



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

Religious Education and Catholic Life Fortnightly Newsletter Summer 3 and 4



**Gospel 'Celebration of The Word'**

**Key Scripture:**

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

John 10:10



With the help of Pupil Chaplains, we identified what we needed to make our table a sacred space. The liturgical cloth is white indicating that we are in a time of celebration. The Paschal Candle symbolises that God is present with us. The Cross symbolises that Jesus loves us and The Bible is where God and Jesus speak to us. Throughout the 'Celebration of The Word' children made links between this hymn and the Gospel message.

During our Eastertide liturgies, we continue to celebrate the hope, joy and peace of Easter.

Before Sunday's Gospel was read the children were challenged to listen out for the phrases: 'The door' and 'Have life and have it abundantly'

After listening to the Gospel we discussed who the door is and how Jesus can help us to live abundant lives - to 'live life to the full'?

Jesus teaches us to:

- Listen to His voice and follow Him
- Trust God and live in His way
- Love others by being kind, helpful and forgiving

Sunday was Vocation Sunday.

The Catholic faith says that every person has a vocation - a call to love and serve God and others through a particular way of life.

There are four main ways that God invites us to live a life of love - through marriage, religious life, priesthood and single life.

God loves us so much and He wants us to be happy. He invites us to live a life of abundant love in the way He thinks we'll be happiest, according to His good plans for us!

The Gospel reminds us that when we choose to follow Jesus, He leads to life in all its fullness - an abundance of life and love. This Eastertide, we can rejoice and celebrate Jesus because He truly is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

There is a vocation we are all called to right now. That is to love God and love others through the choices that we make. That is the best thing we can do with our lives!



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

Encourage your children to show love to others through their words and in their actions.

**Pupil Chaplain interactive Prayer Area**



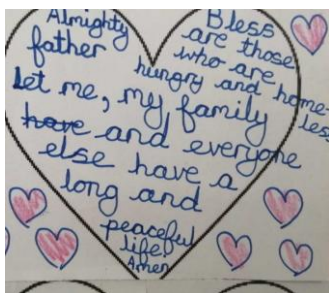
As a follow-up from the Gospel 'Celebration of the Word', the Pupil Chaplains have created an interactive prayer table in the hall where they have recreated the Gospel scene from Easter Sunday.

This visual display is a reminder of the risen Jesus who has been given new life by God His Father.

The whole school community rejoices in the hope, joy and peace that Jesus brings through His death and Resurrection.

Children and staff have been writing prayers and praying for people who are in need: the homeless; the lonely; the sick and those affected by war.

An example of one of the prayers written by a child.



**Response:**

Can we pray for people in need?

## Vocation and Call-Deacon Quentin and Seminararians Visit

We were pleased to welcome Deacon Quentin from St Elizabeth's Parish into school with his fellow seminararians. They spoke to our KS2 classes about their vocation, when they felt the call to priesthood and their training.

They shared that God calls each one of us to follow Him and there are many different ways that we can show our vocation and calling. Through interactive activities Deacon Quentin and the seminararians helped us to recognise and to listen out for God's voice. They shared that God's voice is kind and guides us to make the right choice.

### Year 3



### Year 5



### Year 4



## Summer Charity: Mary's Meals



Minnie Vinnies and Pupil Chaplains organised Jane, from Mary's Meals, to give a presentation to the school community. Mary's Meals is our school charity for Summer 1.



Jane shared that there are many children in our world who are hungry and are not able to go to school.

**Our vision** is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things.



We learned that in some places supported by Mary's Meals, a child can get a meal at school every day for a whole year for less than £20.

It costs just

**£19.15**

to feed a child for  
a school year!



Jane has asked the children to look at home for any unused currency and to put unused currency in an envelope.

Mary's Meals can use this money to provide school lunches for the most vulnerable children.



On Monday 11th May, each child will be given an envelope in which they can put unused currency in.



**Response:**

Please can you bring the envelope with money in on Thursday 21st May?

**May is known as 'The Month of Our Lady'**



**Pupil Chaplains have set up a prayer table dedicated to Mary in the school hall.**



May is the month to honour Mary.

Mary helps us stay close to Jesus. Mary is a role model. Through her life she teaches us to love and trust God

We show our love for Mary by praying, singing and making May Altars.

We can ask Mary to pray for us, to intercede for us and to take our prayers to God.



**Response:**

**Please ask Mary to pray for us and our special intentions**

## Pupil Chaplains and May Procession



### Pupil Led 'Celebration of The Word'

On Wednesday 6th May, to honour Mary, our Pupil Chaplains planned and led a 'Celebration of the Word' in each class from Reception to Year 5 which focussed on the theme of Mary.

The Celebration of the Word followed a four-part structure: Gather (preparing to pray), Word (listening to Scripture), Respond (reflecting on the message), and Mission/Send (living out the message)

The scripture focus for all classes was 'The Visitation' .

The Pupil Chaplains planned an activity to help the children understand how special Mary is in an age appropriate way. Then they gave the children a mission to live like Mary and emphasized how important it was to live out this mission.

### Pupil Chaplains leading the Celebration of the Word in Reception.



### Pupil Chaplains leading the Celebration of the Word in Y1



**Pupil Chaplains leading the Celebration of the Word in Y2**



**Pupil Chaplains leading the Celebration of the Word in Y3.**



**Pupil Chaplains leading the Celebration of the Word in Y4.**



**Pupil Chaplains leading the Celebration of the Word in Y5**



Then, the children from each class gave the Pupil Chaplains feedback.

## **Marian Procession**



After the Pupil led Celebration of the Word the whole school community gathered in the hall. We were reminded about the important role Mary has: Mary is Jesus' mother; Mary is our mother and Mary is the Mother of the church.

