



RE NEWSLETTER

PRAYER, SAINTS AND FEASTS

October-November 2021



I am playing the triangle and it sounds like the stars God made.



I have found these beautiful flowers to give to Mrs Pinel. She will love them!

In Pre-School we have learnt The Creation story, we used musical instruments to show what was happening on each day. We went for a walk to find all of God's wonderful creations.

Everyday we read a page from our God and Me book which lets us discover more about God through familiar childhood situations. We created crosses to celebrate Marie Madeleine's birthday, she is the FCJ Foundress. We wanted to create some beautiful pieces of art to show her how grateful we are for our wonderful school.



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.

COP stands for the Climate Change Conference of the Parties. It is hosted by the United Nations with currently 197 member countries. This will be the 26th COP, which has met every year since 1995.

The United Nation's [COP26](#) is happening in Glasgow in November. It has been described as the 'last best chance' to protect our common home. Heads of State, climate experts and campaigners will meet in Glasgow this week for COP26. It is crucial that they agree on how to respond to the climate emergency.

FCJ Sisters and [Companions in Mission](#) in Europe have prepared a prayer for creation and for the success of COP26 and invite you to join us in prayer. The staff and older pupils will be praying this prayer throughout the two weeks of COP.

Prayer for Creation

Creator God, we give thanks for the wonderful gift of creation and your presence in every part of it.

As we seek to widen our circle of love, help us to rediscover the value, unity and sacredness of all that exists.

We seek forgiveness for the ways in which our actions and choices have damaged the earth, affecting the climate, destroying diversity, and impacting the lives of the poorest of our sisters and brothers.

In your love, lead us into solidarity and companionship, inspire our leaders to courageous decisions, and grant each of us the wisdom and commitment to act.

May we treasure earth's resources, work to reduce our impact on the climate and be open to a conversion of heart and lifestyle.

Amen



Year 5

In Year 5, we have been learning all about Pilgrimages. We have been looking at the special journey that people go on to speak to God by being with friends or family. In class, we have been making videos about why people go on these special journeys and the impact they have on them as a person. We have read some leaflets and looked at different pictures to see why people go on this special journey and how it affects them in certain ways.

We are looking at photos of different pilgrimages. We think it is good that people get to spend more time with God.



We are writing about Lourdes.

All about Lourdes

The pilgrimage site of Lourdes is near the Pyrenees mountains in France. Every year, it is visited by millions of pilgrims, particularly Roman Catholics. They come to Lourdes to see the site of a famous vision experienced by a young girl called Bernadette Soubirous and to be healed by its miraculous waters.

Coming soon...



Advent begins on Sunday 28th November. This year our FCJ Advent theme will be "Advent Acts of Kindness" with a challenge to complete a specific act of kindness each day of Advent. We will be sharing each daily challenge on Twitter and would encourage adults to join in too, either at home or in the workplace.



The Catholic Church in Jersey

Parish Advent Procession of Light

This year the Parish Advent Procession of Light will be at St Bernadette's Church on Sun 28th November at 6pm. This is a candlelit service of readings and hymns, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. We are always pleased to welcome more helpers in the following areas: welcomers, candle lighters, readers, singers and serving refreshments. Please contact the church office for more details.



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.

- Week 1 (29th November)– Tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits
- Week 2 (6th December)– Tinned food (e.g. beans/sausages/pies)
- Week 3 (13th December) – Shower gel and soap



It is also a time when SVP like to gift one or two extra treats to families such as a christmas pudding, biscuit selection box, chocolates, minced pies, etc and even christmas crackers for Christmas day. These items can be delivered at any time during Advent.

Mustard Seed Jersey

A very sincere thanks to all our parents, guardians and children who have taken the time to make up a shoebox for this year's appeal. We were delighted to be involved in this wonderful charity sending many shoeboxes to very deserving children.