



I am so happy to be able to help the children who beg me for protection. But so many never come to me". –

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to complete our first month back at school. The children have settled in really well; and lots of wonderful Religious Education learning is taking place. October is a busy month in school, as we focus on Our Lady and all the blessings she brings into our lives. Our religious education program also dedicates time to learning about other faiths and cultures and the school has focused on Judaism. This helps the children learn to understand and appreciate the similarities and differences between themselves and others, and as a result of this, we hope that the children will show tolerance and respect for others in the way that they conduct themselves. It is also Black History month, which links with our next Gospel Values focus of **Justice**. God Bless Mrs Mitchener

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

(Insert dates)

Early Years	WELCOME - Baptism: a welcome to God's family
Year 1	BELONGING - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family
Year 2	SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - Signs and symbols in Baptism
Year 3	PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism
Year 4	CALLED - Confirmation: a call to witness
Year 5	LIFE CHOICES - Marriage, commitment and service
Year 6	VOCATION AND COMMITMENT - The vocation of priesthood and religious life

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

The Month Of Mary



This is a time when we should take time to think about **Mary** and reflect on how she is the Mother of Jesus and Mother to us all. Our Lady is willing to help us, but we must open the doors of our hearts to her. Putting our trust in her great motherly protection and love, let us become devoted to coming to her with our needs and our gratitude. She wants to be our intercessor in all things, if we will only remember to approach her. While Our Lady is 'blessed among women', this does not remove her from being touched by us. With her compassionate heart she listens to worries, like a loving mother. During the Month Of Mary, all the children will have the opportunity to pray to Mary and to pray the Rosary, so as to deepen their relationship with our Blessed Mother.



This month is also a perfect opportunity to talk to your children about the beauty and importance of the Miraculous medal and the graces it bestows.

Grow in Love, Live in Peace

Class Liturgies

All classes held their class Prayer liturgies last week. The children devise these liturgies themselves. At the end of each four week topic they are given the opportunity to reflect on what they have learnt and to celebrate the topic in the form of a liturgy. The children are prompted to consider what they want to include in their liturgy using their Respond booklets. These remind them to think about prayers, Scripture quotes, responses and music they might want to include. They choose everything; even the organisation of how they are arranged. In Year 6 Nwuabeze decided that the children should sit in the shape of a heart, because their topic had been 'Loving'. Year 5 decided that they wanted to include the 'Footprints Poem', because they had been looking at how God loved them in their 'Ourselves' topic. These are a lovely opportunity for the children to spend time raising their minds and hearts to God.



First Reconciliation & Holy Communion

Congratulations to our year 4 children who made their First Reconciliation on the 3rd October. Please keep them in your prayers as they celebrate their First Holy Communion at St Chad's Parish on the weekend of the 17th/18th October.

May they feel the warmth and comfort of God's love with them everyday.



Special Times This Month

October

1st St Therese of the child Jesus

2nd Guardian Angels

7th Our Lady of the Rosary

22nd St John Paul II

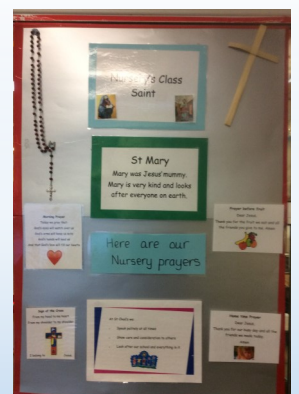
28th St Simon & St Jude Apostles

- Feast Day



Nursery

Our youngest children in the Nursey have been learning about Our Lady and have begun learning her special prayer. They have enjoyed colouring in her picture and have been encouraged to pray to her throughout this month.



Gentleness Awards - RSE

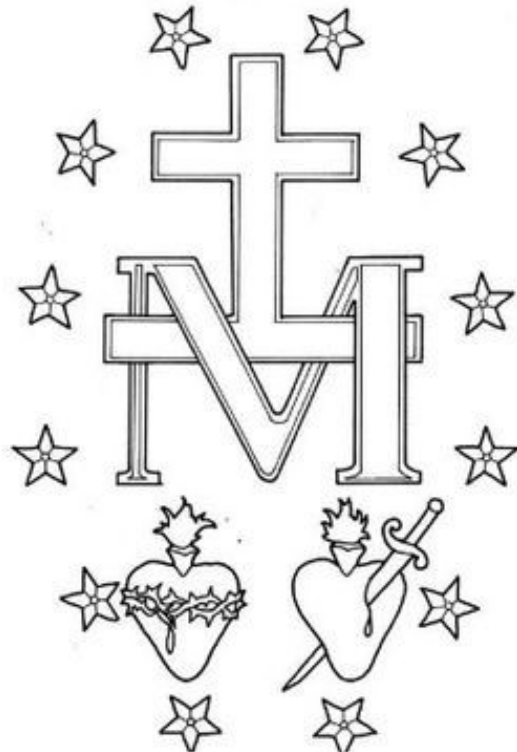


These children have demonstrated through a variety of ways that they are really trying to live the Gospel value of Gentleness.

Year 1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jayden, Melissa, Alex, Tahila, Jacob, Inam, Jayda, Nasirah, Marlon, Jonathan, Michaela, Olivia, Karis	Angel B, Jessica, Alison, Edward, Filip, Joshua Mc Edward	Anna, Faith, Paul, Jordan, Alexandra, Santiago, Jermaine, Irene, Davia, Sarah, Angel	Ryan, Elizabeth, Grace, Dejaune, Izobel, Edward, Pedro, Fidelis, Freida, Annabelle, Illiana	Elsie, Evelyn, Elise, Kindra, Ire, Joshua A, Irene, Yasmin, Alva, Rhoda, Mathias, Esther Jashauna	Shavonne, Michelle D, David, Michelle, Rita, Julia, Michael, Gigi, Tyra, Brian, Elijah, Ahinoa, Louisa, Elizabeth

Congratulations to all these children. They are excellent role models to all.

The Miraculous Medal



While colouring in the picture, please talk about what each of the symbols mean and what this tells us about Mary and her love for us.

If you need a little reminder, you can visit:

<https://www.marian.org/news/The-Meaning-of-the-Miraculous-Medal-2942>

<https://rosarycard.net/blog/miraculous-medal-explained>

There are also some beautiful prayers and Novena's on both of these sites.