It was shared that the Crown of flowers was made of flowers from each class. Therefore the Crown of Flowers represented the whole school community.



This was followed by a May Procession in which each class, led by Pupil Chaplains, processed to our 'Mary Garden'. As each class processed the school community sang 'Hail Mary'.



Mary was crowned with flowers.

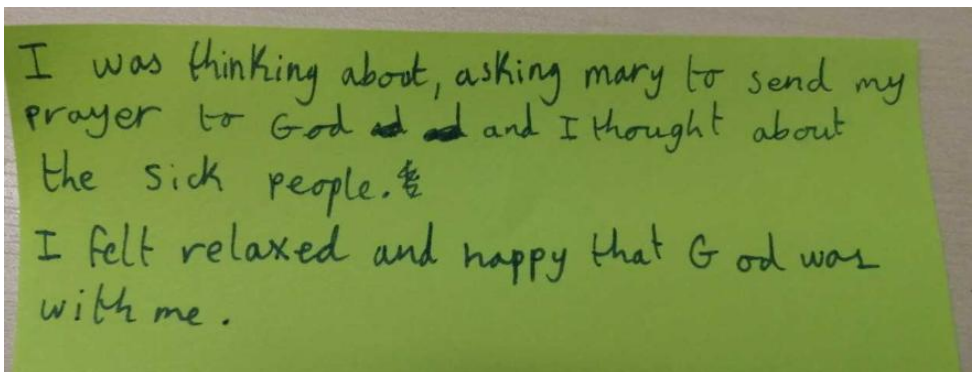


All the children had an opportunity to place flowers in front of Mary and to ask Mary to pray for us. This shows their love and respect for the mother of Our Lord.



Thank you to the parents and carers who joined in the Marian Procession.

After the procession the children had an opportunity to reflect on the whole experience.



**Response:**

**Can children set up a May Altar at home?**

**Can families pray the Rosary more frequently during May?**

Following on from this Pupil Chaplain led Celebration of the Word, each class will learn about a Marian apparition and the message from her apparition.

**Parent-led Rosary in The Upper Room Chapel**



We would like to invite parents and carers to pray the Rosary each morning from 9am-9:30am in the Upper Room Chapel.

We ask that you come to the school office at 9am to sign in and to sign out before 9:30am.

It has been great to see groups of parents praying together.

Thank you to parents who have led praying the Rosary each morning.



**A group of Pupil Chaplains led a decade of The Rosary in The Upper Room with parents.**

**St Elizabeth's Prayer of the Month**

Each month St Elizabeth's School community says a prayer which focuses on the liturgical season. At present we are in the season of Eastertide.(April and May)

Let us pray....



This prayer is a profession of faith. It highlights and emphasizes the Catholic belief of the Holy Trinity: God the Father; God the Son and God the Holy Spirit

## The Apostles Creed

*I believe in God*, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

*I believe in Jesus Christ*, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come  
to judge the living and the dead.

*I believe in the Holy Spirit*,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Key Stage 2 Prayer Club

Every Friday, Mrs Frosdick, leads a prayer group in the Upper Room Chapel for the children in Key Stage 2.

Each week a focussed class from Key Stage 2 are invited to the Prayer Club.

This week, Year 4 were invited to pray The Rosary.



## Easter Projects

### Easter Project Exhibition



As part of enrichment in RE learning children took part in a home-school Easter project.

Thank you to everyone who participated.

Thank you to all the parents, carers and families who came to view the Easter Projects in the school hall.

## Pupil Chaplain 'Inspirational People Prayer Packets'

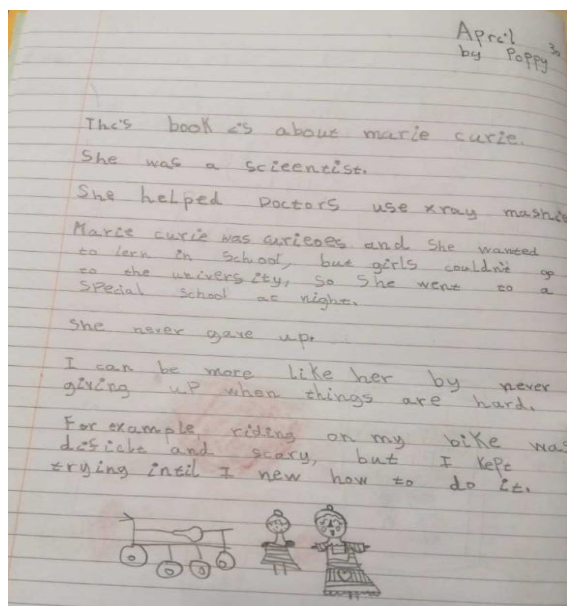


As part of our Religious Education lessons, we are learning about Jesus' ministry and mission. Jesus was the first Catholic social teacher.

Throughout Jesus' ministry, He helped people. Jesus helped the most vulnerable people and those in need. We want to continue Jesus' work. In school we call this 'Catholic Social Teaching'.

Pupil Chaplains have created 'Inspirational People' prayer packets. Each class has received two packets celebrating the life stories of different inspirational people. Over this half-term, each pupil in each class will take the 'Inspirational People' prayer packet home for one evening. Please share the life of this person with your child.

It has been very pleasing to see the pupils sharing some of their reflections in the response book with their class.



**Response:**

Please encourage your child to make a personal response to what they read.



### **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 May**



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 wants our prayers to be transformed into concrete actions.

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for the month of May is to pray that everyone might have food.

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



### **Response:**

**Let us pray that everyone has nutritious food.**

## **Can we donate to 'Mary's Meals'?**

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