



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

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Gospel 'Celebration of the Word'

Key Scripture:

'For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.'

John 3:16



The celebration of Easter has ended. The church is now in Ordinary Time.

With the help of Pupil Chaplains, we identified what we needed to make our table a sacred space. The liturgical cloth is green indicating that we are in Ordinary Time. The 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.

The children gathered to the hymn 'This I believe'. Throughout the Celebration of The Word children made links between this hymn and the Gospel message. On Sunday 31st May, the Church celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, also known as Trinity Sunday.

Through this feast day, the Church celebrates who God is. Christians believe that God is one in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit!

Before reading the Gospel the children were invited to listen out for the following phrases:

- 'Loved the world'
- 'Send His Son'

After reading the Gospel the children were asked - I wonder... why God loves the world so much. There were many responses including:

God loves the world because:

- He made the world, and us!
- We are made in His image and likeness so we can continue His work
- He is good, kind and caring.
- God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit love each other and they want us to know this love too - that's why they created us.

The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity reminds us that God is one divine God, yet three unique and equal persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). They are united in a perfect relationship of love, and they love us very, very much.

The Father sent Jesus to save us, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to guide us, and the Holy Spirit always leads us back to the loving heart of the Father.

God wants us to know and experience His love through each person of the Holy Trinity. We are invited into this mystery of love whenever we love God and love one another

We further discussed that the Sign of the Cross is the sign of our faith, it declares our faith in God. The words and actions remind us of the three persons of God; the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



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

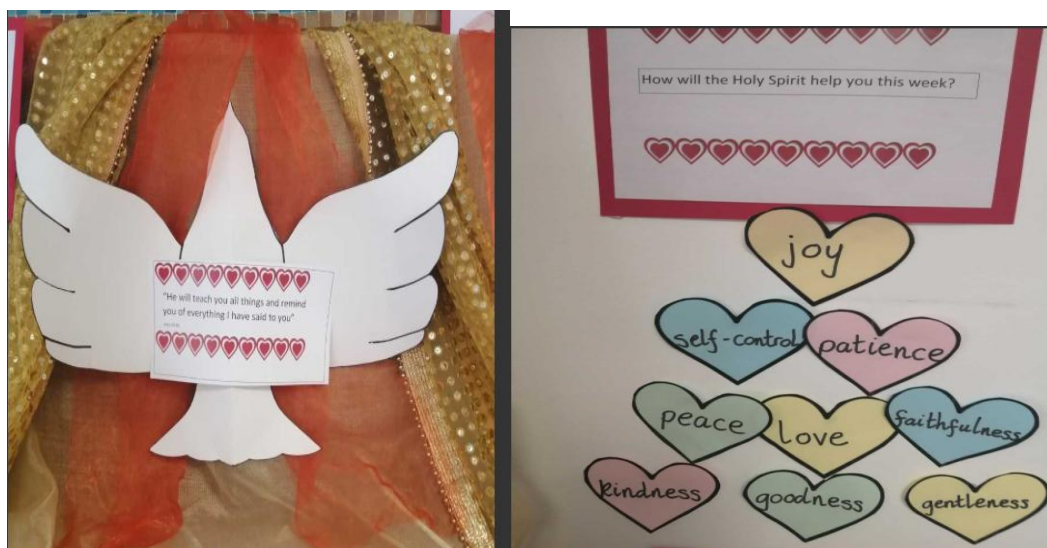
Reflect on how you can use your words and actions to share the love of the Holy Trinity with the people around you this week.

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 made a display which focuses on The Holy Spirit.

This visual display is a reminder of how God sent the gift of The Holy Spirit to encourage and guide us to continue Jesus' mission of loving and helping each other.



Children and staff are invited to write a prayer to ask the Holy Spirit to help and guide them spread God's love



Response: Encourage your child to write a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to guide them this week.

St Elizabeth's Prayer of the Month-June

Each month St Elizabeth's School community says a prayer which focuses on the liturgical season. At present we are in the month of June.

Let us pray....

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created.
And you shall renew
the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of your faithful,
grant that by that same Holy Spirit,
we may be truly wise, and ever rejoice in your consolation,
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We ask the Holy Spirit to come upon us and to guide us in our thoughts, words and actions



Blessing of the Upper Room Chapel by Archbishop John



We are delighted to share some wonderful news with you.

Earlier in the year, our Y6 Pupil Chaplains, wrote to the Archbishop asking him to join us to officially bless our new chapel, 'The Upper Room'.

The Archbishop responded saying he would be very happy to bless The Upper Room Chapel.

Archbishop John will be meeting with Pupil Chaplains to discuss their chaplaincy work.

On Tuesday 16th June at 1:30pm, we will be welcoming His Grace, Archbishop John Wilson to our school to bless our new school chapel.

