



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

RE Newsletter

October 2020



Month of the Rosary

October is a special month. It is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Wednesday 7th October was the Feast day of Our Lady of The Rosary.

The main part of the Rosary is divided into parts or 'Mysteries': the Joyful, the Sorrowful, the Glorious, and Mysteries of Light. Each of these 'Mysteries' is divided into five 'decades' (ten beads), usually following one 'Our Father' and ending with 'Glory be'.

All the Mysteries are taken from sacred scripture and tradition, and encompass our main beliefs in who Jesus Christ is and what he has done for us. All involve Our Lady, Jesus's mother Mary.

When we pray the Rosary we're invited to see Jesus with the eyes of Mary and to be drawn into his divine life. As Mary was closer to Jesus in his life on earth than anyone else she points the way for us and shows us that we, the Church, God's family on earth, are also called to be like her eventually in the glory of Heaven but also in our lives here on earth.

Praying the Rosary is a great way of letting Jesus and Mary into our lives. It helps us to grow in faith and closeness to them. In addition it is a powerful way of praying for others.

As a family perhaps you might start praying the Rosary once a week?

In school all classes from Y2 to Y6 are going to say the Rosary every day during October. As we pray the Rosary together we are especially going to dedicate our prayers for the special intention of groups of people in society who are in need. We will especially pray for the homeless and the hungry.

It is important that we should treat people in need and vulnerable people as our brothers and sisters because **Jesus is living in them, just as He is living in us**. Through praying the Rosary we can get God's help and guidance.

We encourage the children to bring in their Rosary beads to school to support them as they pray.

CAFOD World Fast Day

Thank you to all the children who donated money to CAFOD today. This money will support those who are hungry and will support families rebuild their lives during this difficult time.

Harvest Donations



To celebrate Harvest we ask that children bring in food donations to school during the week beginning 21st October. Boxes will be placed at each gate every morning during that week in which the food gifts should be placed. The chaplains will then box these donations and give them to the vulnerable in our local area at Greville House and Richmond Foodbank.

At present every class is preparing to take part in a virtual thanksgiving for Harvest liturgy on the 23rd October.

Black History Month

October is also Black History month and along with all schools around the UK we will be marking this in school. Mrs Hines's assemblies this month will focus on the school value of Equality and there will be a focus on learning about the black British people who have shaped Britain's history.

For more information about Black History Month we recommend visiting the CBBC Newsround pages: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/49883230>



Many thanks for your support,

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