



RE NEWSLETTER

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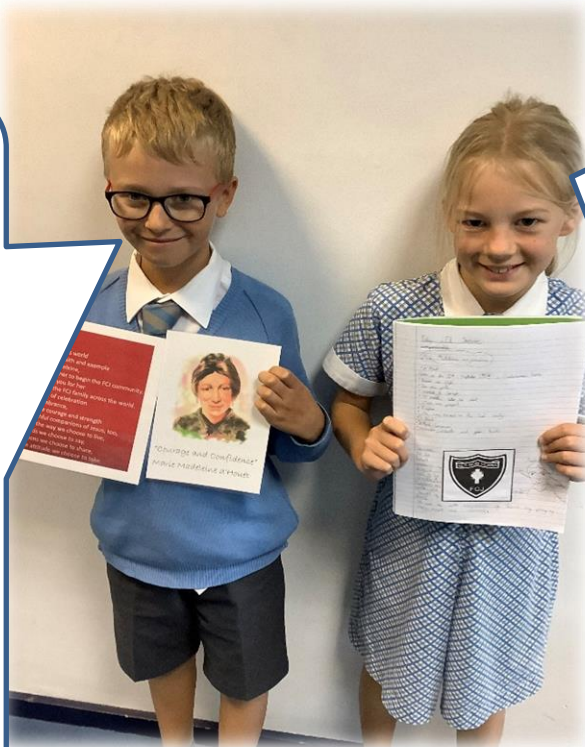
Welcome to the first RE Newsletter of our new academic year. We hope you find it a helpful way of finding out what your child will be learning in RE lessons. Please continue to keep the FCJ family in your prayers.

This term, we are developing the children's experience of collective worship. The children at FCJ participate in an act of collective worship each day. Currently, with the COVID regulations, these acts of worship take place within the class bubbles. Collective worship is central to our Catholic faith as a special way of encountering Christ in our daily lives. These special times enable the children to have a moment of calm reflection during our busy days.



Year 5 have enjoyed learning all about the life of Marie Madeleine, our Foundress. We are inspired by her Mission. We celebrated her birthday on Monday 21st September. We remember, we celebrate and we give thanks.

Marie Madeleine was a very special lady. She prayed lots and was called to serve God. She heard Jesus say, "I thirst." We can be inspired by her because she helps others and we should too. Her birthday was the 21st September.



Marie Madeleine inspires us through her gentleness so we can be Faithful Companions of Jesus. Marie Madeleine was known as the 'Good Lady'. She is a role model to us and we should be role models too. We can be inspired by her to pray regularly. I enjoyed learning about her life story. I liked the quote: We Remember, We Celebrate, We give thanks.

The main themes within the **Prayers, Saints and Feasts** topic (October - November) are different for each year group and these are:

Year R – We get to know God through prayer.

Year 1 – We spend time with God when we pray.

Year 2 – We can learn to pray with the help of Mary and all the saints.

Year 3 – Through Reconciliation, we are called to prayer.

Year 4 – Prayer as expressed by Jesus rooted in the Jewish faith.

