

St. Francis' Catholic Primary School

Religious Education Newsletter



19th June 2020

Value of the month – Thoughtfulness

Dear Pupils and Parents,

I discovered this week that many of you have not been aware of the RE Newsletter which I have been writing for you over the last few months. These aim to support the spiritual part of all of us, and of what we do, as a community, at St Francis'. They are all on the website, but from now on, I shall ask the teachers to share them with you when they prepare your Home-learning. I do hope that you enjoy them and find them useful.

Keep well, and see you soon,

Mrs Fawcett



The Gospel Reading for Sunday 21st June 2020



“Do not be afraid” is the message in this week’s Gospel Reading. This is a particularly appropriate message for all of us as we try to make sense of what is happening in the world right now. We are again reminded by Jesus to remember that we are incredibly important to God, more valuable than even the beautiful sparrows.

To share the Gospel this week, please click on the link below:

https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/assemblies/assembly-2020-06-22/2020_06_22_assembly_for_home/

Lectio Divina and “Year of the Word”



So many of us enjoy the quiet time spent in *Lectio Divina* where we are able to read and think about Jesus’ words to us; Pope Francis tells us that it is an opportunity to listen to Jesus as he speaks to us, and to move on with our lives, knowing that God is with us, caring for us every moment of our journey.

Sitting together with your family, if possible, put on some peaceful music quietly in the background and light a candle. As we are focusing on Matthew in this “Year of the Word”, let us all focus on **Matthew 7:7-11**. Ponder on the word/phrase that stands out for you – how does it apply to you and to your life? How can you become happier moving forward?

"Life of Christ" at Wintershall

Every year, our yr5 pupils attend the "Life of Christ" performance at Wintershall, just outside Guildford. It is a wonderful opportunity to be part of the Gospel, listening to and taking part in all the scripture and stories that they have grown up with! Unfortunately, this year, this event has had to be cancelled.



However, the organisers have very kindly decided to share it with us via video clips. These are *particularly* appropriate for KS2. Every day next week, they will be showing a clip, and each short film includes a reflection from a member of the cast and provides a really beautiful insight into the performance.

The film clips will be available here <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/life-christ> from Tuesday – Saturday. See the list below for more details on each day's clip and a preview for day one! Enjoy – it really is a lovely treat!

Tuesday <i>Click here to preview</i>	We meet the women who followed Jesus and hear Jesus preaching the Beatitudes from a boat on the lake. Actor Kathy describes what it is like to see this moment in the play.
Wednesday	Jesus heals a woman in the crowd who touches his cloak. He also heals Jairus' daughter. Cast members Tony and Babs, talk about the change Jesus brought to so many lives.
Thursday	The Parable of the Prodigal Son is acted out to the crowd as Jesus tells this story to his followers. Actor Gina discusses this famous parable about unconditional love and forgiveness.
Friday	This short vignette shows how Jesus met and talked to children . James, the actor who plays Jesus, is accompanied here by some of our younger cast, who explain why they enjoy the play.
Saturday	The Feeding of the 5,000 is one of the most memorable moments for audience and cast alike. This clip finishes with a final reflection from our director Ashley.

World Refugee Day : Saturday 20th June 2020



At St Francis', at this time of the year, we remember the many people who have had to flee from their homes and often from their families in order to stay safe. It is very often an incredibly frightening time for them, and our aim, as Pope Francis has asked us to do, is to ensure that our pupils understand and reflect on the hardships faced by refugees so that they may empathise with them and imagine a kinder world

which is full of empathy, understanding and mutual respect.

The British Red Cross have compiled some resources to help children explore and understand this. Download our **new Refugee Week resource** to help 7-11 year-olds develop empathy and understanding.

I hope you try the various activities I have suggested, and that you have a peaceful week.

