



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

Religious Education and Catholic Life Weekly Newsletter Autumn Weeks 5 and 6



Gospel 'Celebration of The Word' assembly

Key Scripture:

'The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side.'

Luke 16:19-31



With the help of Pupil Chaplains, during this week's Gospel 'Celebration of Word' assembly, we identified what we needed on make our 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. Jesus told parables to help us to understand important holy messages. Pupil Chaplains re-enacted the Gospel account of Lazarus and the rich man.



Through this parable we discussed what were the differences between the rich man and the poor man's lives on Earth? Responses included- 'The rich man had a good life on Earth. He had everything he wanted and lived a life of luxury. The poor man had a difficult life on Earth. He was poor, hungry and unwell. No one helped him.'

We discussed how the parable of the rich man and the poor man made us feel. Responses included- Some children felt bad for the poor man; some children felt angry at the rich man for the way he treated others; some children communicated that they don't want to follow in the rich man's footsteps. Money and wealth are unimportant to Jesus: Jesus wants us to put God first and to share what we have with others, because that is how we can live life to the full. Some people have lots like the rich man, or little like the poor man. Others may be in between. However, we are all called to think about our attitude towards things and money. This doesn't mean we can't have nice things or that we must give away everything we have to those in need. It's about understanding what should come first - God! Our true wealth is in our faith in God and the unique set of gifts He has given us! We should use our gifts to help others.

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.

As a family can you say the Rosary during October?

Pupil Chaplains



October is known as 'The Month of the Rosary'.

On Tuesday 7th October Pupil Chaplains led a 'Celebration of The Word' to celebrate the feast day of 'Our Lady of The Rosary'. The Rosary is a very special prayer that reflects upon the life, teaching, and death of Jesus and the life of Mary.

Pupil Chaplains read The 'Finding Jesus in the temple' from the Joyful Mysteries. Through this scripture we found out about Jesus' mission. Jesus knew what His mission was at a very young age- to teach others about God's love.

The children related this message to themselves. They too are called to teach others about God's love through their words and actions.

The whole school community responded to this story from scripture by saying a decade of 'The Rosary' together.

During this 'Celebration of The Word', Pupil Chaplains launched the 'Rosary Challenge'

Every class will be taking part in the 'Rosary Challenge'. The challenge is to pray the Rosary or part of the Rosary each day in class during the month of October. More details can be found in your child's Google Classroom.

Your child may bring in their own Rosary Beads to support them when they pray the Rosary.

Mark 10 mission is a valuable resource that can help support praying the Rosary at home.

<https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/rosary-challenge>

Response:

Please can you continue saying 'The Rosary' over the weekend at home?



St Vincent de Paul



Maia, from 'The St Vincent De Paul's Society' visited our school and spoke to the whole school in assembly about the valuable work that 'The St Vincent De Paul Society' does.

Maia shared that The St Vincent De Paul's Society' is dedicated to tackling poverty and social injustice by providing direct, person-to-person help to those in need. The society was set up based on the life of a priest who lived a long time ago- Saint Vincent de Paul

St Elizabeth's is very proud to have its own 'Mini Vinnies' group. 'Mini Vinnies' co-ordinates all the child led charity work in the school and encourages the school, as a whole, to 'love our neighbours as ourselves'-just like St Vincent de Paul did!

Maia reminded us that we are all called to be like St Vincent de Paul

Catholic Social teaching assembly-



In our Catholic Social teaching assembly this week, we launched 'Black History Week'. Next week as part of our RE learning we will be learning about inspirational black people. Children will share their learning in next week's Friday assembly.

Response

Can your child research the life of an inspirational black person and share why the person is so inspirational with their class?

We shall make a display of all the research in school.



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 month of October. October is known as the month of 'The Rosary'

Let us pray....

'The Rosary'



Praying the Rosary

The Rosary is a prayer that reflects upon the life, teaching, and death of Jesus and also on His Blessed Mother. As we pray, we think about the lives of Jesus and Mary here on earth

The Mysteries

There are four parts to the rosary, known as 'mysteries':

The Luminous Mysteries

The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Glorious Mysteries

The Joyful Mysteries

For each set of mysteries, we are introduced to five different parts of the lives of Jesus and Mary. Each story is taken from Scripture is an opportunity to reflect and pray.

After listening to scripture, we respond by praying a decade of 'The Rosary'. A decade includes: one **Our Father**, followed by **ten Hail Marys** and one **Glory Be** to finish.

Response:

Please pray the Rosary as a family.

Each class will be praying 'The Rosary' every day.

Can families continue saying 'The Rosary' over the weekend?

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 'Celebration of The Word' in an age-appropriate way. This celebrates their new learning.

The children follow the liturgy format of: Gather, Listen, Response, Go Forth/Mission.