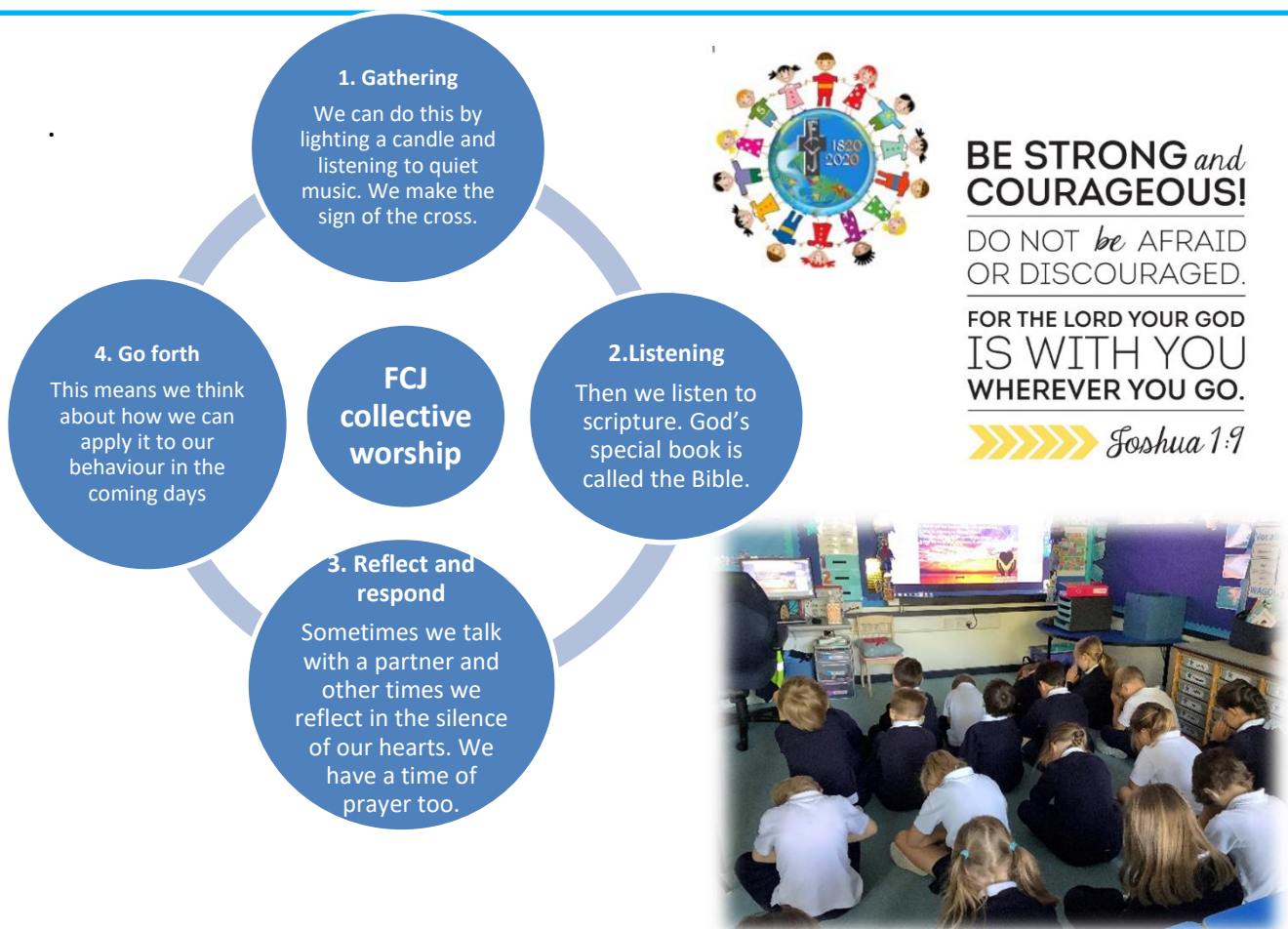
Year 5 – Responding to God's word through healing and sacrifice.

Year 6 – Responding to the call of Christ through liturgy and exploring the Church's belief in Mary.



We were very pleased to welcome Father Matthew during a recent visit to FCJ. He was accompanied by David Bateman, one of the Diocesan Seminarians who is in Jersey on an extended pastoral placement. Our visitors were delighted to visit each class with Ms Lenzi.

During the summer holidays, we said a fond farewell to our Chaplain Father Benjamin. He is now a parish priest in Millbrook, Southampton and Chaplain to the University of Southampton. We will miss him very much and we hope you will join us in continuing to pray for him as he begins this new chapter of his Ministry.



In Year 2, one of our recent collective worship sessions focused upon our core value of companionship. Marie Madeleine (the FCJ Foundress) said 'God is always near us and He watches over us.' We read from scripture (Joshua 1:9) and reflected upon the meaning of these special words.

I feel happy and safe because God protects us and the world. Marie Madeleine was really kind. We can help and look after the world.



He protects all the planets and all the people. God is always with us- even though He is in heaven with Jesus. Marie Madeleine is in heaven too.



The Catholic Church in Jersey

We were delighted to be asked by Canon Dominic to write a short piece for the Parish Newsletter. The article was inspired by work our Year 6 children had been focusing on in their RE lessons. Both classes reflected upon Pope Francis' letter 'Laudato Si'. The children wrote a wonderful article encouraging parishioners to join us as we work together to be good stewards of God's creation. The article is published below.

A message written by Year 6 of FCJ Primary School

FCJ Cares for Our Common Home

The FCJ global community is continuing to celebrate its Bicentenary year and has made care of the environment a priority during this special year. Each FCJ Society, will plant ten trees in their local areas and we will all make efforts to reduce the amount of single-use plastics. Our FCJ school EcoWarriors are on a mission, along with the School Council and Rights Respecting Ambassadors to encourage friends and families to do the same.

In our RE lessons, we have been reflecting upon the theme of Creation and exploring our role as stewards of God's beautiful world. We were inspired by Pope Francis and his Encyclical Letter 'Laudato Si' to reflect upon his important message on Care for Our Common Home. 'Laudato Si' has opened our eyes to the global problem that we and future generations face. We are destroying God's planet, killing God's animals, and polluting God's seas.

Pope Francis tells us to care for the world, otherwise we will lose the beauty that God created. God created all living things to live in unison. It is our duty to love, protect and care for the precious gift God has given to us. God created the world and humanity and saw "that it was good" (Genesis 1). It is essential that we realise the responsibility we hold to protect God's wonderful work. Armed with our FCJ Core Values of Hope, Justice, Companionship, Excellence, Dignity and Gentleness, we feel inspired to take action. We are eager to change and make God's world great again.

Will you join us?