



'And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good'

Dear Parents and Carers

Genesis 1: 31

During the month of October we have been encouraging all at St Chad's to think about how God created perfection in the world, both in terms of our environment and in how He created each one of us as special and unique.

The CAFOD club children, have led us in our understanding of how we must protect our environment and the most vulnerable people in it, leading up to the COP 26 gathering in Glasgow and our Gospel Value of Justice, has required us to think about how we treat each other and how we want to be treated. We have again been reminded that we are created in the image and likeness of God and have a responsibility to live our lives in accordance with catholic values.

Mrs Mitchener

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

(11th October – 12th November)

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

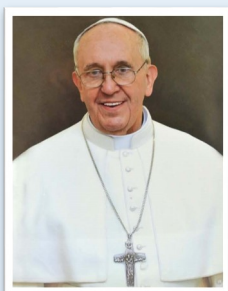
SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

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

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention

Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

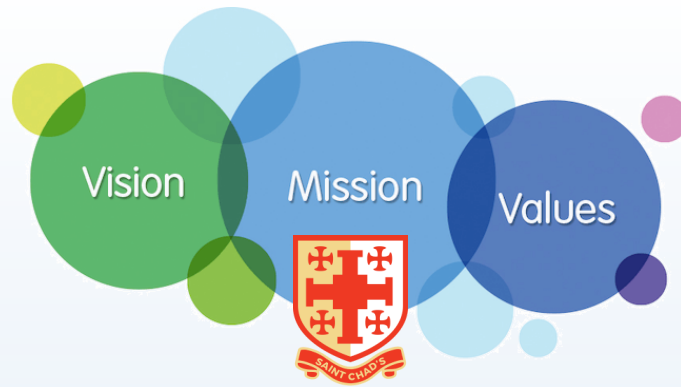


Mission Together Prayer

In school the children will be learning and saying the Mission Together Prayer to help support their understanding of mission.

May all children
In the world
Share love
Share friendship and live
In the peace
Of God's love
Now and forever. Amen

Grow in Love, Live in Peace



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like your help in creating a new Mission Statement for St Chad's School.

A School mission statement indicates the priorities and goals of a school community, and can have an incredible impact on student development and achievement. In a Catholic school it also puts faith at the heart of all we do.

The ideas and thoughts gathered from several working parties with: our parents, children, staff and Directors will become a document that defines where our school is going and drives decisions accordingly. It will lay out our shared faith focus, educational goals, community priorities and the purpose of our school.

If you would like to be involved, I invite you to join me in school on **Wednesday 17th November at 9:00**, in the school hall. The meeting will last approximately 1 hour. If you are unable to attend, but would like to contribute your ideas, please complete the form your child will bring home and return it to the school office.

By working together, we will ensure that St Chad's continues to offer the best possible learning environment and student well-being possible.

*God Bless
Mrs Mitchener*

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Feast Day Liturgy St Therese of Lisieux



On October 1st, the Feast Day of St Therese of Lisieux, St Therese class (Yr. 6) celebrated a special liturgy. It focussed on how St Thérèse is a role model to us, because she showed us how little acts of love and kindness can make a huge difference. It reminded us that we can all serve God, by serving others.

A big thank you to all those parents who were able to attend and share this feast with us.



Feast Day Liturgy

St Luke

For with God
Nothing
shall be impossible

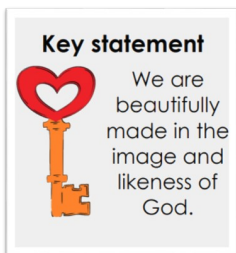
Luke 1:37



On the 18th October, St Luke's class (yr. 1), celebrated their Feast Day with a special liturgy. St Luke tells us much about Christ in his Gospel and in his writings in the Acts of the Apostles. Luke's Gospel is, above all, the Gospel of the Merciful Heart of Jesus. It emphasises the fact that Christ is the salvation of all men, especially of the repentant sinner and of the lowly.

Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend this liturgy.

