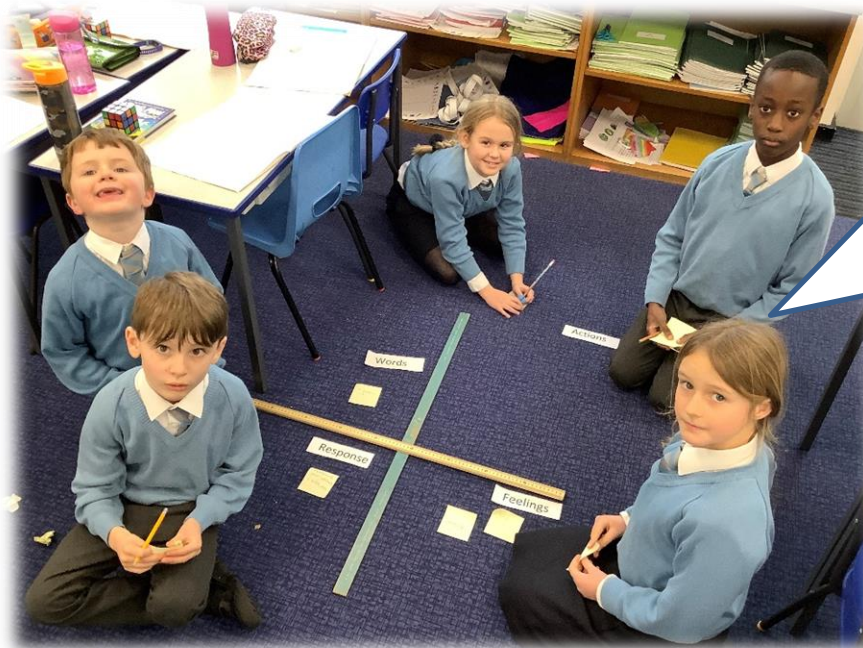




# RE NEWSLETTER

## REVELATION

### JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2022



Samuel may have felt amazed when he realised he was being called by God. He may have felt surprised when God spoke to him.

Year 3 have been learning about the story of Samuel within the unit of 'Revelation'. The children have considered the difference between 'hearing' and 'listening' and have thought how they can ready for God's call. Samuel's story inspired some reflective acrostic poems, considering how Samuel responded to God's call. The photos here show the children completing an 'affinity diagram' about the story, identifying the actions, words and responses throughout the scripture. We were so grateful to Father Matthew who visited us this week to talk about the importance of the Liturgy of the Word, and how there are references throughout the Bible to people responding to God's call. Our pupils really enjoyed creating their own book jackets depicting these stories. Throughout this unit, the Year 3 pupils have been reflecting on the big question: 'Does God still call people today, and how do they respond?'.



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

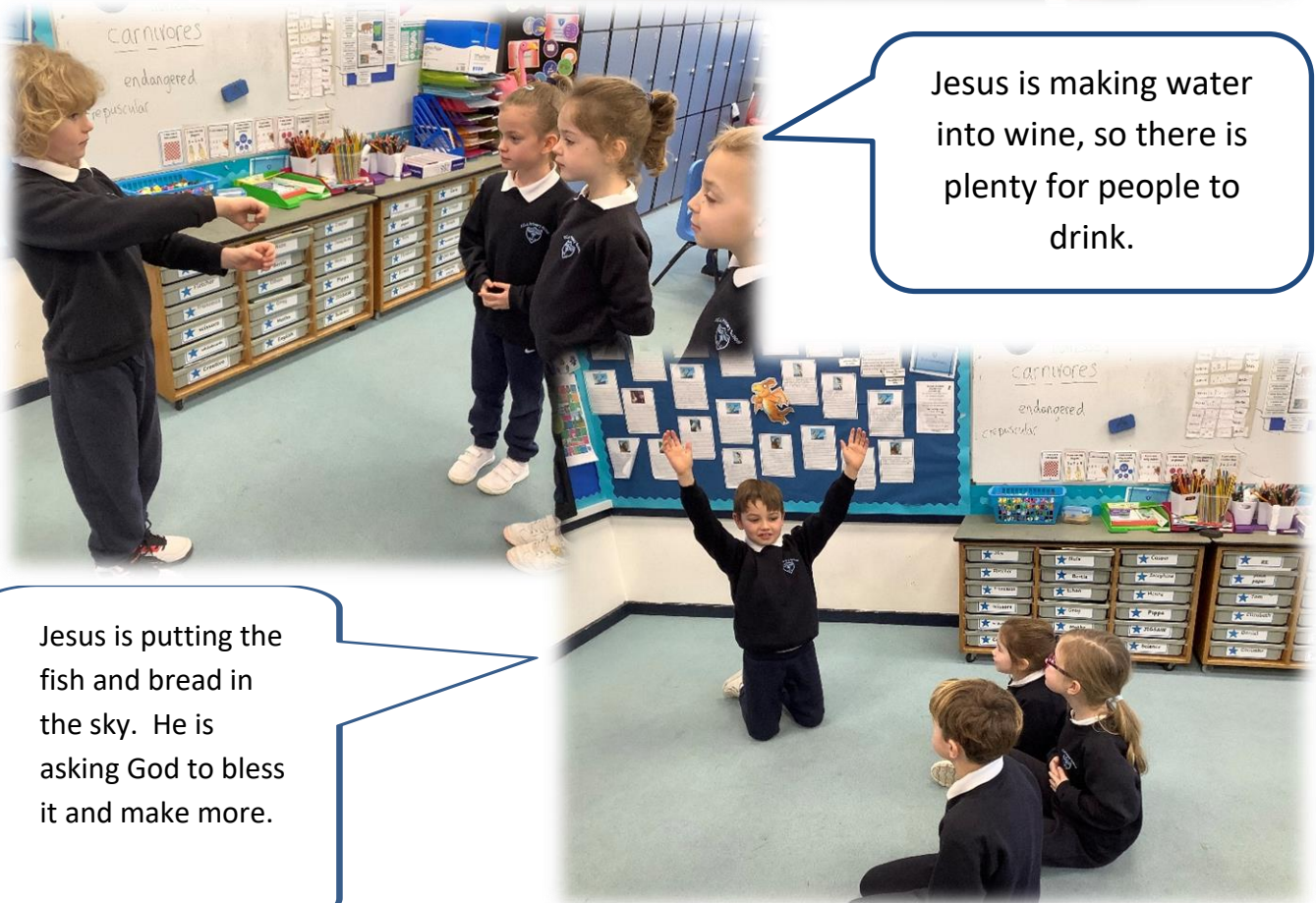
They explored different stories and used role play to deepen their understanding of how the characters felt at different points of each miracle studied.

