



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

**Religious Education and Catholic Life Fortnightly Newsletter Spring 1 and 2**



**Gospel 'Celebration of The Word' Monday**

**Key Scripture:**

**'And when Jesus was baptised, immediately He went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; and behold, a voice from Heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."'**

**Matthew 3:16-17**



With the help of Pupil Chaplains, we identified what we needed to make our table a sacred space. The liturgical cloth was white indicating that we are in a time of celebration. The candle reminds us that God is present with us. The Cross reminds us that Jesus loves us and The Bible is where God and Jesus speak to us.

During this week's Gospel 'Celebration of The Word' we heard Matthew's account of 'The Baptism of Jesus'.

Pupil Chaplains supported during this liturgy.

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Through the scripture we meet the family of God: The Holy Trinity - God the Father; God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. We explored the meaning and significance of the Holy Trinity and discussed how Jesus sets an example for us to follow. Jesus listened to God, His Father and accepted His mission to show us how to love each other.

Pupils learned that God invites us into His family and to be called His children. We accept the invitation through our own Baptism and show we are part of God’s family by how we behave and act. We discussed we show we are in God’s family when we put our faith in action and think of the needs of others through the choices we make; for example - when we share our toys with our siblings, when we make our bed without being asked, when we notice someone in the playground who is alone and play with them etc..



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

**Each time we make the sign of the cross can we think about what it means- a reminder of ‘The Holy Trinity’?**

**Can you put your faith in action by thinking of the needs of others in the choices you make?**

### **Pupil Chaplain interactive Prayer Area**



As a follow-up from the Gospel ‘Celebration of the Word’, the Pupil Chaplains have created an interactive prayer table in the hall where the children are invited to record their favourite miracle that Jesus performed.

Through this display the children are encouraged to think about how miracles show us that Jesus is truly the Son of God.

In Friday's assembly, Pupil Chaplains have invited the children to draw a picture of their favourite miracle and add it to the display.



**Response:**

**Can your child draw a picture of one of Jesus's miracles at home and add it to this display?**

**Can your child say one of the 'Prayers of The Month' as they add their picture?**

### **Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany**



On Tuesday 6th January we joined the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Peace for Mass to celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord.

Thank you to year 6 for reading the readings and 'Prayers of Intercession' and to Schola and the liturgical band for the singing and music.

During the homily, Mgr Bill explained to the children how the gifts of the three kings, gold, frankincense and myrrh, revealed Jesus as king, priest and prophet. Mgr Bill further explained that at Mass the bread and wine are gifts. Bread and wine is changed into Jesus' body and blood. This is His gift to us!

We would like to thank Mgr Bill and the parishioners for welcoming us so warmly.

## 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 January. Let us pray...



### Act of Faith

My God,

I believe in you

and all that your Church teaches,

because you have said it,

and your word is true.

Amen



### **Act of Hope,**

My God,

I hope in you,

for grace and for glory,

because of your promises,

your mercy and your power.

**Amen**



### **Act of Love**

My God, because you are so good,

I love you with all my heart,

and for your sake,

I love your neighbour as myself.

Amen

These prayers deepen our relationship with the Holy Trinity.

Through saying these prayers we commit to believing in God. (Faith).

We trust His promises. (Hope)

We love God above all things. (Love)

These prayers support us in our commitment to God and our neighbour.

## **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' Bible Club**

This week, Pupil chaplains have been planning their Key Stage 1 'Celebration of the Word' for this half term.

Each week a group of children will lead a 'Celebration of Word' with a small group of children from Key Stage 1.

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

Pupil Chaplains choose a Bible story, Hymns, and an activity that embeds the scripture message.

The focus for Bible club will be on 'The miracles of Jesus'.



### **Mini Vinnies**

Mini Vinnies have chosen a local charity, 'Small Steps' as their Spring 1 charity.

In addition Mini Vinnies have been brainstorming fundraising ideas to raise money for 'Small Steps'

### **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.

Eco-warriors continue to emphasize turning lights off when a room is unused and to continue litter picking.

This half term Eco-warriors will be focussing on recycling.



### **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'.

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

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



### **Response:**

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

### **Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for the month of January**



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 XIV's prayer intention for the month of January is for the faithful to pray with the word of God.

In a video released January 7th on X, the Holy Father said that he is praying "that we may learn, practice, and love praying with the word of God."

Pope Leo continues, "The gift of Scripture is God's love letter to humankind," he said. "Let's pray that we all draw from this gift and get to know Our Lord."



**Response:**

**Can we pray more as a family?**

With thanks for your support of the Catholic Life of our school,  
Mrs Diver and the Pupil Chaplains