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Gospel Values - Justice

Fairness and Equality

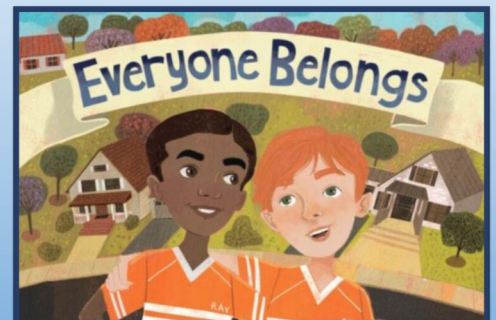
For the next six weeks we will be focussing on the Gospel Value of Justice.

During a special assembly in KS2, we focussed on racial justice and how people chose to treat each other. We looked at how God created us in His own image to be perfect, and how we should see the face of God in each other, treating everybody equally with respect, compassion and kindness. The children were given the opportunity to reflect on how they are treated and how they treat each other. They were also reminded of what racism looks like, how to say no to it, and what to do if they see it at St Chad's.

KS1 Shared a story called Everyone Belongs, written by the Catholic Bishops of America. The story has a strong message about treating everybody equally and fairly and recognising that God loves us all equally.

As ever, your children continue to amaze and inspire us with their awareness, understanding and desire for better world.

During the next six weeks the children will be rewarded with their Gospel Value sticker, when they are seen to be fair and treating all people equally.



CAFOD Club News



GO GREEN FOR CAFOD

This October, leading up to the COP26 climate talks in November, the CAFOD club asked you to support us to 'Go Green' by taking on a climate-related fundraising challenge.

They led the school in a thought provoking assembly, which shone a light on some of the causes of the climate emergency and well as explaining some of the ways we can do our bit to guard God's creation and protect our common home. Every child then wrote a pledge on a leaf template, to explain one way in which they can help to protect God's world.



**Your kind contributions raised a massive £628.00
to tackle poverty, caused by the climate crisis.**



EYES OF THE WORLD CAMPAIGN



On Wednesday 3rd November the CAFOD Club, will be leading another assembly, explaining how the world is coming together to tackle climate change. All the children will then be designing eye masks, to show that they are watching the world leaders and asking them to stop the climate crisis and keep the world's poorest communities at the heart of their decisions.

Parish News

First Holy Communion 2022:

Registration forms for First Holy Communion 2022 will be available in the church after masses from the weekend of October 23rd until the weekend of 27/28th November. Completed forms should be left at the presbytery NO LATER than MONDAY 29th November. Applications received after this date will be required to wait until 2023 .

Children should be baptised and in Year 3 or above at school. The programme will begin in January 2022 with Holy Communions celebrated in June 2022. Classes are held in the Church Hall on Saturday mornings.

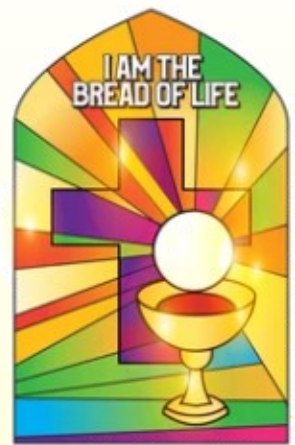
Do ring Angie on: 07309 750996 if you have any questions about the programme.

First Holy Communion Team,

For 2022 , we need more people to help with our First Holy Communion programme. If you would love to share your faith with our parish children, please ring Angie: 07309 750996. The team would love to hear from you.

God bless you,

Angie Henley



Poppy Cake & Biscuit Sale

Year 6 are currently studying World War 1, as part of their Fallen Fields topic. During the topic, there has been the opportunity to recognise the great service the armed services have provided for the nation. The children of Year 6 have decided that they would like to thank that service by raising funds for this year's Poppy Appeal for the Royal British Legion.

The children recognise that this is important, because it is part of their mission to carry out and continue the work of Jesus Christ on Earth and therefore help to build a world of justice, peace and love. They know that Gospel values need to be lived out, which means helping people in need.

On **Thursday 11th November**, they will be baking biscuits and cakes to sell after school, on the playground. Please support them in this initiative, which encourages the children to live the gospel values of service to others.