We are very proud of the Pupil Chaplains for their initiative and leadership in making this happen.

To mark this important occasion for our school community we will be holding a whole school Liturgy, followed by the official blessing of the chapel.

We would like to invite parents and carers to join us for this celebration.

First Holy Communion



The St Elizabeth's School community would like to congratulate the children who have recently made their Holy Communion.

Making your First Holy Communion is a very special milestone in the faith journey of a child as they receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.

On behalf of everyone in our school, we offer each child and their families our heartfelt congratulations and prayers.

If you wish, please send in a photograph of your child on their First Holy Communion day and this will be celebrated with their class in school.

In addition there will be a special Mass on 6th July where we celebrate this special sacrament as a school community. All children who have made their First Holy Communion this year are invited to wear their special Holy Communion clothes to this Mass.

Year 1 and Year 2 visited St Elizabeth's Church on 3rd June

Year 1 and Y2 visited St Elizabeth's Church as part of their Religious Education learning. Deacon Quentin led a tour of the church for each class.

The classes explored and identified objects found in the church and discovered their purpose and meaning.

In addition Y2 prepared questions to ask Deacon Quentin about the church.

We would like to thank Deacon Quentin for leading the tour.

Year 1's visit to St Elizabeth's Church



'The ambo is where the Bible is read from.' **Y1 child**

Year Two's visit St Elizabeth's Church



'Jesus is in the Tabernacle. You need a special key to open the Tabernacle because Jesus is so precious - He is the Son of God' **Y2 child**

Other Faiths Week 'Judaism'-Year 3 and Year 6 visit to the Richmond Synagogue

Learning about Judaism is an important part of our study of other faiths.

During Judaism Week every class has been learning about how our Jewish brothers and sisters live and worship.

The children of Y3 and Y6 visited the Richmond synagogue on 5th June as part of their learning.

The Y3 and Y6 children valued the opportunity to learn about the importance of the synagogue as a place of worship for the Jewish community through first-hand observation and experience.



'A synagogue is a Jewish place of worship. Jewish people go to the synagogue. Jewish people go there to pray, hear and read the Torah' **Response from Y3 child**

'Jewish people celebrate lots of important holy days and festivals throughout the year. Shabbat is celebrated from Friday evening to Saturday evening. It focuses on rest (Jewish people are not allowed to work), prayer, a special meal and family. Jewish people eat special food at Shabbat. We tasted 'Challah'.

Response from Y6 child



Response:

Ask your child to share with you what they have learned about their Jewish brothers and sisters.

Class- led 'Celebration of the Word'-Year 5 - Stewardship'



Year 5 led a 'Celebration of the Word' to all classes and to Y5 parents on Stewardship.

Y5 explained that Stewardship means caring for the gifts God has given us, including the world, animals, plants, and most importantly each other.

Children read scripture from the Book of Genesis.

We heard that God tells us that creation is a gift.

We are all called to be stewards of creation, which means we are all called to look after God's world.

Through a drama re-enactment, Y5 emphasised that very small actions can help protect creation.

At the end of the Celebration of the Word, Y5 asked how we will care for God's creation today through our words, our actions, and our choices every day.

Thank you to Year 5 for planning and leading this Celebration of the Word.



Pupil Led 'Celebration of the Word'

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

Every day each class participates in a 'Celebration of The Word' following on from Sunday's Gospel.

Prayer leaders from every class (Reception to Year 6) plan and lead a 'Celebration of the Word' each Friday.

Deacon Quentin, from St Elizabeth's Church, joined Y4 and Y2 in their Celebration of the Word on Wednesday 10th June.



In their Celebration of the Word, Y2 reflected on how Jesus acts as the true bread of life. It was discussed that physical bread sustains our bodies. A link was made to Jesus who nourishes our hearts and minds and He also provides the emotional and spiritual strength we need each day to help make the right choices.

In their Celebration of the Word, Y4 explored Jesus' words about being the 'Living Bread.' The children reflected on how Jesus feeds our hearts with love and how we can share that kindness with each other in class, at home in our community and in the world.

Deacon Quentin joined Key Stage 1 at playtime.



St Elizabeth's School Community would like to thank Deacon Quentin for the support he has given us and for helping us all to grow in our faith.

Deacon Quentin will be ordained at Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris on 27th June.

