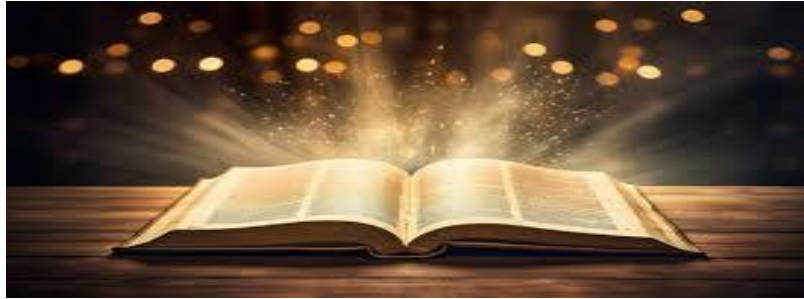




St. Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School  
"Love one another as I have loved you"

Religious Education and Catholic Life Weekly Newsletter Autumn Weeks 3 and 4



Gospel 'Celebration of The Word' assembly

Key Scripture:

'You cannot serve God and money'.

Luke 16:13



With the help of Pupil Chaplains, during this week's Gospel 'Celebration of Word' assembly, we identified what we needed on 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.



During this week's Gospel 'Celebration of The Word' we considered and discussed the idea of multitasking:

Pupil Chaplains challenged the children to tap their heads and rub their tummies at the same time. Children found out that it was impossible to do both really well at the same time!

We continued to discuss whether it is really possible to do two things really well at the same time? e.g. Can you really focus on your homework and also watch TV/talk to friends?

We discovered that trying to focus on two things at once doesn't really work - we just get distracted - if we want to do something well we have to prioritise and focus.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus recalls the two most important commandments - love God and love your neighbour.

Jesus shows us that we cannot serve two masters – we cannot love money and love God.

We discussed how we show that we love God. Responses included: loving our families; loving our friends; praying etc...

Through discussing the Gospel message of Loving God, we learned that by putting God first in our lives, this in turn helps us to love our neighbours well.

In addition, we discussed that sometimes we can become distracted by things that are not really important: phones, computer games, money etc...

To live as His followers, we have to put God first and make God's way our priority. Focussing on loving God and loving others is the way of true happiness.

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

Please take the opportunity each day to show God you love Him by praying to Him. Ask God to guide you on how you show love to others.

## Mass celebrating the start of the new school year



The school community participated in Mass celebrating the start of the new year in school on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

The Mass was planned, organised and led by Y6.

During this Mass the Pupil Chaplains were commissioned into their roles to serve others and to be role models in living out our Gospel values.

We would like to thank all those involved in the organisation of the Mass: Mrs van den Driessche, Mrs Fitzgerald, and to all the children who participated.

We would like to thank Mgr. Bill for leading the celebration of Mass.

## Catholic Social Teaching assembly



In our Catholic Social teaching assembly, children were introduced to St Francis whose feast day we will celebrate on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

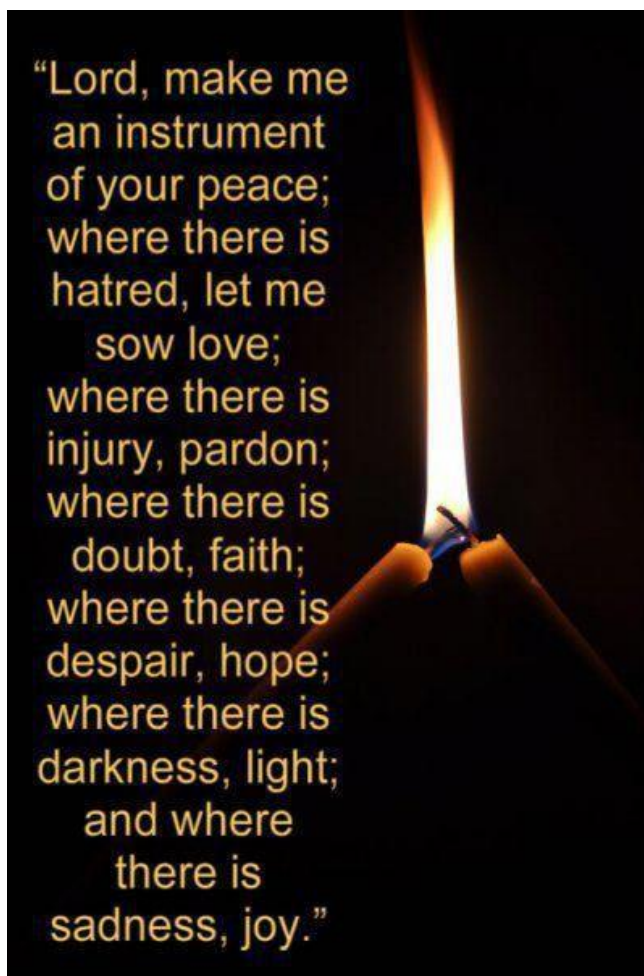
St Francis saw God's presence in all of creation, from people to animals to plants. He encouraged treating all things with gentleness and care. St. Francis' life-story tells us that when we care for the environment and all its people, we are showing love for God.