The children chose which space to worship, how to gather to worship, scripture passages, wrote prayers, selected Hymns and created activities which helped embed the Gospel message.

Response

Can your child share the message from this 'Celebration of The Word' with the family?

Reception

The Prayer Leaders are leading prayers in Reception.



Year 1

The children celebrated their learning through their 'Celebration of The Word' on 'Families'



Year 2

The children celebrated their learning through their 'Celebration of The Word' on 'Beginnings'



Year 3

The children celebrated their learning through their 'Celebration of The Word' on 'Homes'



Year 4

The children celebrated their learning through their 'Celebration of The Word' on 'People'



Year 5

The children celebrated their learning through their 'Celebration of The Word' on 'Ourselves'



Year 6

The children celebrated their learning through their 'Celebration of The Word' on 'Loving'



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 1 children based on the theme of 'Creation'

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



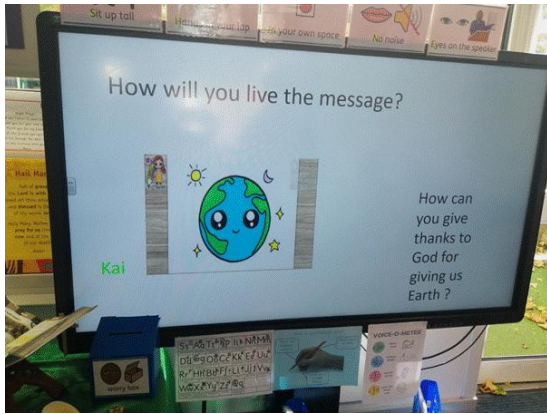
The Pupil Chaplains used 'He's got the whole World in His hands' to gather the children. Pupil Chaplains read the 'Story of Creation' from the Book of Genesis.



In response to listening to scripture the Y1 children identified what God made.



Children reflected on all that God made and gave praise and thanks for all God's creations. Pupil Chaplains led a litany of thanks which the children contributed to.



Y1's mission, in response to listening to the story of creation, was to praise and give thanks to God when they are outside for the world.



Mini Vinnies

Mini Vinnies have been working hard putting their faith into action.



CAFOD

Mini Vinnies shared in assembly that CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day would take place on Friday, October 3. All pupils were invited to bring in a monetary donation instead of eating a snack.

This year's CAFOD's campaign focused on providing clean and safe water for families, particularly in drought-stricken regions like southern Ethiopia.

The money raised will really benefit CAFOD.



The week commencing 13th October, Mini Vinnies have organised a foodbank collection which will support families in our local community who are in need.

Mini Vinnies have shared this with the school community in assembly.

The collection will collection take place from **Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th October**.

Donations can be dropped off between **8.45–9.00am** on each of these days at:

- The **ping pong tables** in the KS2 playground
- The **shelter** in the KS1 playground

The food bank has let us know that the items they are most in need of are:

Cereals

Tinned and Packet Soup

Pasta Sauce

Chopped Tomatoes

Tinned Meat

Tinned Vegetables

Tinned Fruit

Rice

Custard and Rice Pudding

Coffee and Tea

Long life Fruit Juice

Jams and Spreads

UHT Milk and Non-dairy Milk replacements

Crisps, Sweets and treats

The following **Non-Food items** are also most welcome:

Toothbrushes and Toothpaste

Laundry Capsules and Washing up liquid

Razors and Shaving Gel

Deodorant, Shower Gel and Shampoo

Larger size nappies (sizes 5 to 8) are also especially welcome

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.

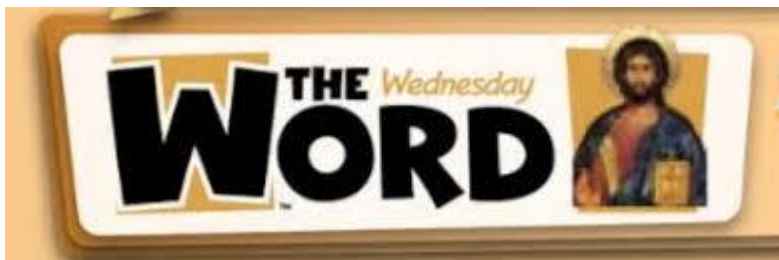
Eco-warriors have created a rota for weekly litter picking at playtimes and lunchtimes. Well done to the children who volunteered and collected litter last week and this week.

In addition, this week Eco-warriors have been writing prayers about the environment.

Thank you for my family and friends.

Thank you for our world, the trees and the beautiful environments.

By Dominik Y3



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 October



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

Pope Leo asks... 'Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

May we look lovingly at every person, help us to recognize ourselves as brothers and sisters, called to live, pray, work, and dream together'.

Response:

Can treat everyone we meet each day with dignity?

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Diver and the Pupil Chaplains