



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

Religious Education and Catholic Life Weekly Newsletter Autumn Weeks 1 and 2



Gospel 'Celebration of The Word' assembly

Key Scripture:

'Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple'.

Luke 14:30



At the beginning of our Gospel 'Celebration of Word' assembly we identified what we needed to make our Holy Table a sacred space: The candle to remind us that God is present with us; The Cross to remind us that Jesus loves us and The Bible where God and Jesus speak to us.

In this Jubilee year, we have been invited to think about what is really important and renew our commitment to following Jesus. Before we can commit to following Jesus, we have to be ready to put God first.

God's dream is for us to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him by sharing His love with others.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus gave us an important message about how we should live our lives and we can only do this with help of the firm foundation of God's love. God's love is the vital element that will help us to make the right choices and to live in God's way. With God's love as our foundation, with Jesus to follow and with the Holy Spirit to give us strength and courage, we can do what we are made for – love God and love others

We looked at the example of Saint Carlo Acutis who lived out his life by putting Jesus first.

We then thought of ways that we could put Jesus first in our lives.

Some examples were: praying more often, being kind to everyone not just our friends, saying sorry and forgiving etc...

Reflection: How can you live out this Gospel message in your words and actions this week?

Please put Jesus at the centre by starting the day in prayer.

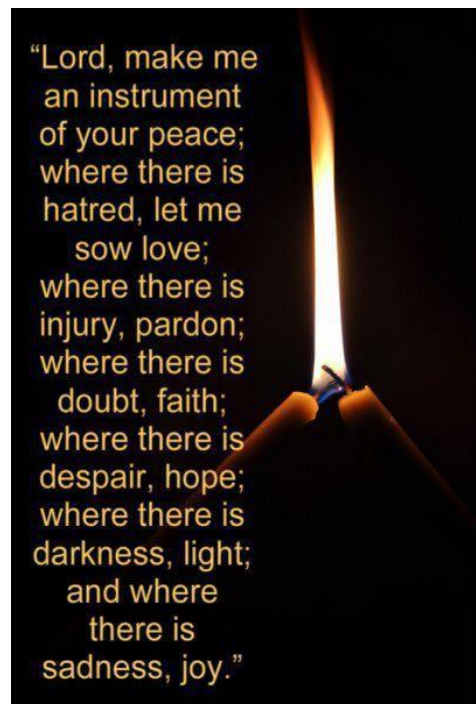
Prayer sets us up to make a good start each day.

St Elizabeth's Prayer of the Month

Each month St Elizabeth's School community will say a prayer which focuses on the liturgical season. At present we are in the Season of Creation.

Let us pray....

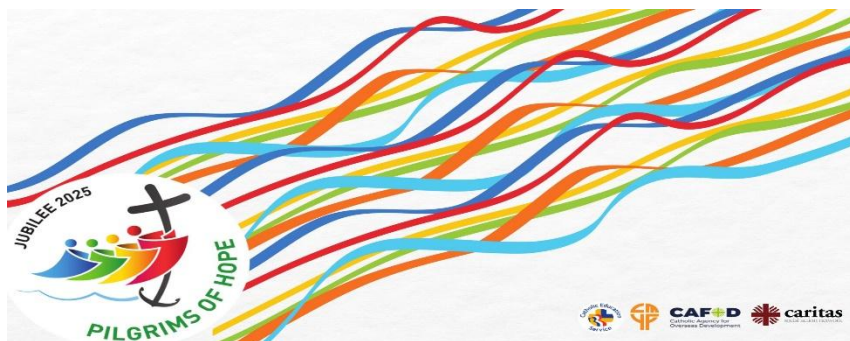
The Peace Prayer of St Francis



Response:

How can we become an "instrument of peace," actively bringing God's love and peace into the world?

Pupil Chaplain Interactive Prayer Table-‘Pilgrims of Hope’



As we continue our Jubilee year in this new academic year we continue to be ‘Pilgrims of Hope’

As ‘Pilgrims of Hope’ we continue to build a better world, just as Pope Francis asked us.

As a school community, we will continue living out our school pledges and our long-term commitment to build a better world.



We placed a photograph of St Carlo Acutis on our ‘Pupil Chaplains’ Interactive Prayer Table’

Saint Carlo is a great example of being a ‘Pilgrim of ‘Hope’.

