

St. Francis' Catholic Primary School

Religious Education Newsletter

8th May 2020



Value of the month – Peace

Religious Education Weekly Newsletter

Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and that you found last week's RE Newsletter interesting and helpful. Please remember that if you would like a prayer request for family members affected by the virus, please let us know. On behalf of all of us at St Francis' School, I pray that we all keep well and stay safe.

Take care,

Nanda Fawcett

May : the Month of Mary

At school, we focus on a different prayer every month. As we are in May, our focus is on the **Hail Mary**(KS1) and on the **Magnificat**(KS2). The **Hail Mary** was first said by the Archangel Gabriel when he appeared to Mary to receive her consent to be the mother of Jesus. The **Magnificat** comes from Luke's Gospel(1:46-55) and is Mary's hymn of praise to God. It is perfect for use in the second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary, the Visitation. After Mary gives her famous consent to becoming the Mother of God in Luke 1:38("Be it done to me according to thy word"), she hurries to help her pregnant cousin Elizabeth who lives 70 miles away in Judah. Elizabeth is delighted to see her and it is then that Mary expresses her joy in the **Magnificat**.

Hail Mary

**Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.**

**Blessed art thou
amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death.**

Amen.



Magnificat

**My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her
lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me
blessed.
The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their
thrones and raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good
things, sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons forever.**

Aid to the Church in Need(ACN)

www.acnuk.org/maisymilkrosary

Maisy Milk invites schools and families to join the ACN Schools Team in praying one decade of the Rosary each day next week **commencing Monday, 11th May 2020 and including the feast of Our Lady of Fatima on Wednesday, the 13th May.**



They are inviting schools to pledge decades of the Rosary on their interactive map and participating schools will **receive 100 free sets of Rosary Beads.** 49,587 decades were pledged in 2019 (in Scotland alone!) **Please** join them for the Daily Decade online. Maisy Milk's Rosary for Peace comes with a full set of downloadable Rosary resources, including our Daily Decade Videos, a Rosary Guide, Daily Reflections and daily activities.

The Gospel Reading for Sunday 10th May 2020

This Sunday, the Fifth Sunday of Easter, the Gospel reading is from **John 14:1-12.** Please use the following link to access an assembly based on this Sunday's Gospel reading:

https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/assemblies/assembly-2020-05-11/2020_05_11_assembly_for_home/



Lectio Divina and "Year of the Word"



I hope that you were able to sit down together for a session of ***Lectio Divina*** this past week. Perhaps, in your family, you shared your thoughts with one another on Matthew 5:13-16? It is a thought-provoking passage and says a great deal to us about how we should value ourselves and behave towards others.

This week, as we are asked to focus on the Gospel of Matthew this year, I'm going to suggest **Matthew 5:38-42.** I'm going to light a candle and play some very quiet music in the background as my family and I sit, ready to listen to God's word. I hope you are able to do the same.

Caterham Foodbank

As a result of the Covid Virus, foodbanks are helping even more families and are asking for donations of the following: Tinned sponge puddings, powdered milk, tinned rice pudding, tinned carrots and Bags for Life. These donations can be left in the Foodbank collection baskets at Tesco, Caterham-on-the-Hill, Waitrose in Caterham and Sainsbury's Local in Oxted. Please no Baked Beans!