Please keep Deacon Quentin in your prayers



Pupil Leadership Catholic Life and Mission

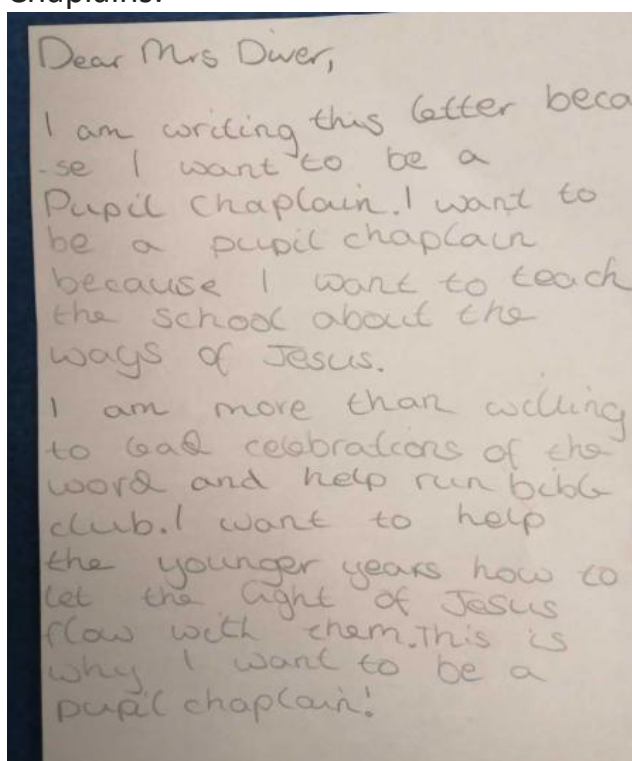
At St Elizabeth's, pupil leadership is very important. Every week there are many opportunities for the children to get involved in the Catholic Life and mission of our school.

At present we are in the process of selecting Pupil Chaplains for 2026-27

Potential Pupil Chaplains from Y5 for next year have applied for this important role by writing a letter to Mrs Diver outlining why they would like to be a Pupil Chaplain and what they could offer to the role.

As part of the process of selecting Pupil Chaplains, they will be interviewed by Mrs Diver and this year's chaplains.

An example of some of the letters submitted to Mrs Diver and the Pupil Chaplains:



Why I would like to be a Pupil Chaplain

Dear Mrs Diver and Y6 Pupil Chaplains,

I am writing to express my interest in becoming a Future Pupil Chaplain. I would be honoured to take on this role because it would allow me to support others, contribute positively to the school community, and help promote the values of kindness, respect, and inclusion.

I believe a Pupil Chaplain should be someone who listens carefully, shows compassion, and is willing to help others when they need support. I enjoy working with people and making others feel welcome and valued. I understand that not everyone faces the same challenges, and I would strive to be approachable, understanding, and respectful of different beliefs and backgrounds.

As a Future Pupil Chaplain, I would like to help organise and participate in school events, assemblies, charity activities, and opportunities for reflection and prayer. I would also enjoy encouraging students to get involved in helping others, both within the school and in the wider community. I believe small acts of kindness can make a significant difference, and I would aim to be a positive role model for younger pupils.

This role would also help me develop important skills such as leadership, communication, teamwork, and responsibility. I am eager to learn from the experience and contribute my time and effort to making our school an even more caring and supportive environment.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be grateful for the opportunity to serve as a Future Pupil Chaplain and to make a meaningful contribution to our school community.

Yours sincerely,

"Why I want to be
A Pupil chaplain"

1. I'm a follower of god, and teach people how to be kind - ~~want to~~ ^{to} ~~play~~ ^{with} people
2. I want to speak to people and make them happy. I want to help out in the fund raise's
3. I also want to help out in the fund raise's
4. I would like to lead an assembly because I want to teach people how to be respectful.
5. I want to go out on my trips to meet new people and learn new skills so I can be a better role model.
6. I want to bring other classes to teach people and to bring back memories.
7. And I want to make a difference in the world so we can live peacefully.



All Pupil Leadership groups (Pupil Chaplains, Mini Vinnies, Sports Committee, Eco-warriors) have created a summer project for the whole school community to take part in.

The World Cup has started!

The World Cup competition has 48 world countries taking part.

Pupil leadership groups believe that we are one world and one family. Sport brings people together across nations, cultures and communities.

The children from all classes are invited to research a country taking part in the World Cup.

The children could research any aspect of the country that interests them- culture, food, clothes, language etc.

In school the World Cup will be used as an opportunity to link our Catholic Social teaching principles of dignity and solidarity to our behaviour.

We will celebrate the dignity of each person and each team.

We can show support for all teams through solidarity.

Children may choose to present their projects in a variety of creative ways, including posters, presentations, models, artwork or written reports.

Please can all projects be brought into school on Monday 13th July?

We will invite all parents and carers to a special exhibition of the projects on Monday 20th July.



Response:

Please research a world cup team and show your



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 June



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 June invites Catholics to pray 'for the values of sports,' that all sports may promote peace, fraternity and communion. Pope Francis continued that sport can bring us closer together and that sport can be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that it can promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



Response: We pray that sport brings us closer together.

With thanks for your support of the Catholic Life of our school,

Mrs Diver and the Pupil Chaplains