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

I'm frightened because there is a storm, and we might drown. Jesus is asleep.



Jesus is making water into wine, so there is plenty for people to drink.



Jesus is putting the fish and bread in the sky. He is asking God to bless it and make more.

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.

### **FCJ Advent Acts of Kindness**

Federico (3Y) and Ariella (1W) continued their FCJ Advent Acts of Kindness during the Christmas holidays! They took inspiration from the jolly jars and designed and filled 25 jars to deliver to the over 55 residents who live in an estate opposite their house. The family all thoroughly enjoyed delivering them and seeing the smiles on their faces. Even their border collie dressed up and got involved!



Tilly from 2G made special vouchers as one of her advent acts of kindness.

The FCJ Advent Acts of Kindness reminded us of our special motto -Res Non Verba. This means deeds not words. We encourage the children and staff to share God's love through our daily actions and the way we treat one another.

Well done Federico, Ariella and Tilly!



## First Holy Communion 2022 Registration

Once again this year, we are delighted to offer pupils in Year 4 the opportunity to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist (First Holy Communion) through our school programme.

At the beginning of the summer term, the children in Year 4 will explore (as has been done in previous years) a 'Sacraments' unit in school. As part of the curriculum in Primary Education in a Catholic school, they will learn about the two specific Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist within the 'Sacraments' unit.

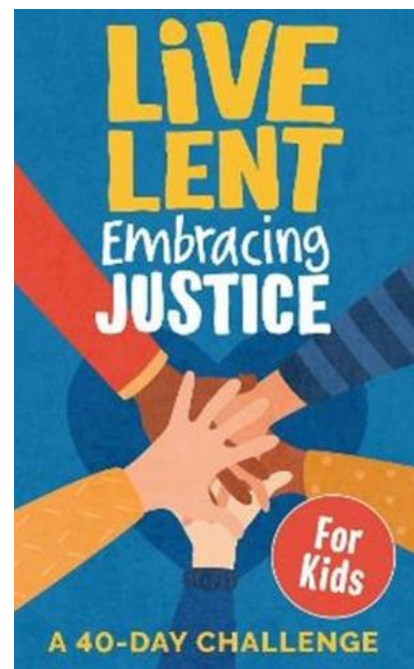
The First Holy Communion Mass in 2022 will take place on Saturday 18th June at 11am in St Thomas' Church. We hope to be able to invite family members to join us for this celebration, subject to Government regulations.

## Lent 2022

Lent begins on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March this year and once again we will be journeying through Lent together in school.

Building upon our success of being a Gold Rights Respecting school, this year in Lent we will be exploring the theme of justice. Each class will complete a daily reflection which will allow the children and adults to examine their own lives truthfully, to see the world more deeply and to pray that 'justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream' (Amos 4.24). Each week follows a different thread through the many stories of justice in the Bible to explore how God brings justice, wholeness and salvation to all.

There will be further materials shared through our FCJ twitter stream and via parentmail to encourage families to join in at home.



**WEEK 1 JUSTICE AND FREEDOM**

**MONDAY**  
**Watch the news today**  
Notice anyone being treated unfairly, or anyone whose freedom has been taken away.

**TUESDAY**  
**Try to notice every person you see or hear today**  
It's easy for us to stop noticing or treating others as being human like us. But God notices and cares for everyone.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Remember that God is with you**  
When God asked Moses to lead his people, Moses didn't think he was good enough. But God promised to be with him.

**THURSDAY**  
**Find out how Jewish people celebrate Passover**  
Jewish people all over the world remember the Exodus each Passover. Find out about the Seder – especially what the special foods are and what they mean.

**FRIDAY**  
**Can you spare any food or toiletries for a local foodbank?**  
God fed the ancient Israelites with a special bread which did not stay fresh long, so no one could keep too much for themselves.

**WEEKEND**  
**Watch an animation that tells the story of the Exodus**  
'The Prince of Egypt' might make a good film to watch. Make time to talk about the different characters in the story.