



RE NEWSLETTER

REVELATION

January-February 2020



We have just finished our learning about Revelation. Throughout the school, we have been reflecting upon how God reveals himself to us in different ways. In Reception class, the children have been reading different miracle stories, including the calming of the storm. The children made origami boats and placed a photograph of themselves inside the boat. Then they added a picture of Jesus.

Jesus was on a boat and a storm comes but he was asleep so they had to wake him up. Jesus said 'stop storm and be calm and still' and then it was.



In Year 3, the children acted out the story of Hannah and Samuel from the Book of 1 Samuel in the Bible. This is Mia playing the part of Hannah. Hannah is praying for a son at God's House. She had her prayer answered very quickly with a boy whom she called Samuel.

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

Year R – The idea of God's presence at all times in our lives.

Year 1 – Healing and forgiveness

Year 2 – The Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony and the Eucharist

Year 3 – The Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Year 4 – The nature of vocation and its symbolism

Year 5 – The commitment expressed in the Sacraments.

Year 6 – The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, as revelation of the Holy Spirit.



Globally, the FCJ congregation has made '*care of the environment*' a priority for mission. In response to the climate emergency, 10 trees will be planted by each FCJ community group in their local areas. **Open Day** is fast approaching and as this is our special year, we have made special gifts to mark the occasion. You will have the opportunity to buy some bulbs to plant at home, enabling you to spend time taking care of God's creation. The **prayer stations** in the chapel on Open Day will also focus on Climate Change and give families a chance to reflect upon their role as stewards of creation.

At FCJ Primary school, we will also be participating in '**Wild Lent**'. This project will enable us to discover God through creation and in doing so, consider how we can commit to taking greater care of the planet. Families will be able to join in with this event on our Twitter page during Lent using #FCJwildlent.



The Catholic Church in Jersey

Seven Churches, One Parish



Do you want to be a reader, server, musician, cantor, welcomer or sacristan? Or would you rather be a catechist, help with the flower arrangements, clean the church or volunteer at CPS? What about supporting our marriage and family life team, the SVP or our youth ministry? All of it is open to anyone willing to commit something of their time. January began with lots of us making New Year's resolutions. Why not make a resolution aimed at putting more into your church life? Volunteer forms are available today and we invite you to take one, pray about it and when ready complete it and bring it to the Lord as a resolution to serve Him anew on the road of evangelisation. Please see the leaflet attached to this newsletter. We would love to support Father Benjamin by having lots of FCJ families helping in the island churches!

Parish Website

The current website is due to be closed in the next few weeks pending a new fresh style website being launched. Should you wish to have the parish newsletter emailed to you, please contact Paula Andrew and she will add you to the new distribution list. p.andrew@catholicchurch.org.je

New-look Diocesan Website

The update to the parish website has coincided with a revamped diocesan website. Do look at the new diocesan website – Father Johnpromise appears on the homepage if you wait long enough! If you haven't done so already, you can subscribe to e-news for a weekly digest of diocesan news and information:

www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



The Friends of St Thomas

The Friends of St Thomas began in January 2008, following the rededication of the church in October 2007. The Catholic Dean in Jersey (Canon Dominic) is the President of the Friends. Becoming a member of the Friends of St Thomas is a most important and effective way of supporting the church's spiritual, historical and cultural significance.

What do the Friends aim to do?

They aim to bring together those who love and care for St Thomas' church. The group promote the cultural and educational use of the building, as well as support the development of the liturgical, musical and spiritual life of the church. They support the continuing maintenance and development of the site and its historical building

What are the activities in which you could be involved?

- Fundraising and social events
- Concerts, "days of prayer", talks and exhibitions
- The annual Friends' Mass and party on or around 3 July to celebrate the Feast of St Thomas the Apostle, patron of the church

Membership of the Friends:

Consider making an annual payment of a minimum of £20 per person or become a life member by making a single donation of £250

For further information, please see the parish website

<http://www.catholicchurch.org.je/parish-groups/friends-st-thomas/>