



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

Religious Education and Catholic Life Weekly Newsletter Autumn Weeks 7 and 8



Gospel 'Celebration of The Word' assembly -Tuesday

Key Scripture:

'And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'

Luke 17:19



We began our 'Celebration of The Word' by gathering to the Hymn 'Give thanks with a grateful heart' The children were invited to listen to the words of the hymn and to make links with the message from the Gospel.

With the help of Pupil Chaplains, 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.

Children were invited to recall times when they said thank you. We discussed why we say thank you. Responses included: to be polite, to show gratitude and respect. Ximena, in Y4, modelled how to sign thankyou and she taught the children in assembly to sign thank you as well!



Before reading the Gospel, children were given context to help them understand the Gospel Story. In the time of Jesus, lepers were isolated because they had an infectious disease called leprosy.

The children were asked to listen carefully to the scripture to discover who said 'thank you'.

Pupil Chaplains re-enacted the Gospel account of 'The Ten Lepers'.

In the Gospel, the children heard that the ten lepers had cried out to Jesus to help them get better and had faith that He would respond. They were not disappointed - all ten people received healing!

However - only one, the Samaritan, came back to Jesus to give thanks. The Samaritan recognised that Jesus had healed him. He came back to say 'thank you' to Jesus. The Samaritan acknowledged and recognised Jesus as the Saviour. Jesus replied to the Samaritan, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

The other nine lepers did not do this! They did not say 'Thank you'.

God does not expect gratitude from us, but He always gives us an opportunity to respond with faith. We do this by the choices that we make each day in our words and in our actions and by putting Jesus at the centre of our lives.

Showing gratitude for and using God's gifts helps us to recognise that He is our Saviour. Then, we discussed how we can show **gratitude**. Responses included: saying thank you, putting others needs before their own, listening to adults, being grateful for what they have etc...



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

Invite children to think of how they can show their gratitude to God and others through their words and actions during half-term?

## Catholic Social teaching assembly-Friday



We began our Catholic Social Teaching 'Celebration of The Word' by gathering to the hymn of the prayer of St Francis 'Make me a channel of your peace.'

In our assembly, each class shared their learning from 'Black History Week'.



Each class shared about the inspirational black person they had learned about.

Reception learned about Mo Farah.

Year 1 learned about Baroness Floella Benjamin

Year 2 learned about Lewis Hamilton.

Year 3 learned about Martin Luther King.

Year 4 learned about Rosa Parks.

Year 5 learned about Mary Seacole.

Year 6 learned about Dr Maggie Aderi –Pocock

The children reflected on the lives of these inspirational people, how they used their gifts and talents for the good of others. They considered how we can do this in our own families and communities.



**Response:**

Can your child research an inspirational black person and share why the person is so inspirational with their class after half term?



### St Elizabeth's Catholic Social Teaching Half-Termly Focus

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is putting our faith into action and living like Jesus did by putting the needs of others first.

At St Elizabeth's, we follow the 'Rooted In Love' scheme to support and enhance our children's knowledge and understanding of what Catholic Social Teaching is.

'Rooted in Love' shares the six principles of Catholic Social Teaching in half termly teaching topics.

This week, the children in every class, learned about the principle of 'Caring for Creation'



Response:

Please ask you child about what they have learned in their class 'Caring for God's Creation' lesson



### 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, Mary. As we pray the Rosary, we think about the lives of Jesus and Mary here on earth. Then, we reflect and pray how we can be more like Jesus and Mary in our daily life.

Each class undertook the Rosary Challenge during the month of October.

Every day, Prayer Leaders in each class led the class in praying 'The Rosary' in an age appropriate way.

### Reception



### Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



Response: Please continue praying 'The Rosary' at home over half-term.

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' Prayer Packets



Pupil Chaplains have designed 'Prayer Packets' to support and enhance family prayer at home.

Pupil Chaplains have been putting together the 'Prayer Packets'.

Each packet contains: liturgical cloths, a candle, a hand-held wooden cross, Rosary beads and a Pupil Chaplain Prayer book.

Each 'Prayer Packet' has been blessed by Fr Peter.

To purchase the 'Prayer Packet' please see the separate mail for more details.



#### Response:

Please use the 'Prayer Packet' to develop and enhance family prayer at home.

### Pupil Chaplains- Bible Club

This week, Pupil chaplains planned, led and delivered a 'Celebration of Word' assembly to a group of Reception children.

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



The Pupil Chaplains used the song 'What a Wonderful World' to gather the children.

The Reception children helped create a Holy Space by placing The Cross, The candle and Bible on the green cloth.

Pupil Chaplains read 'Noah's Ark' from the Book of Genesis.



In response to listening to scripture the Reception children identified the pairs of animals that went into the ark.



Children reflected on how God saved Noah's family and two of each animal and the children gave thanks for all God's love.



## Mini Vinnies

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



Richmond Foodbank supports families in our local area who are struggling to buy and pay for essential items

This week the Richmond Foodbank collected all the food and other essential items that have been donated over the last few weeks.

They were very grateful to the St Elizabeth's School Community for all the donations. Richmond Foodbank shared that the collection from St Elizabeth's would benefit many families.

Mini Vinnies helped to bag up and load the donations into the Richmond Foodbank van.



## Eco-warriors

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

This week Eco-warriors were picking up litter in the area surrounding our school.



## Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for the month of October

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 of the RE and Catholic Life of our school,  
Mrs Diver and Pupil Chaplains and Mini Vinnies