



CATHOLIC LIFE AND MISSION NEWSLETTER REVELATION

The Miracles of Jesus

Year 2 have been discussing and retelling some of the miracles of Jesus. We enjoyed creating freeze frames to share this learning.

We also created a miracle chart to describe and compare what happened during each miracle, and what this teaches us about how we can live like Him.

We then read and discussed some healing miracles and studied how the church can show its love for the sick through anointing and prayer. Father Ambrose came to visit us to answer all our questions about this special Sacrament. He taught us about some of the special items he uses during the Sacrament, including the stole he wears, the special oil, and how he heals people's spiritual soul. He also taught us the special prayers that he says and we joined in with the responses.

We also wanted to support the sick in our community, so we made some Get Well Soon cards to send them our best wishes.

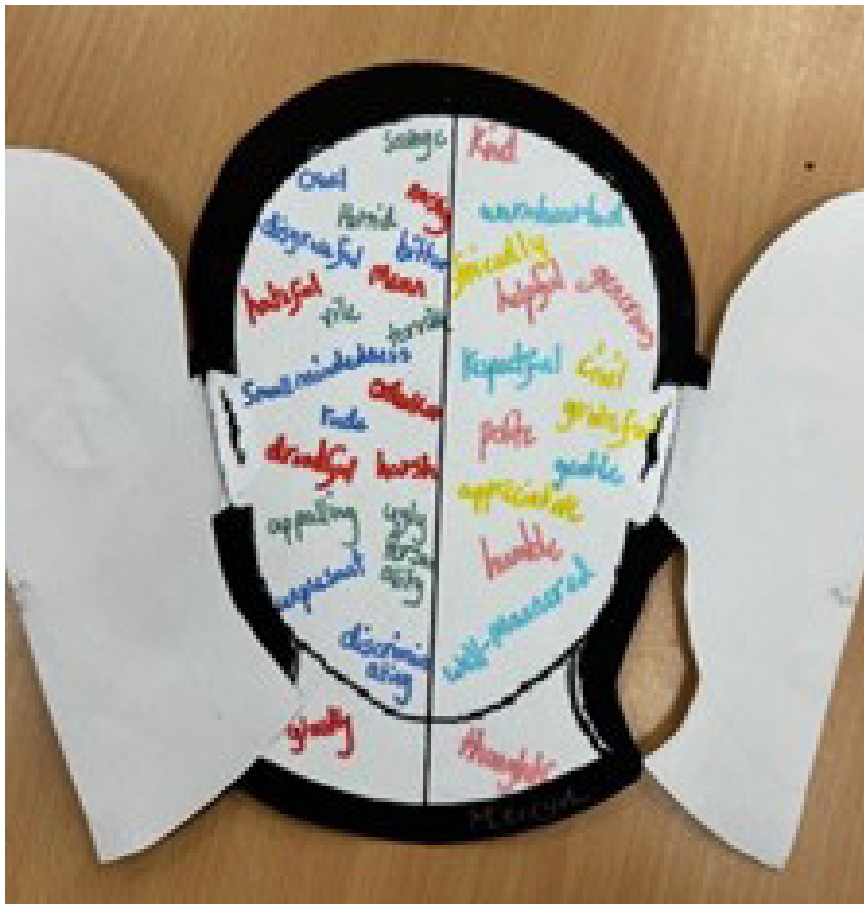


Persecutor to Devoted Disciple

This term, the children have been captivated by the story of Saul's dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-19). Through this powerful scripture, we have explored themes of forgiveness, transformation and the idea that anyone can change and follow a new path with faith and courage.

The children have been reflecting on the two contrasting sides of Saul and Paul - both the persecutor and the devoted disciple - and are expressing their understanding through vibrant art and writing. Their work beautifully illustrates the moral lessons of redemption and the power of new beginnings.

We're so proud of their thoughtful engagement and can't wait to share their amazing creations!



The Presentation Of Jesus

In Year 4, we have been learning about 'The Presentation of Jesus'. We started by experiencing the Bible story using our imagination and senses, which links to our Ignatian Pedagogy. We then created fishbone diagrams to explain our thinking.

During our next lesson, we enjoyed a 'Hot Seating' activity. First, we composed questions to ask different characters from the story. Next, we took turns to become the characters from the story and tried to answer the questions from their point of view. This was great fun and really helped us to explore the Scripture further.

