



# RE NEWSLETTER

## CATHOLIC LIFE AND MISSION

Summer Term 2023

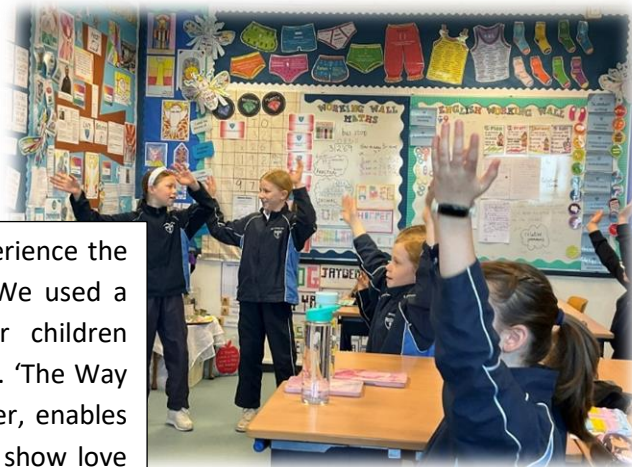


### Ash Wednesday

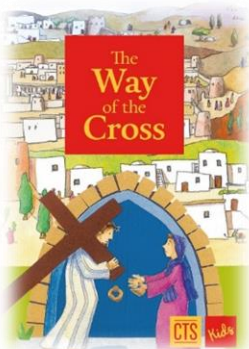
We were delighted to welcome Father Paul into school on Ash Wednesday to distribute the Ashes to the school community. Each class held an act of Prayer and Liturgy before heading to the chapel to receive the Ashes. Father Paul also visited Pre-school. The children had lots of questions about the Ashes for Mrs Taylor and Father Paul. It was a very prayerful start to our Lenten journey in school.



Upper Key Stage Pupils have been leading Prayer and Liturgy for their classes. The pupils have an opportunity to plan with a partner following the simple structure of 'Gather, Listen, Respond and Act'.



Each class had the opportunity to experience the **Stations of the Cross** in our Chapel. We used a beautiful book which helps younger children understand the journey taken by Jesus. 'The Way of the Cross' written by Juliette Levivier, enables children to reflect upon how they can show love and kindness to others.



Father Paul came into school to lead a short service for some of our Year 4 pupils, as they begin their preparations for First Holy Communion.



### **Easter Mass**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

We were delighted to hold our first whole school Mass in the new hall. The pandemic regulations had meant we have not celebrated Mass together since December 2019. Father Paul was the celebrant for this special occasion. It was a joyful and uplifting service, marking the Easter season. Pupils from each class were chosen to read. Thank you to Freya, Oliver, Adelaide, Aby and Reina for being our Altar Servers. We look forward to holding more Masses during the school year.





## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN JERSEY

We are delighted to announce that the Knights of St Columba will be holding a Parish wide Corpus Christi Procession on **Sunday 11th June**. The procession will begin at St Thomas' Church after the 12 noon Mass. The route will stop at the Town Park for Adoration and Benediction. It will finish back at St Thomas' where refreshments will be available to help the parish community celebrate this wonderful feast.

This is an exciting opportunity for the island Parish can come together and show witness to our wonderful Catholic faith we all share on the day.

It would be wonderful to have FCJ represented by pupils in their uniform. Please note that this is a community event and as such, parents will need walk alongside their child throughout the procession.



Our Portuguese community will be celebrating the annual Festa Mass in honour of Our Lady of Fatima on **Saturday 13th May** at 8pm. This will consist of Rosary followed by Mass at St Thomas Church.



### SVP Jersey

SVP Jersey work with people that are living below the poverty line in Jersey. SVP provides immediate help to people in need. They offer provision for groceries and other services on Wednesdays 2pm-3.30pm and Saturdays 10am-11am. SVP Jersey is located to the side of St Thomas' Hall on Val Plaisant.

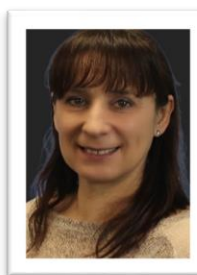


Congratulations to Father Edward Hauschild, who was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, by Bishop Philip. We look forward to welcoming Father Edward into school this term.



Our Chaplaincy is rooted in the tradition and Ignatian spirituality of the FCJ Sisters and our school community continues the work started by Marie Madeleine. The FCJ Values of Excellence, Justice, Dignity, Hope, Companionship and Gentleness are at the heart of all we do.

At FCJ Primary school we have a **Chaplaincy Team** who create opportunities for everyone in the school community to encounter Jesus in their daily life. This team work together to ensure the FCJ charism and values are embedded within the school culture and continue to be at the heart of the school, lived out by each member of the school community.



The main themes within the **Sacraments (April/May)** topic are:

- R - Different stories about Jesus and how he is with us at the different stages of our lives.
- Y1 - Prayers, signs and symbols associated with forgiveness.
- Y2 - Signs, symbols and words used during the celebration of the sacraments studied.
- Y3 - The Eucharistic prayer.
- Y4 - First Holy Communion Programme (Eucharist).
- Y5 - The meaning of the symbolism in the sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders.
- Y6 - The Rite of Baptism and Confirmation.