Throughout his short life he carried out many great acts of love and kindness and he put God first. He is a great role model of what being a ‘Pilgrim of Hope’ is.

Response:

'Year of Jubilee Prayer'

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.



Response-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.



Response -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.



Response -Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

Please say the Jubilee Prayer at home and reflect on how can be a 'Pilgrim of Hope'.

Pupil Leadership Catholic Life and Mission

At St Elizabeth's, pupil leadership is very important. We have many opportunities for the children to get involved in the Catholic Life and mission of our school. We have several pupil groups to enable our children to have a say and participate in the catholic life of the school.

Pupil Chaplains

Pupil Chaplains plan and lead prayer and liturgy in school.

Each week Pupil Chaplains support in planning, and delivery of the 'Celebration of The Word' Gospel assembly; Pupil Chaplains plan and lead Key Stage 1 Bible Club; Pupil Chaplains support in Key Stage 2 Prayer Club

Mini Vinnies

St Elizabeth's is very proud to have its own 'Mini Vinnies' group starting this year. This group co-ordinates all the child led charity work in the school and encourages the school as a whole to 'love our neighbours as ourselves'.

Eco-warriors

In Laudato Si' Pope Francis invites us all to:

“work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us”.

St Elizabeth's Eco team take on-board the Pope's invitation to protect our world.

This year we will take part in CAFODs Live simply Award.



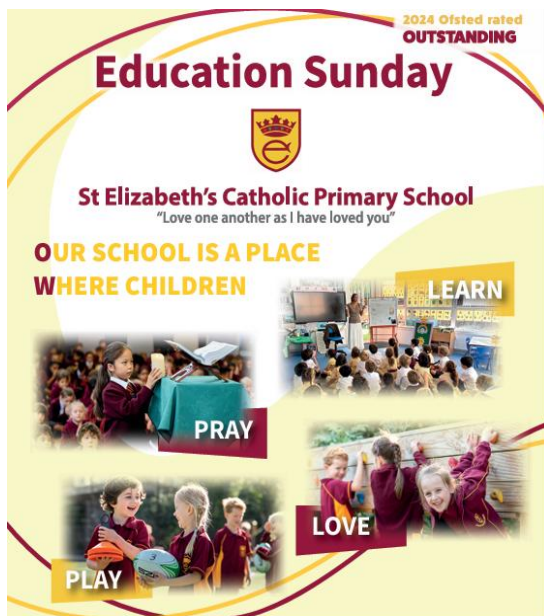
Education Sunday

Education Sunday is this Sunday, 14 September.

This year's theme is 'Lost and Found'. 'Lost and Found' focuses on the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin.

This annual day of prayer and celebration is held by churches to support and give thanks to everyone who is involved in education. Pupil Chaplains have designed a poster to celebrate how special St Elizabeth's School is. Bernard (Y4) and Byron's (Y2) mum has helped to create the Pupil Chaplains design into a poster.

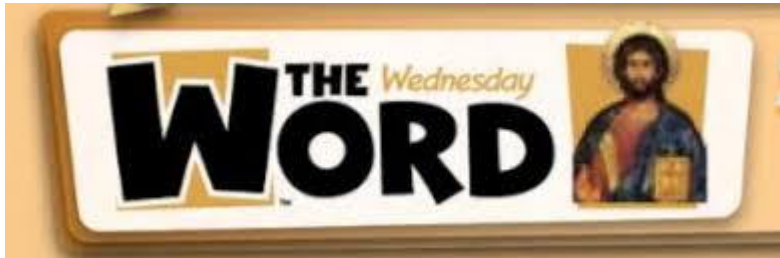
This poster will be displayed in our parish churches.



We would like to thank Mrs Shum for her hard work.

Response:

Let us pray for all the children, families and staff of St Elizabeth's as the new academic year starts.



Wednesday Word

'The Wednesday Word' is a weekly Gospel 'gift' from school to each family. Each week the Sunday Gospel is sent out via the link below into school family homes through the 'Wednesday Word'.

Through this resource, the key message(s) from the Gospel is shared.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

Response:

Please take the 'Wednesday Word' to Mass on Sunday.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for the month of September



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

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Response:

During this liturgical 'Season of Creation' can we think of ways in which we can look after and protect our world? Can we explain the impact of what we are doing?

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Kerry Diver and the Pupil Chaplains