



# RE NEWSLETTER

## REVELATION

### JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2021



Be calm wind!

Be still waves!

Wake up  
Jesus!

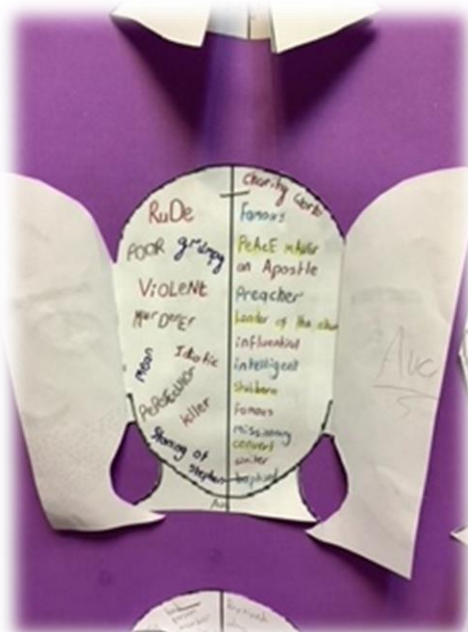
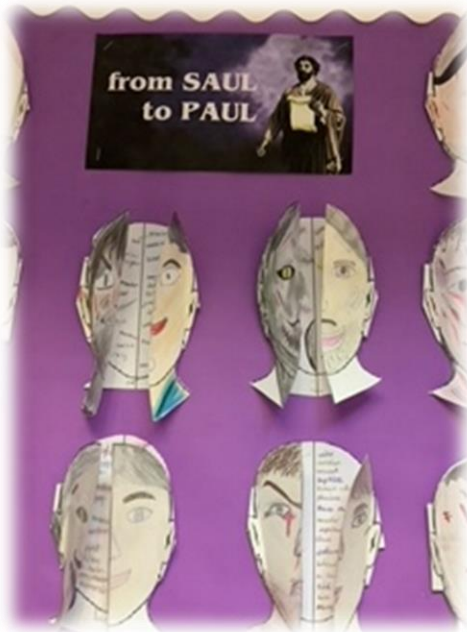
Reception have been reading lots of stories about the life of Jesus during the Revelations topic. The 'Big Question' at the start of the topic really got the children thinking about how they can be more like Jesus by being kind and helping others.

They read the story 'Jesus Calms the storm' and learnt about how we can reach out to Jesus in a storm and how he can help us to feel calm if we have faith.

The children had great fun sequencing and retelling the story. In the outside area, they built a boat and took it in turns to role play being Jesus and calming the storm for the Disciples.



Last half term the children in Year 6 continued their RE journey, with the topic Revelation. The children focused on Saul's conversion to St. Paul. The pictures the children designed depict the qualities that Saul displayed before and after his conversion. The children in Year 6 thought about how they can be more like St. Paul by sharing God's message and love through our FCJ Core Values at school, at home and in all they do.



In Year 2, the children focused on the Miracles and Parables of Jesus.

They explored different stories and used role play and hot seating to deepen their understanding.

Through these stories the children learnt about God's love for us all.



Jesus healed the blind man. He rubbed a mud mixture on the man's eyes and told him to wash it off in the water. The man could see again. He was healed!



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

**Year R** –Lent as a time when we get ready for Easter.

**Year 1** – The basic meaning of Lent with links to the life and teachings of Jesus.

**Year 2** –Lent as being preparation for Easter, commencing with Ash Wednesday and being a time of seeking forgiveness and doing penance.

**Year 3** – How Jesus changed the people he met and deepened his relationship with the Father through prayer.

**Year 4** –Jesus' time in the wilderness. This unit also explores how prayer, fasting, almsgiving and living out the Beatitudes help us prepare for Easter.

**Year 5** – The concept of temptation and how preparation for Easter involves becoming more like Jesus through St Paul's teaching.

**Year 6** – The teachings of Jesus through key scripture including the parable of the rich man, the story of Lazarus and the account of the Samaritan woman at the well.

# DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

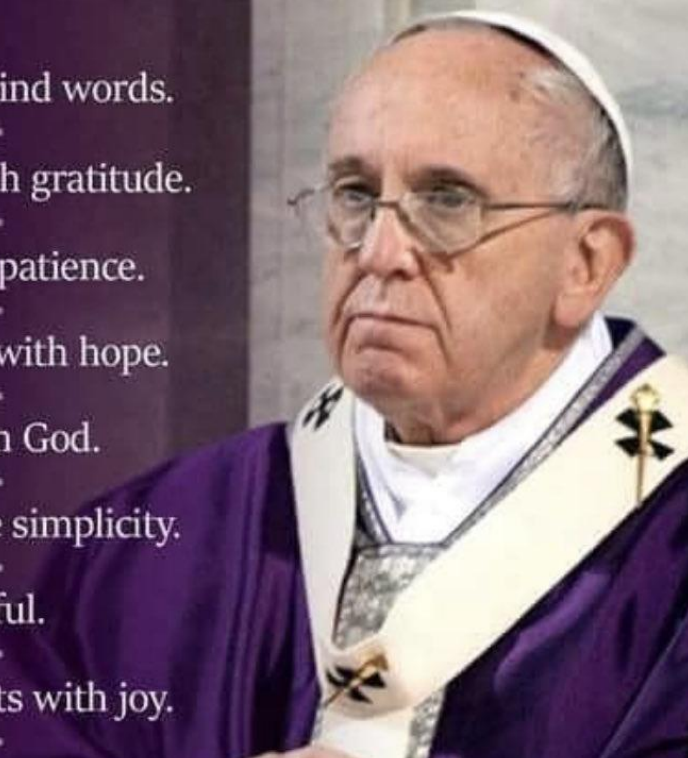
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.



<http://www.casoportsmouth.org.uk/lent/>

The Portsmouth diocese have created a series of resources to help you grow together as part of God's family during this special season of Lent. There are also resources that can be used for praying and worshipping together as a family on Sundays whilst numbers are still restricted at Mass.

#### Stations of the Cross

Click on the **picture** below to take you to a page with a set of PowerPoints you can use to pray the Stations of the Cross together during Lent. Each week there will be two versions, one using the traditional responses and a second using contemporary responses.



#### Activities for Schools During Lent

Click on the **image** below to take you to a page which contains a variety of resources to use in schools during Lent.



#### Family Activities for Lent

Click on the **image** below to take you to a page which contains a variety of activities you can try together during Lent.



### **First Holy Communion 2021 Registration**

Recently Canon Dominic Golding, Parish Priest of the Catholic Church in Jersey, invited parents to register their children for the First Holy Communion programme. He did however highlight, that due to the current Covid situation, it was not possible to confirm dates for when the programme would commence or the First Holy Communion Masses would take place. We have been in regular contact with Canon Dominic and have received his kind permission to update you about the First Holy Communion provision for our pupils at FCJ.

In previous years, our Year 4 pupils have been offered the opportunity to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist (First Holy Communion) through their local Catholic Parish. At the beginning of the 2020-21 summer term, all classes in the school explore (as has been done in previous years) a 'Sacraments' unit. As part of the curriculum in Primary Education in a Catholic school, this year the children in Year 4 will learn about the two specific Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist within the 'Sacraments' unit.

This year we are grateful to Canon Dominic who has entrusted the privilege and responsibility for preparing our children for these sacraments, to the Catholic schools on our Island. Accordingly, the Year 4 children will have the opportunity to take part in formally receiving these sacraments at FCJ or to witness their friends doing so. We refer to the formal reception of these sacraments for the first time as 'making' their First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation. Making First Holy Communion will consist of a final celebration of Mass at the end of the preparation, when the children will formally receive the Sacrament for the first time. Children will make their first Reconciliation during school time, with the assistance of the priests from the Parish.

