



CATHOLIC LIFE AND MISSION NEWSLETTER

REVELATION



Once again, a huge thank you for all your donations to our Reverse Advent Calendar. It is a joy when we deliver all your donations to the St Vincent de Paul Food Bank, and we are always amazed at your generosity. We were delighted to send pupils from our Charity Committee to spend time unpacking and sorting the food. These children have been presented with a special badge from St Vincent de Paul and have made a commitment to support the work of the Food Bank during the rest of the year.

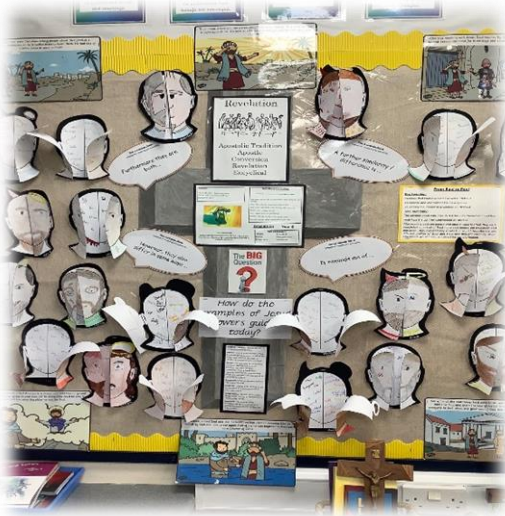
The children will return to help at the Food Bank during the Spring Term, and we look forward to developing our partnership with the staff from St Vincent de Paul.



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Year 6

For our Revelations unit of study in Year 6, we have been focusing on the Big Question: How do the examples of Jesus' followers guide us today? We have been exploring who Jesus chooses to carry on his work and have learnt about the conversion of Saul to Paul through Acts 9:1-22. Paul was so important in the history of the church because he helped people understand God's revelation in Jesus. We have looked at the scripture and interpreted how Saul's personality would have changed after God revealed Himself to him through Jesus. The study of this scripture has provoked powerful and meaningful discussions about persecution of others and conversion to Christianity.



Year 4

Year 4 have been exploring our Big Question, "What does it mean to be the light of the world?" We have spent time discussing the importance of showing our light to those we encounter. We focused on the FCJ Core Values and thought about how we can demonstrate these to our neighbours and the wider community. The children have created their own artwork which display some of the examples discussed within our classes.

Masses (all with imposition of ashes) for Ash Wednesday -14th February 2024

Sacred Heart Church -9.30am.

St. Thomas' Church -12.15pm.

St. Thomas' Church -6.30pm.



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.

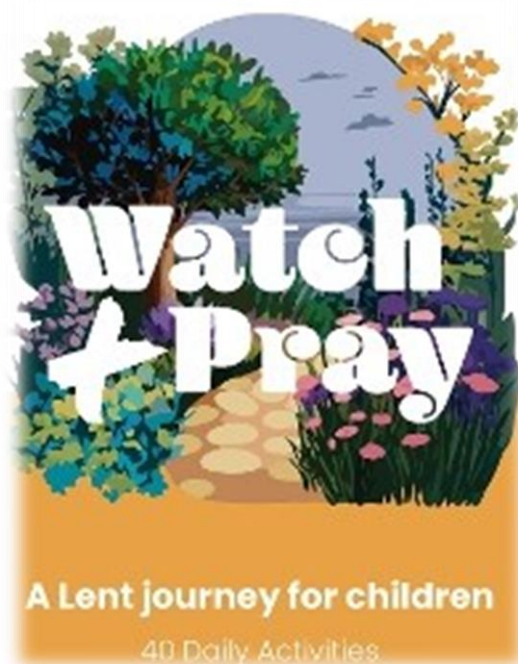
Year 3 – How Jesus changed the people he met and deepened his relationship with the Father through prayer.

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.

Lent 2024



Lent begins on Wednesday 14th February this year, which falls in half-term, and once again we will be journeying through Lent together in school.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus kneels in darkness in the Garden of Gethsemane. Though he pleads with his disciples, “Stay here with me ... Watch and pray,” they all fall asleep, leaving him alone in his hour of deepest suffering. Our theme for Lent will be **Watch and Pray**. We will be encouraged to develop our skills of waiting as a community, to draw closer to Jesus and to each other.

Materials will be shared through our FCJ social media channels and via parentmail to encourage families to join in at home.

Jubilee Year 2025



For centuries the Catholic Church has held a jubilee year every twenty-five years. The next one begins on 24th December 2024 with the opening of the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica, Rome. Pope Francis has asked us to prepare for it by giving particular focus to prayer and especially the Lord's Prayer. Our bishops have created an audio resource of the 'Our Father' in many languages, a reminder that prayer is universal. For much more about the Jubilee go to www.cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025

The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope", and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis.

Partnership with St Vincent de Paul Food Bank



Following the huge success of our Reverse Advent Calendar, we would like to collect donations for the Food Bank, as part of our charity work within the season of Lent.

During Lent we would like to collect items to be donated to the St Vincent de Paul (SVP) food bank. We would dearly love to continue to bless this organisation who give so much support to islanders in need throughout the year and especially in these challenging times.

Each week we will have a different focus grocery to be collected and the donated items will be delivered to the food bank to contribute to the work that they do by our Charity Committee.

Week 1 (19th February 2024)– Tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits

Week 2 (26th February 2024)– Tinned food (e.g. beans/sausages/pies)

Week 3 (4th March 2024) – Baby food, nappies, powdered milk for babies.

Week 4 (11th March 2024) -Toilet paper, toothpaste, shower gel, soaps

Week 5 (18th March 2024)- Pasta, rice,