



RE NEWSLETTER

ADVENT

November -December 2019



Welcome to our second RE Newsletter. We hope you are finding it a helpful way of staying informed about your child's learning in RE lessons. Please do continue to keep the FCJ Family in your prayers.

We have just finished our learning about Prayer, Saints and Feasts. Throughout the school we have been reflecting upon what it means to follow Jesus. Year 1 have been learning about the qualities of a saint. They studied the life of Saint David and created 'wanted' posters for a saint.

Praise God for our world.
Praise God for the animals.
Praise God for our families.
Praise God for our homes.
Praise God for the trees
and flowers.
Amen



We pray because that means we are showing love to God. It is a special thing to do. When we pray for God's love, He gives it to us. A saint is someone who has done very good things in their life

Year 4 visited the Jewish Synagogue after reading the passage 'The Boy Jesus in the Temple'. We learnt about the Jewish faith and how it is different to the Catholic faith. Martha answered our questions about the artefacts you would find in a Synagogue. The Jewish community celebrate a Harvest festival and we saw their beautiful display of flowers.



The main themes within the **Advent** topic are:

- YR –Advent as a special time when we get ready for the birth of Jesus.
- Y1 – Learning about getting ready for the birth of Jesus through the eyes of Mary and Joseph and helps to identify their response to God.
- Y2 – Learning about the symbolism to help us get ready to meet Jesus.
- Y3 –Advent as a time when we recognise Jesus in the world.
- Y4 – The First Coming of Jesus is placed in historical context
- Y5 – The coming of Jesus connected to the promise in the Old Testament.
- Y 6 –Advent through parables, prayers and hymns of the Church.

FCJ Bicentenary

We have launched our Bicentenary team in school and the children are preparing special gifts to sell at our Christmas Bazaar.



Catholic Church in Jersey

Advent Procession of Light –This year the Advent Procession of Light will be held at St Bernadette's Church, on **Sunday 1 December, at 6pm**. This is a candlelit service of Advent readings and carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies. This is a Parish-wide event; an opportunity for all parishioners, family and friends to celebrate the start of Advent looking towards Christmas.



The Catholic Church in Jersey

Seven Churches, One Parish

Advent Adventure

Families with primary aged children are invited to come to St Thomas' Hall on **Saturday 30th November** at 1pm - 3pm to make advent crafts and food for your family to share at home - costs £5 per family.

Apostleship of the Sea Christmas Appeal Supported by the Knights of St Columba

We are being asked to knit woolly hats (copies of the knitting pattern available at the back of your church). Please could you fill these hats with small toiletry items: bar of soap, toothpaste, toothbrush and a Christmas card from you 'to a Seafarer' thanking them for their work. A collection box will be available in all our Churches.

Annual Soup Kitchen

Tuesday 3rd December will be the day of the 21st Annual Soup Kitchen in aid of the Shelter Trust for the Homeless. There will be over 40 different soups on offer, including one from the Catholic Church in Jersey. The soup will be available from 10.30am to 2.30pm in the Royal Square. Please come along and support the homeless

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 7th December. Helpers and donations of good quality goods are still urgently needed for our Christmas Fayre. Please start collecting now.

The Catholic Gift Shop

Come and visit the display of Christmas Gifts, Christmas cards, Catholic diaries, candles, cribs, ceramic light domes, donation gift vouchers for the Holy Land and much more. The Team will be delighted to help you choose that special gift. Open: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday from 10am – 1pm and Sundays from 10.30am – 11am.



St Vincent
de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

<https://www.svp.org.uk/>

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is based in the room behind St Thomas' Hall next to the Caritas Office. The SVP provides practical help to people in need, regardless of their religious affiliation, if any, by way of assistance with food, clothing and furniture. SVP members provide a non-judgmental listening ear.

Opening Hours

Tuesdays 2.00pm – 3.30 pm

Saturdays 10.00 – 11.00 am

Contact: Peter Farrell at SVP Office Tel: (01534) 874008

For the three weeks of Advent, before we finish for the Christmas holidays, we would like to collect food items to be donated to the St Vincent de Paul (SVP) food bank. Each week we will have a different item to be collected and the donated items will be delivered to the food bank to contribute to the work that they do, just in time for Christmas. More details to follow via ParentMail.