



## RE NEWSLETTER

### PRAYER, SAINTS AND FEASTS

October-November 2020



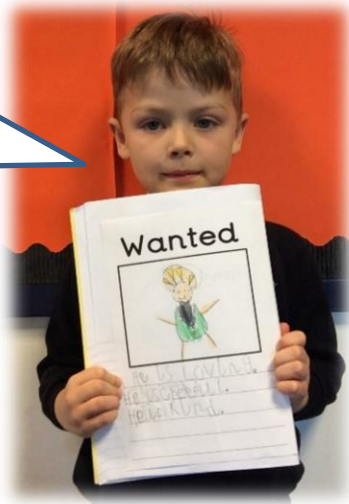
Welcome to the second RE Newsletter of our new academic year. We hope you find it a helpful way informing you about your child's RE lessons.

Year 1 have been learning about the Liturgical Calendar and the qualities of a Saint. Miss Ollivro visited each class to teach the children about the Rosary.



Year 1 have also learnt about Saint David, the Patron Saint of Wales. The children created a 'Wanted Poster' for a Saint, where they thought about the qualities a saint would need.

A Saint  
needs to be  
kind and  
loving.



We pray to  
God to show  
our love for  
Him.



#### Coming soon...

Advent begins on Sunday 29th November. This year it will feel very different with local churches only open for a limited number of people. The FCJ staff will be sharing a daily reflection throughout Advent on our Twitter feed. We are encouraging families to take a few moments to watch each daily reflection. We will also be holding a very special Advent day in school during December.

The main themes within the **Advent (November-December)** 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.

Y2 – Learning about the symbolism that helps 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.

Year 4 have been thoroughly enjoying the 'Prayers, Saints and Feasts' topic. They have been thinking in depth about how, when and why we pray. They have been using their Collective Worship time to demonstrate the different ways they have learnt to pray.



The children have explored the Lord's Prayer to understand the meaning of the words and how this special prayer can guide them in their own lives. They also made videos to demonstrate how we pray the Rosary.



### **Join Bishop Philip on an Advent Journey**

Bishop Philip invites you to join him as he journeys through Advent this year, by having an Advent Wreath in your home. He asks that you pray around it each evening using the prayers, songs and scripture found in the Diocesan Advent Booklet.

The Bishop has made a film explaining the traditions and symbolism associated with Advent Wreaths. The Advent Booklet contains prayers, scripture readings, YouTube clips and a song for each day of Advent.

The booklet, a step by step guide to making your own Advent Wreath, together with Bishop Philip's film of invitation can all be viewed on the Diocesan website at

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/advent-project>



## Altar Servers



We are delighted to announce that this year's First Holy Communion programme was completed by eighteen FCJ pupils; this was following a long delay due to the ongoing COVID regulations. David Bateman, one of the Diocesan Seminarians whom we warmly welcomed to FCJ earlier this term, presented our First Holy Communion children with a gift to commemorate this special occasion. Each pupil was gifted a cross, which they will wear when serving in our future school Masses. These children will join our established Altar Serving Team, under the leadership of Miss Ollivro. Our FCJ team of Altar Servers will then have thirty-one members. These children receive wonderful training and guidance from Miss Ollivro and the Clergy who support us; we are so proud to have such a large team of children willing to serve.



These newly appointed Altar Servers are incredibly excited to be part of this team. Keza explained that she has been looking forward to this for a long time, especially after seeing her older sibling being able to serve. Imogen expressed, "I love school very much and I love God, so I see this as a really big opportunity". Charlie and Louis spoke of being happy and excited to learn more about the experience and were looking forward to their new role. Darcie said, "I see it as a real privilege to grow closer to God." Rois was able to explain how Miss Ollivro will be able to help the altar servers, and that she is looking forward to serving both at school and in her own church.



Jacob, one of our current Year 6 Altar Servers, has spoken of his time altar serving last year: "At FCJ we have a group of altar servers. We help the priest during the school Masses. It feels like we are the angels of God helping at the altar. Miss Ollivro is a kind and generous person who helps us learn what to do. Even though we are a big team from different year groups, we feel God's power as we work together."



## The Catholic Church in Jersey

### **Pop-up shop**

Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars and much more in the small hall at St Thomas' Church on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10.00 - 11.30am or by arrangement. Call Cheryl on 07797 814 646 or email her at: [blessings41@gmail.com](mailto: blessings41@gmail.com)



### **St Vincent de Paul**

St Vincent de Paul is open Tues, 2-3.30pm and Sat, 10-11am in St Thomas Hall. Please continue to bring your donations of food and toiletries to Church, so that they can be passed on by the SVP to local people in need.



St Vincent  
de Paul Society  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action



### **FCJ Reverse Advent Calendar**

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.

### **Do you want to become a Catholic?**

Last year the Parish ran an enjoyable series of weekly get-togethers for ten adults all of whom joined the Church. The Parish would like to see if there is enough interest to start this up again, meeting in person or by zoom. This would be with a view to you joining the Church next Easter. For more info or to register your interest, please contact the Parish Office (720235 or [office@catholicchurch.org.je](mailto:office@catholicchurch.org.je)) or speak to one of the priests or deacons.