### 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 prayer of St Francis



“Lord, make me  
an instrument  
of your peace;  
where there is  
hatred, let me  
sow love;  
where there is  
injury, pardon;  
where there is  
doubt, faith;  
where there is  
despair, hope;  
where there is  
darkness, light;  
and where  
there is  
sadness, joy.”

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.

### St Elizabeth’s Jubilee Pledge



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 how can we be a 'Pilgrim of Hope'?

### **Pupil Leadership Catholic Life and Mission**

At St Elizabeth's, pupil leadership is very important. Every week there are many opportunities for the children to get involved in the Catholic Life and mission of our school.

### **Pupil Chaplains**

This week, Pupil chaplains planned, led and delivered a 'Celebration of Word' assembly to a group of Year 2 children based on the theme of 'Creation'

The children used the 'Gather', 'Listen', 'Respond' and 'Mission' format to help them plan.



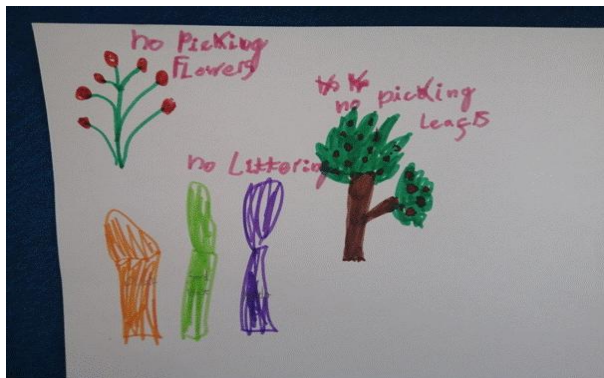
The Pupil Chaplains used 'He's got the whole World in His hands' to gather the children. Pupil Chaplains read the 'Story of Creation' from the Book of Genesis.



In response to listening to scripture the Y2 children identified what God made. Children reflected on all that God made and discussed how they could care for God's world.



Year 2 children recorded how they would personally care for God's world. Y2's mission, in response to listening to the story is to help look after God's world. Suggestions included putting litter in the bin, recycling etc...



### Mini Vinnies



## Mac Millan Cancer Support Charity

The Mini Vinnies have been working hard putting their faith into action by organising a cake sale to fundraise for the 'Macmillan Cancer Charity'.

Years 5 and 6 pupils baked the cakes to sell at this fundraising event-thank you Year 5 and Year 6!

Thank you to the Mini Vinnies and Mrs Mottram who sold the cakes to the school community after school.

Thank you to all the parents and pupils who bought cakes.

We raised £287.22 to support people living with cancer.

## Eco-warriors

Eco-warriors follow the Catholic Social Teaching principle of 'Caring for God's Creation' where we are asked to care for God's gifts by looking after the environment.

This half-term Eco-warriors are looking after our school grounds by collecting rubbish around the playground.

Eco-warriors have created a rota for weekly litter picking at playtimes and lunchtimes. Well done to the children who volunteered and collected litter last week and this week.



## 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 of the Catholic Life and Mission of our school,  
Mrs Kerry Diver and the Pupil Chaplains