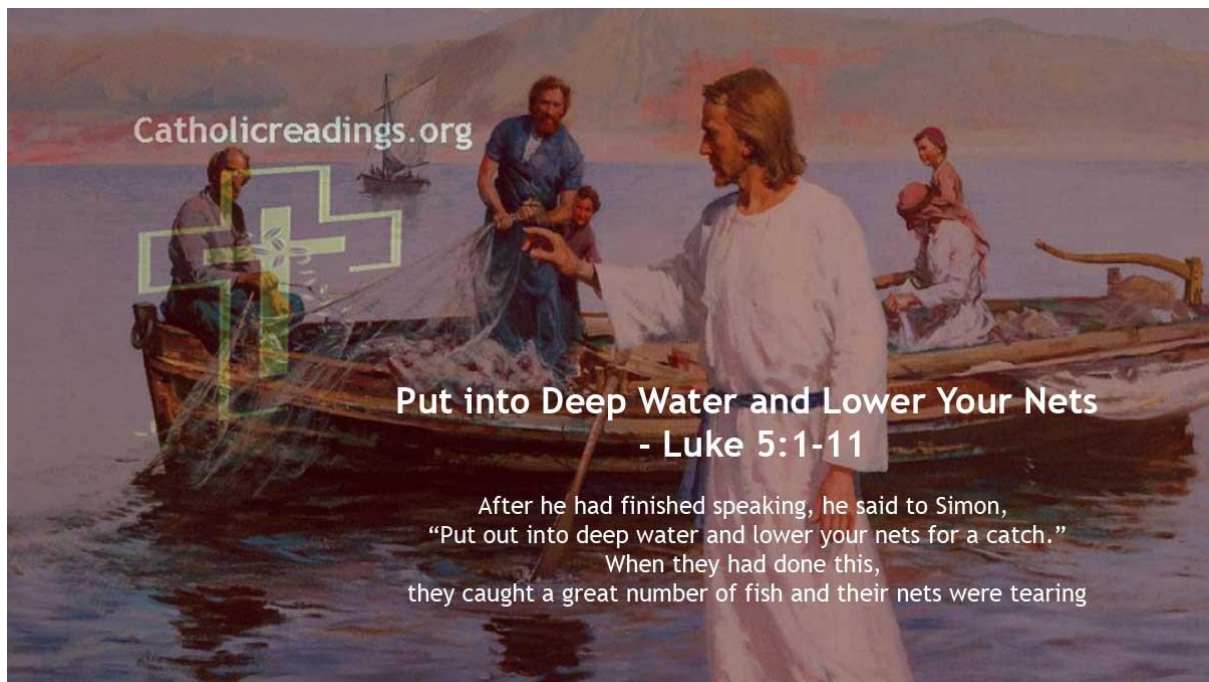


# St Elizabeth's School RE Newsletter

February 2022



## Key Scripture

"Put out into the deep water and pay out your nets for a catch."

## Luke 5: 1-11

### Put Out Into The Deep

In one of the Gospel assemblies in February, the children listened to words that Jesus spoke to Simon Peter, James and John.

After a night of unsuccessful fishing, 'Put out into the deep' was an instruction Jesus gave to Simon Peter, James and John: words which changed their lives!

In assembly, children considered the power of Jesus' words, matched only by the power of His actions: miracles.

Children learned about the difference between miracles and natural occurrences and watched an interpretation of the Gospel where Simon Peter met Jesus, followed His instructions, witnessed a miracle, left His nets and followed Him.

After hearing Jesus teach – using the power of His words – Simon Peter, James and John witnessed Jesus perform a miracle. They were filled with awe and wonder by the marvellous sight and fell to their knees: they knew that Jesus was no ordinary man. These humble fishermen trusted Jesus and were not afraid to leave their nets and their boats – their livelihood – to follow Him.

Perhaps Simon Peter had heard Jesus' teaching before, but it was only when Jesus made that direct invitation that he responded. Children learned that through this Gospel, Jesus makes a direct invitation to us to follow Him too.

In the Gospel assembly we discussed how Jesus makes a direct invitation to us to follow him. How will we respond?

We discussed Jesus asks each of us to choose to follow Him today – to put out in the deep and that means, like in the Gospel Simon Peter shared, Jesus calls us to trust Him, and do what He says even if we don't fully understand why

Children were invited to reflect quietly on their response to Jesus' invitation to follow Him

*With your child, why don't you...*

- *Share about a time you responded to Jesus' call to follow Him.*
- *Talk to your children their response to Jesus' invitation to follow Him.*



## Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Simon Peter was amazed by the power of your words and your actions.

May your words and actions have the same effect on us and inspire us to put out into the deep.

Help us to trust you and accept your invitation to follow you.

Help me to respond to your invitation today.

Amen



## St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

*"Love one another as I have loved you"*

### *Pupil Chaplains*



Pupil Chaplains led a whole school assembly highlighting the difficulties faced by the people of Afghanistan.

The Pupil Chaplains shared that Afghanistan is heading for catastrophe this winter.

- More than 8 million people are on the brink of famine.
- **95%** of people don't have enough to eat.

The Pupil Chaplains also organised a fundraising event to raise money to help the people of Afghanistan- a sponsored spell for each class.

The children's sponsored spell took place in each class on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

A massive £2000 was raised by the children in sponsorship.

The money raised will be donated to the 'Disaster Emergency Committee' to enable the Afghan people to get some of the basics they need to survive, such as food, shelter, clothes, and medical support.

*We would like to thank the children for taking part and learning their spellings.*

*Also, we would like to thank all the families for their support in encouraging children to learn their spellings and for helping their children get sponsorship.*

Please read the Pupil Chaplain newsletter to obtain more information on the role of Pupil Chaplains at St. Elizabeth's.



On February 1st, we celebrated the Lunar New Year with a very special 'Chinese New Year' assembly.

Thank you to our parents of the school, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Mulry and Mrs Shum, for coming into school to lead this assembly and sharing with us how and why the Lunar New Year is celebrated.

The children heard that the Chinese zodiac is based on animals- it involves 12 animals – rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog and pig. The animals have a race. The outcome of the race is reflected in the order of the animals represented in the Chinese zodiac.

This year is the year of The Tiger.

The parents taught the children to say 'Happy New Year' in Chinese.

The parents shared some Chinese New Year Traditions including putting up decorations at home, eating a special dinner with family on New Year's Eve, and giving red envelopes and other gifts to special people including their family and friends.



The Pope asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. We are invited to answer the Pope's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

Pope Francis' special intention for February is dedicated to all women. May women continue their mission and the great work they do. Women should continue the great work they do even when they face difficulty for doing so.



It has been lovely to see some parents attending the prayer club on Mondays in school.

This is a valuable opportunity for parents to pray together and talk their faith.

All parents are welcome.

Prayer clubs starts at 2:45pm in the Environmental Room

**Thank you for your support**

**Mrs Diver – RE and Catholic Life Lead**