



St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

A welcoming family school, growing and achieving with Jesus at our side. "I am the vine and you are the branches" John 15:5

Dear Parents and Carers, Each half term we are going to share with you what your child has been learning in Religious Education through this newsletter.



LIVE SIMPLY AWARD

This year as you know, we are applying for the Cafod Live Simply award. We have submitted our action plan and are well on our way with our actions. In St Teresa's, we have pledged to Live Simply, Live Sustainably and Live in Solidarity.

During the Autumn term and through the Christmas period, we were able to continue to live simply and sustainably by...

- ❖ Recycling Christmas cards
- ❖ Using paper based resources for decorations and less glitter and plastic
- ❖ Cutting down on Christmas cards by making one for our classmates instead of one each
- ❖ Giving all children a "growing" Christmas present



This half term we will focus on Living simply as we are taking part in the Cafod Lenten walk and where we will be raising money for Cafod through a sponsored walk in school. We hope

you have been able to access the link sent before the holidays to the St Teresa's Big Lenten Walk just giving page

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-teresas-devon-street-st-helens>

MINI VINNIES

Cups of Kindness for Christmas - more to come for Easter!

Our Mini Vinnies worked very hard during Advent to create 60 cups of kindness which were then sold to raise money for our church SVP charity. We were pleased to make £40 and will repeat this again for Easter!

Thank you to all those of you who have donated items for the St Vincent's charity shop. Some representatives have been to give some contributions during January which were greatly received.

PEACE WEEK AT ST TERESA'S

PEACE BE WITH YOU

Some ways we have lived out our actions this half term were through Living in solidarity by spreading peace throughout our school, our parish and world on World Peace Sunday. We shared in the CAFOD Peace Assembly and thought about how we can spread peace in our school community. Fr Martin signs the weekly masses for us and we have learnt to say peace be with you in sign language.

Catholic Social Teaching

Children from different classes have been out and about making cards for our local neighbours (Y5), visiting the new Blossoms Nursey (Reception) and regular church visits in the run up to Lent (KS2)

We have been continuing to Live sustainably by litter picking around our school and beginning to plant up our new garden growing areas with fruit and vegetables ready for the Summer.

Religious Curriculum



Come and See



THEMES & TOPICS	EARLY YEARS 1 & 2	YEAR 1 & FS 1	YEAR 2 & FS 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Domestic church family	Myself God knows and loves each one	Families God's love and care for every family	Beginnings God at every beginning	Homes God's dream for every family	People The family of God in Scripture	Ourselves Created in the image & likeness of God	Loving God who never stops loving
Baptism/confirmation belonging	Welcome Baptism; a welcome to God's family	Belonging Baptism an invitation to belong to God's family	Signs & symbols Signs & symbols in Baptism	Promises Promises made at Baptism	Called Confirmation: a call to witness	Life choices Marriage commitment and service	Vocation & commitment The vocation of priesthood and religious life
Advent/Christmas loving	Birthday Looking forward to Jesus' birthday	Waiting Advent a time to look forward to Christmas	Preparations Advent; preparing to celebrate Christmas	Visitors Advent: waiting for the coming of Jesus	Gift God's gift of love & friendship in Jesus	Hope Advent; waiting in joyful hope for Jesus; the promised one	Expectations Jesus born to show God to the world
Local church community	Celebrating People celebrate in Church	Special people People in the parish family	Books The books used in Church	Journeys Christian family's journey with Jesus	Community Life in the local Christian community: ministries in the parish	Mission Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese [ecumenism]	Sources The Bible, the special book for the Church
Eucharist relating	Gathering The parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist	Meals Mass; Jesus' special meal	Thanksgiving Mass a special time for saying thank you to God for everything, especially Jesus	Listening & sharing Jesus gives himself to us in a special way	Giving & receiving Living in communion	Memorial sacrifice The Eucharist the living memorial of Jesus' sacrifice	Unity Eucharist enables people to live in communion.
Lent/Easter giving	Growing Looking forward to Easter	Change Lent a time for change	Opportunities Lent: an opportunity to start anew in order to celebrate Jesus' new life	Giving all Lent a time to remember Jesus' total giving	Self discipline Celebrating growth to new life	Sacrifice Lent a time of aligning with the sacrifice already made by Jesus	Death & new life Celebrating Jesus' death & resurrection
Pentecost serving	Good News Passing on the Good news of Jesus	Holidays & holidays Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit	Spread the word Pentecost a time to spread the Good News	Energy Gifts of the Holy Spirit	New life To hear & live the Easter message	Transformation Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power	Witnesses The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses
Reconciliation Inter-relating	Friends Friends of Jesus	Being sorry God helps us to choose well Sacrament of Reconciliation	Rules Reasons for rules in the Christian family Sacrament of Reconciliation	Choices The importance of examination of conscience Sacrament of Reconciliation	Building bridges Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and each other Sacrament of Reconciliation	Freedom & responsibility Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible	Healing Sacrament of the Sick
Universal Church world	Our world God's wonderful world	Neighbours Neighbours share God's world	Treasures God's treasure; the world	Special places Holy places for Jesus & the Christian	God's people Different saints show people what God is like	Stewardship The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation	Common good Work of the worldwide Christian family

