



# RE NEWSLETTER

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

December 2022



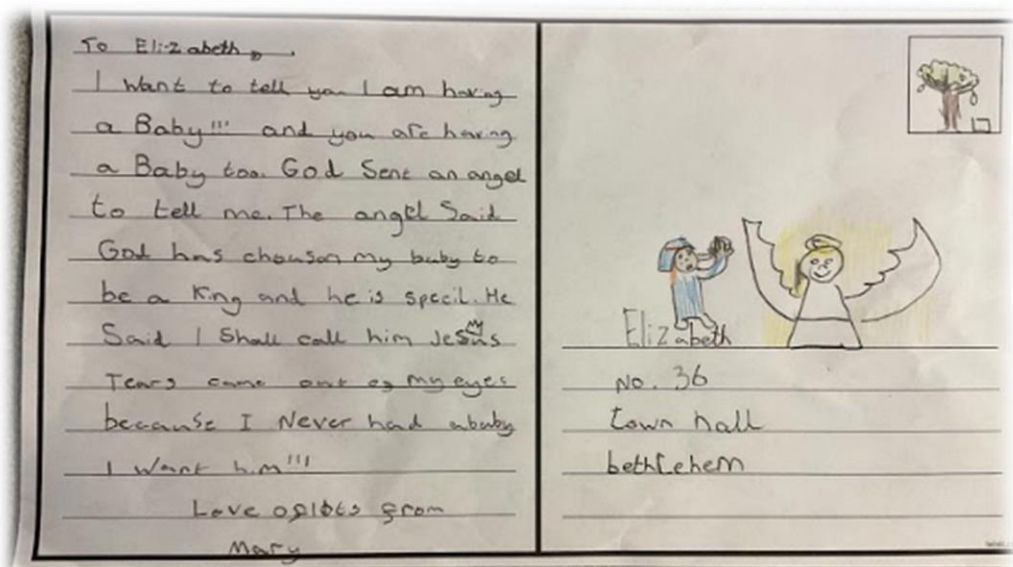
### Year 1

This term Year 1 have been learning the meaning of Advent. We made an Advent promise to help us prepare for the birth of Jesus. We looked at the Advent wreath to explore what each candle represents. We learnt the meaning of the four coloured candles which are hope, love, peace, and joy. On the last Sunday, we light a white candle to represent Jesus' birth. Finally, we made an Advent story cube to tell the story of the Nativity.





In Year 3 we have been learning all about Advent and have studied 'The Annunciation' as well as 'The Visitation'. We have reflected on this special time of year and have been thinking about Mary and how she would have been feeling. We have thought about questions we would have asked her, we have enjoyed hot seating activities as well as engaging in creative writing activities. We enjoyed writing a postcard to Elizabeth from Mary's perspective. We understand that Advent is a time to prepare. In Year 3, we are working together to prepare by being good companions, helping each other, being kind to one another as well as being brave when faced with challenges.







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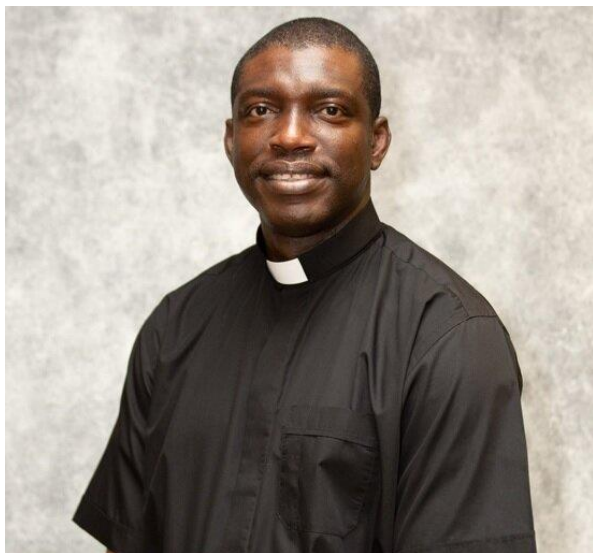


A huge thank you for all your donations to our Reverse Advent Calendar this year. It is always a really blessing when we deliver all your donations to SVP, and we are always amazed at your generosity. Thank you very much.

### First Holy Communion 2022

We are in now in the process of arranging the First Holy Communion Programme for 2023. Mrs Taylor will once again work alongside Year 4 staff to plan and prepare the children.

The Mass is booked for Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 11am at Our Lady's, St Martin. **Further details will be sent to all Year 4 parents in the new year, when registration will open via ParentMail.**



We were very pleased to welcome Father Paul into school in the Autumn Term. He enjoyed visits to Pre-school and Reception, as well as Year 5. He will continue to visit in the Spring term and will be supporting the Year 4 First Holy Communion Programme.



#### **Advent Carol Service**

St Matthieu Church on Thursday 15th December, 6pm. Let us come together to sing our favourite carols and anticipate the joy that is Christmas.

#### **Christmas Mass Times**

##### *Christmas Eve Vigil Masses*

5pm St Thomas, 6pm St Matthieu & 7pm Our Lady.

Midnight Mass at midnight, St Thomas.

##### *Christmas Day Masses*

8am & 10am St Thomas & 10am St Bernadette

*Boxing Day (Feast of St Stephen)*

12.15pm St Thomas

The main themes within the **Revelation (January-February)** topic are:

Year R – God is shown in our lives and through the work of others.

Year 1 – Jesus as a teacher and a healer.

Year 2 – Stories from Scripture, which show how special Jesus is.

Year 3 – The Presentation and Baptism of Jesus as signs of God's revelation.

Year 4 – How the apostles and Anna and Simeon saw the glory of Jesus as the only Son of the Father.

Year 5 – How the divine revelation is communicated, particularly in Baptism.

Year 6 – The personal relationship St Paul enjoyed with God.