



CATHOLIC LIFE AND MISSION NEWSLETTER LENT & THE HOLY WEEK

Forgiveness

In Year 1, the children have been learning about the story of 'Jesus and the Taxman' and 'When Jesus meets the Children'. In both of these stories, people are surprised that Jesus wants to spend his time with everyone and not just a chosen few.

This has helped the children to reflect upon how we grow closer to Jesus during the season of Lent through praying, fasting and giving.

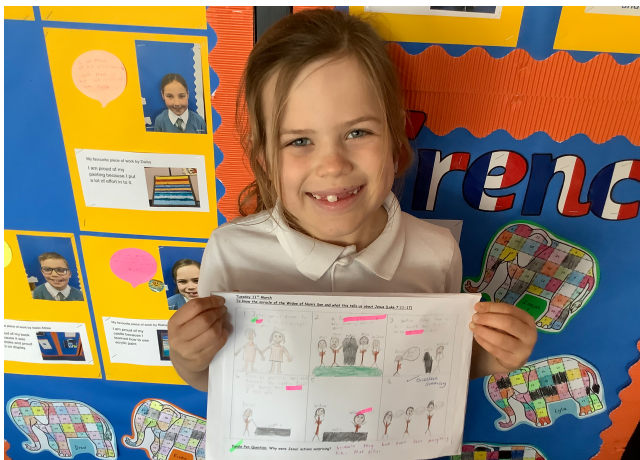


We have also been focussing on the concept of 'forgiveness' and how we can ask for forgiveness, but we also need to forgive others. We spent some time acting out the story of Zacchaeus, the Taxman and the children loved being summoned out of the tree by Jesus.

The Widow of Nain

This term, Year 3 have been learning more about the scripture The Widow of Nain (Luke 7:11-17). We have been studying the emotions of Jesus, the widow and onlookers throughout the scripture. We considered how their emotions changed throughout the story. Afterwards, the children created their own storyboards linking to the six most important points. We looked at what compassion means to us and how we can feel pity and sorrow for others considering the actions we could follow at school and home.

During Lent, it is an important time to pray, fast and give alms. We explored what this means and why it is important at this time of year. The children made links to other stories in the Bible where this was evident.



Repent and believe in the Gospel

During a lovely sunny afternoon Year 5 took part in an experience activity in the playground that focused on repentance. The sun symbolised God's love shining down on us, feeling the warmth of his love on our faces. The parachute represented when we had sinned by providing a shield/wall that covered our faces from the sun.



We discussed examples of sins that we had made that week and ways we can repent to God to win his love back. While we held the parachute in the air, we thought about those ways in which we can repent and then we lowered the parachute down on the ground symbolising that God's love is always there for us especially when we apologise for our wrong doings.