Year 1 to 6 currently follow Come and See as the RE curriculum in school. Please see the topic themes opposite to see what the children will learn each half term.



To Know You More Clearly



This year there is a new Religious Education Directory which is being phased into our catholic schools.

It is called To Know You More Clearly and will be the new curriculum by September 2025.

So far EYFS and Year 1 staff have had training on the brand new materials and EYFS are now using this new curriculum. The rest of the school will continue with Come and See until each year group has been introduced to the new materials.

PRAYER AND LITURGY

Each day we have prayer and liturgy (also known as Collective Worship) in our classrooms or together as a whole school community. During Prayer and liturgy we listen to God's word from the Bible and take time to reflect on the key messages.

Sometimes, pupils prepare and deliver Prayer and Liturgy for us and lead us in our reflections on the Good News we hear.

Each day we include our school prayer which reflects on the words of St Teresa of Avila and serves to join the whole school community together in prayer.



St Teresa's Prayer

St Teresa of Avila Pray for us

Thank you for today...

And the planet we share

Help us to work together...

And do our best every day

Bless our school...

And help us to light up the world with love

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen

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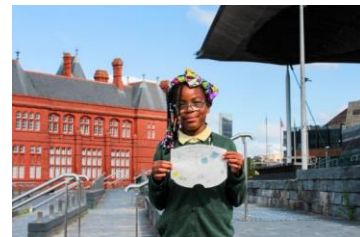
How will you be like a shining light this week?



 **Going forth**

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What will you do this week to help Jesus' words to come alive in our world?



 **Going forth**

At the end of each Collective Worship session, we think about how we can live our lives over the following days.

Our links with St Teresa's Church and Parish

St Teresa's Church is in this month's edition of the Catholic Pictorial in recognition of its founding in 1925.



We are extremely lucky to have a fantastic parish church adjacent to our school, and the whole community can share in celebrations, mass and services throughout the year.

Key Stage 2 children are currently attending mass each week during Lent and Y4 children are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, with the help of Fr Martin and Mrs Peers (Long time Catechist and St Teresa's Governor)

Fr Martin is a prominent visitor to school and the children enjoy him coming to participate in our RE lessons.

This term, Year 4 welcomed Father Martin into their class. As part of their current Come and See topic, the children wanted to find out more about what it is like to be a priest. It was lovely to see how enthusiastic the children were when asking their questions and they were extremely interested to hear all about Father Martin's role in our church and how much of an active a role he plays in communities in lots of different countries. We look forward to welcoming Father Martin into school again when he will be teaching some of our KS2 children origami.



Fr Martin has suggested these resources as a way of supporting families.



Redemptorist Publications is pleased to introduce **Celebrate**: an initiative designed to help children grow in their faith.

Each week we will provide a Children's Liturgy in the form of a video of the week's Gospel reading, a reflection and a final prayer.

Fun, engaging and practical worksheets/resources will also be provided to help children continue to practise their faith during this time.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We look forward to our next edition with all the details of our Lenten activities and Easter Celebrations.



kindest Regards

Mrs Brookes and all the St Teresa's School Family