

12<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### Value of the month – Thoughtfulness

Dear Parents and Pupils,



As this difficult situation continues to affect our lives, it was wonderful to hear from the staff how many children got involved in making creative activities for Pentecost. After the period of Lent and Easter, it is indeed exciting to be able to celebrate the birth of the church at Pentecost!

I thought it would be lovely to share these two delightful photographs of Elizabeth and Liam in Oak Class. They so joyfully reflect the Gospel reading at Pentecost which was, *"Come, Spirit of God, come breathe on us"*. Their beaming smiles radiate the life of Jesus within them!



### Gospel for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020 : John 9 : 51-58

This week is *Corpus Christi*, where we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. In our assembly, through the lyrics of the communion song 'Bread of Life' and an imaginative reflection, children will explore how Jesus is living bread from Heaven which feeds not just their bodies, but their souls too: "Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever." [https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/assemblies/assembly-2020-06-15/2020\\_06\\_15\\_assembly\\_for\\_home/](https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/assemblies/assembly-2020-06-15/2020_06_15_assembly_for_home/)



### LECTIO DIVINA



Last time, we looked at Matthew 6:25-29 which reminded us that we need to have faith and trust God to look after us, just as he does all the birds and the flowers – they are all so precious, but none are as precious as we are! A lovely reminder to hand over our worries to Jesus.

Because this Friday (19<sup>th</sup> June) is the feast day of *the Sacred Heart of Jesus*, let's light a candle, play some quiet music, and reflect on Matthew 11:25-30, *"I am gentle and humble in heart."*

## ISLAM

Every Summer, over two weeks, we study Islam to gain a better understanding of the world's second largest religion. Islam teaches that there is only one God, and that Muhammad is a messenger of God. It has 1.8 billion followers or 24.1% of the world's population, known as Muslims.



Please use the links below to find out more about Islam:

- Tour of a mosque <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hLce9i2Ci5w>
- My life, my religion: Islam [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hg\\_CbiGE9kk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hg_CbiGE9kk)
- Virtual hajj: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coKs3KnIcao>

## CAFOD



Please remember to add this to your calendar:

**CAFOD National Assembly on Hope in the time of Coronavirus.**

It will be broadcast at 10am this Thursday 18 June on CAFOD's YouTube channel. Join us for prayer, reflection and signs of hope.

I'd like to end this week's newsletter with a very special prayer. Perhaps you could, as a family, say this prayer together?

***Thank you all for your wonderful comments I have received about the RE Newsletter. I do hope you continue to find it interesting and comforting, and that you are enjoying those quiet, reflective moments when you do the Lectio Divina every week.***

***Please remember that we are always available should you want to call us, or share your thoughts or concerns with someone. Take care,***

### A prayer for the world:

God of love and hope,  
you made the world and care for all creation,  
but the world feels strange right now.

The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.  
Some people are worried that they might get ill.  
Others are anxious for their family and friends.  
Be with them and help them to find peace.

We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,  
and all who are working to discover the right medicines  
to help those who are ill.

Thank you that even in these anxious times,  
you are with us.

Help us to put our trust in you  
and keep us safe.

Amen.

*Nanda Fawcett*