

# St. Francis' Catholic Primary School

## Religious Education Newsletter



26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### Value of the month – Appreciation

*Dear Pupils and Parents,*

*Over the past few months, I have suggested many different activities that you could be doing together at home, activities that help nurture the spiritual part of our beings. I would love to hear from you how you have managed to do Lectio Divina at home, or if you have been able to share the assemblies as a family. Has this led to good discussions of the Gospel at home?*

*It would also be wonderful if you could send some of the creative work you have done for RE, or your spiritual journaling, into school so that I could share it in future newsletters.*

*This week we remember two very important, and very different men – St Peter and St Paul – as it is their Feast Day on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June.*

### **St Peter and St Paul**

**“You are Peter and on this rock, I will build my church”(Matthew 16:13-19)**



St Peter and St Paul were very different, but both were very important in sharing the good news of Jesus.

Peter, also known as Simon Peter, was the first leader of the early Church. Originally a fisherman, Peter led the church until he died in about 64 AD. He was crucified under Emperor Nero and is buried in St Peter's Basilica in Rome. In Art, Peter is often shown holding the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

It is believed that Paul was a descendent of Benjamin's, brother to Joseph. He was from a devout Jewish family. He persecuted many Christians prior to his conversion on his way to Damascus (which you study in yr4); at the time, he was known as Saul of Tarsus. He was well-educated and spread the Gospel far and wide, including in places like Corinth, Ephesia and Galatia where he founded several Christian communities. We read about some of his teachings in his letters to the Corinthians, the Ephesians and the Galatians in the New Testament. The book of Acts, also in the New Testament, tells us about St Paul's life and works. He, too, is buried in Rome.

He is depicted holding a scroll, which symbolises his letters, and a sword which symbolises his martyrdom as he was beheaded for his faith in 67 AD, also under orders of Emperor Nero.

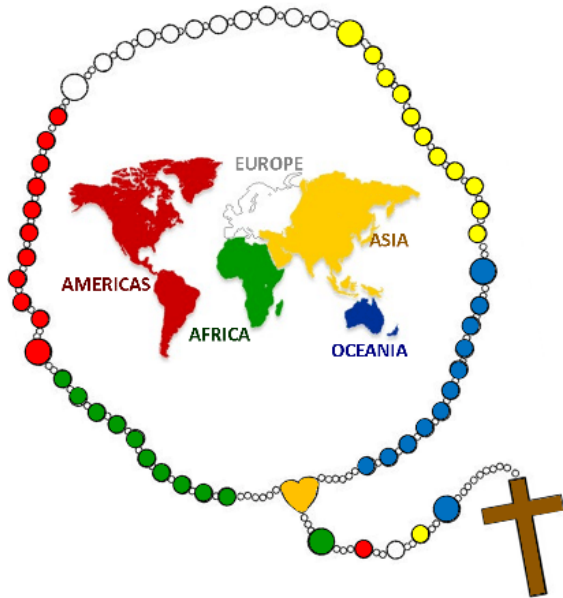
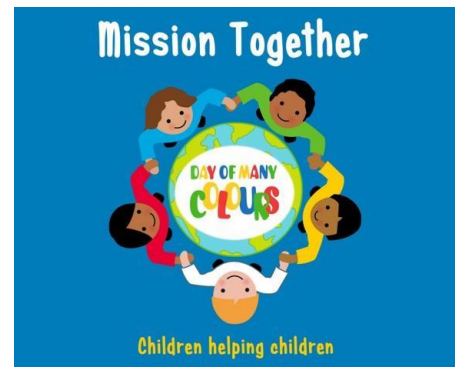
To celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, this assembly shows how instrumental they were in sharing the good news of Jesus, and how their example can inspire us to live a life of faith. [https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/assemblies/assembly-2020-06-29/2020\\_06\\_29\\_assembly\\_for\\_home/](https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/assemblies/assembly-2020-06-29/2020_06_29_assembly_for_home/)

## Mission Together's "Day of Many Colours"

Mission Together is the Pope's own charity for overseas mission, working to ignite God's love around the world. This week we celebrate their "Day of Many Colours", remembering that we are all part of God's family.

At school, we sing the hymn "Colours of Day" on this special occasion; click on the link below and sing it with joy at home with your family:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTP3TcJHKV8>



The Mission Together Rosary has 5 colours, representing different continents of the world. We say prayers for the children living in each one.

Our first colour is **GREEN** which represents the forests and grasslands of Africa.

### Our Prayer for Africa

Let us pray for the people of Africa and missionaries who deliver God's love there. We pray that we may value Africa's beautiful lands, so that all who live there are able to build safe homes, plant crops and look after their families and communities. *Amen.*

Our second colour is **RED** which represents the fire of faith that inspired missionaries to travel to the Americas.

### Our Prayer for the Americas

Let us pray for the people of the Americas and missionaries who deliver God's love there. May we all be inspired by the Holy Spirit to find new ways to help others; showing the world that, as children of God, we are all brothers and sisters. *Amen*



Our third colour is **WHITE** which represents the Pope, who lives in Europe.

### Our Prayer for Europe

Let us pray for the people of Europe and missionaries who deliver God's love there. We pray that Europe may be a place where the homeless find a home, the lonely find friends, and the sick find care. *Amen.*

Our fourth colour is **BLUE** which represents the waters around OCEANIA.

**Our Prayer for Oceania**

**Let us pray for the people of Oceania and missionaries who deliver God's love there. We pray that we may all value and care for the oceans and sea life and all whose work involves the sea. Amen.**

Our fifth colour is **YELLOW** which represents the bright morning sun of Asia.

**Our Prayer for Asia**

**Let us pray for the people of Asia and missionaries who deliver God's love there. We pray that the people of Asia may work together to build a land of mercy and peace, where all are treated fairly and treasured as children of God. Amen.**

**"Life of Christ" (Wintershall)**

This past week, we have been watching the video clips of the play performed in June every year; we still have 2 to go this week. If you have missed them, please click on the [Wintershall Education website](#) as they are well-worth watching:

Friday	This short vignette shows how <b>Jesus met and talked to children</b> . James, the actor who plays Jesus, is accompanied here by some of our younger cast, who explain why they enjoy the play.
Saturday	<b>The Feeding of the 5,000</b> is one of the most memorable moments for audience and cast alike. This clip finishes with a final reflection from our director Ashley.

**Lectio Divina**



One of my favourite Gospel stories is found in **Matthew 8:5-10**. It is the story of **Jesus healing the Centurion's servant**.

One of our most important responses during Mass comes from this reading – can you identify it? It is said during the holiest part of the Mass, the Eucharist.

**Find a quiet space, put on some peaceful music, light a candle, make the sign of the cross and read this scripture from Matthew: which word(s) really stood out for you? Why do you think this is? What is God saying to you about your life?**

*Once again, I hope that you have found this newsletter helpful and informative, and I really hope that you do listen to the assemblies and say the prayers I share with you every week, just as we would do together at school.*

*Take care, and have a good week.*

*Mrs Fawcett*