffer.
Help us to treat everyone with dignity;
to be fair, forgiving and kind.

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

Holy Spirit, our inspiration,
in this Jubilee Year, you remind us of
our call to grow in faith and love.
Help us to hear you in scripture,
to see Jesus in others,
and to be united as God's global family.
Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.
Amen



Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of February

The Pope asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. We are invited to answer the Pope's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

Pope Francis asks us to pray for young men and women to welcome God's call to the priesthood or religious life.

Drawing on his own vocational experience, the Pope recalled that at 17 years old he had other plans for his life that didn't include becoming a priest.

"But one day, I went into the church...and God was there, waiting for me!"

Response:

Can we pray for those who have responded to God's call?

We are all called to serve in some way. How can we serve others this week?