



PFFA in St Joseph's Primary



Here at St Joseph's, we wished to create a bulletin to help you share in our learning experience during the Pope Francis Faith Award 2020; we hope to inspire your journey of faith by demonstrating how we have used the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives.

Virtue of the Month

Thankfulness - This month, we're focusing on being thankful for everything we have and everything we can do at the moment. When we are doing things we enjoy we don't always remember to be thankful for what we have and what we can do, so always remember to be thankful! Challenge - Take a few minutes at the end of each day to think of three things you are thankful for.

Gift of the Month

P6

Primary 6 are very new to the PFFA. This month, we have been learning more about the award and its importance in teaching us about the special Gifts of the Holy Spirit. We understand that the Award is a two year commitment that helps us to understand our role in our community, as well as helping us to develop our own understanding of our actions and how they impact on others. We are becoming more aware of how our actions ultimately should share the Good News; as they say, "actions speak louder than words". We are really looking forward to learning more about the Gifts as we proceed and as many of us prepare to receive the Gifts in Confirmation at the end of P7. The Gift of the Holy Spirit are; Knowledge, Piety, Understanding, Fortitude, Fear of the Lord, Wisdom and Counsel.



P7

This month, we have been learning about the Gift of WISDOM. 'Wisdom is the gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us to love God and spiritual things more than material things.' Everyone wants to have the latest video game, the coolest clothes, or the best new trainers or the most expensive car. But sometimes, we need to take time to appreciate what God has given us - like our family and friends - and what He has planned for us instead of material things - like cars and video games. That's why we made Creation Stories to appreciate the world God made for us. God made this world so that we can live in it, protect it, and be kind to each other. Some ways to be kind are by following our school values by including everyone in games, by nominating people for head teacher awards or you could start a 'What we love about wall'. On the 'What We Love About...' wall, you could write what you love about someone or something. We do this in class by focusing on the ways people show the Fruits of the Holy Spirit in their Lives.

Saint of the Month

Saint Therese of Lisieux is our saint of the month. She once said: "Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing." We think this means that you shouldn't only do things out of duty, but you should try to do everything with love and kindness. Saint Therese of Lisieux was born on 2nd January 1873 and died on 30th of September 1897. When she was only 15 she became a nun and this was hard for her because the nuns in her Convent were unsure of her because of her age. Even though this must have been difficult, she always remembered to be kind to those around her and to act always with love. She was Canonized - made a Saint - a Saint on 17th May 1925. Saint Therese of Lisieux is also known as the 'Little Flower'. She is the patron saint of the sick, florists and missionaries.





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Faith and Fruits in our Daily Lives

In the Hot Seat With...

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit are what we receive/see when we put the Gifts of the Holy Spirit into practice. Here are some examples that we have witnessed this month:

Love- We have loved and cared for our fish, Gingersnap and Philip. We will still love them and keep them in our mind, even though they are no longer with us.

Gratitude- we have been making gratitude pumpkins, to write what we are thankful for (a bit like thanksgiving only we choose pumpkins because Halloween is quickly coming)

Peace- Recently, we have had circle time. I think this is a time of peace because the area is tranquil and quiet. We got to share some things and talk to the class. It is a happy memory.

Kindness- We have started a 'What We Love About' wall which is when we compliment someone for their good qualities. This makes us feel good inside.

Canon Stephen Ballie

What is your favourite thing about being a priest?

'Availability and the variety of different jobs'

What is your favourite sacrament to perform?

"First Communion, there is something spiritual about it and it is a pleasant occasion"

Do you have a favourite prayer?

The Morning Prayer

What is your favourite hymn?

Silent Night

What has been hardest to do in the church because of Covid-19?

The masses and Sacraments

What is your favourite Church/Churches?

St. Joseph's and St. Bridget's

Favourite Saint?

Saint Vincent de Paul as he worked with the rich and the poor.

Do you have anything to say to the readers?

I hope you enjoyed the bulletin, the children worked very hard to make it and please comment so we can improve.