We learnt that many people may have seen Jesus as a baby but during this special event, Simeon and Anna truly saw that Jesus was the light of the nations and the one they had been waiting for.



Masses (all with imposition of ashes) for Ash Wednesday – March 5th 2025

Sacred Heart Church	9.30am
St. Thomas' Church	12.15pm
St. Thomas' Church	6.30pm



For more information on Parish Masses and events, please
Scan this QR Code or follow this link -
<https://catholicchurch.org.je>



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.

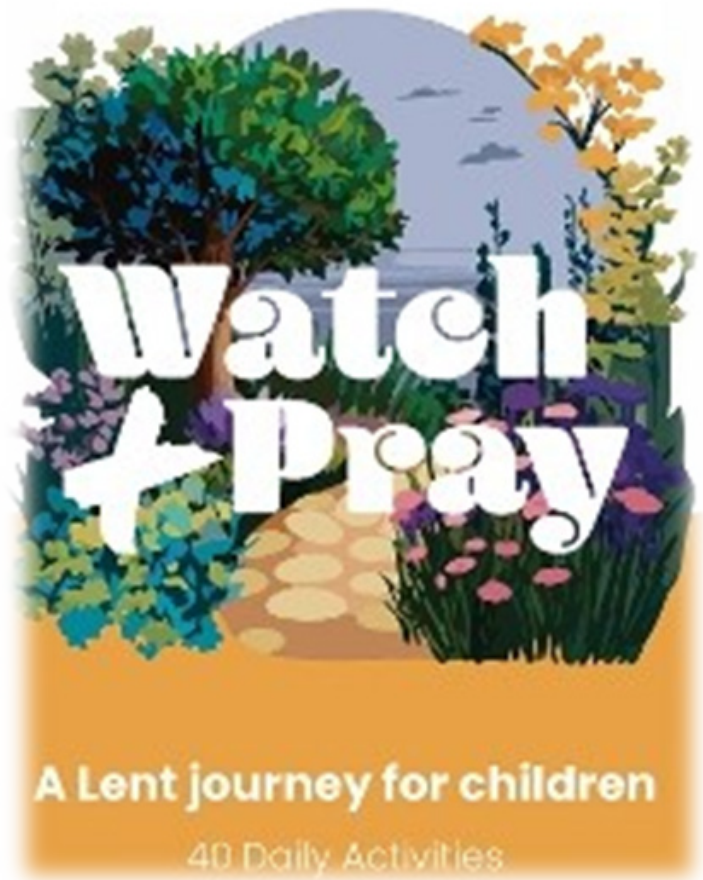
Year 5 – The concept of temptation and how preparation for Easter involves becoming more like Jesus through St Paul's teaching.

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.



Scan this QR Code for the Scripture readings of the day in
various languages.

Lent



Lent begins on Wednesday 5th March 2025.

Once again this year, 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. This one began 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.



Prayer life at FCJ

At FCJ Primary School, we begin our day with prayer each morning. We also have assemblies each week. Each assembly is designed around a particular theme for the week.

We have a Pupil Chaplaincy Group and Ministry Team who work with our RE Lead, Mrs Taylor in bringing the all-important pupil voice to developing RE and Ethos throughout the school community. Working closely with Ms Lenzi and Mrs Inglis, Mrs Taylor has a central, and pivotal role in implementing the school's vision and values.



Our prayer space is pictured above. This houses class groups of students for Celebration of The Word sessions and other prayerful experiences during the year, often led by our School priest, Father Ambrose.

Partnership with St Vincent de Paul & The Grace Trust



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, and The Grace Trust. We would dearly love to continue to bless these organisations 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 (17th February 2025) – Tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits.

Week 2 (24th February 2025) – Tinned food (e.g. beans/sausages/pies).

Week 3 (3rd March 2025) – Baby food, nappies, powdered milk for babies.

Week 4 (10th March 2025) -Toilet paper, toothpaste, shower gel, soaps.

Week 5 (17th March 2025) - Pasta, rice.

FCJ Prayer Boxes

We look forward to seeing all our parents and guardians for Open Day on Thursday 13 February 2025.

In the foyer, prayer room, and around the school, you will see little white prayer boxes. We warmly invite you to take a moment to write the name of a loved one, or a brief prayer and then leave the card in the prayer box.

Your prayer intentions will then be included in class and whole school Celebration of The Word sessions.

