

St Bernadette Catholic Primary School RE Newsletter Spring 2020



Dear Parents,

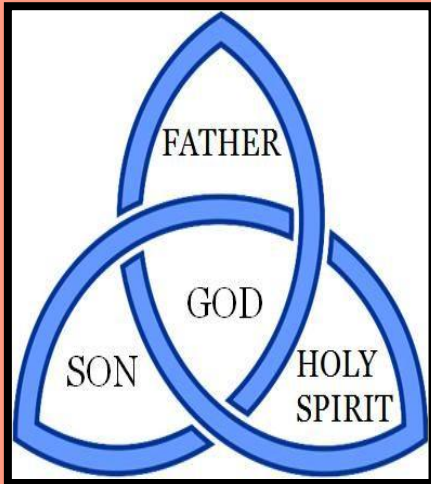
At the beginning of this term the children have been learning about the **Feast of the Epiphany** and two prayers found in **Matthew's Gospel: the Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer**. It asked pupils to consider the people they think are Beatitudes People, including St Teresa of Calcutta. It was lovely to hear the Lord's Prayer spoken so loudly in church during Ash Wednesday Mass.

This half term the children have been exploring the **Season of Lent** and the **events of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Good Friday**, as we find them in both the Gospel of Matthew and the liturgy of the Church. The children have learnt about the key 3 practices during lent and how we can apply these to our own lives.

Thank you for your ongoing support with the children's Catholic education. Please use this newsletter to talk to your children about their learning and to help them recall their previous learning.

Kind regards
Miss Howard

Prayers

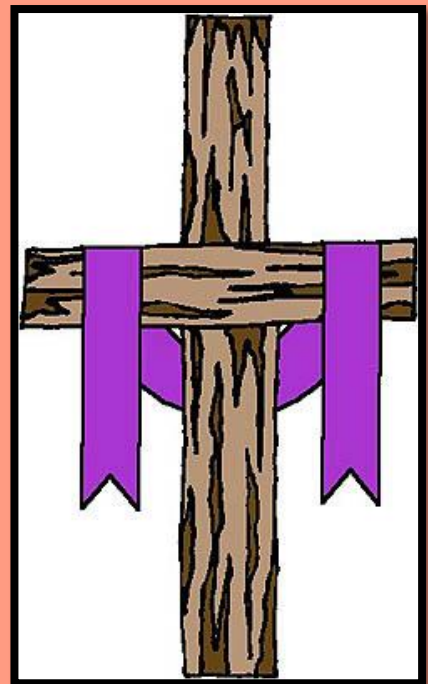


Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and
forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass against
us. And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

Amen

Loving God,
As we begin the season of
Lent, help us to be thoughtful
about how we are living. Make
our actions more reflective of
you and your love for us so
that we might come closer to
you and ready to celebrate
your resurrection at Easter.
We ask this through Jesus
Christ our friend and
companion.

Amen



Child Initiated Prayer



Almsgiving

World view on almsgiving

In scripture, Matthew has instructed us on how to give alms. This is the World View of almsgiving, it's the foundation of how we give. We all have heard of Mother Teresa's true acts of kindness, they are known throughout the world. She has done so much for others and not much for herself. One of her quotes says " If you can't feed a thousand, feed one." This tells us to try to give alms, at least to one person if we are somehow unable to help many. In Matthew 6:1-18 NRSVCE, we are told to always give our alms in secret because God should be the only one who shall see you give alms. We are also instructed to not do anything religious for praise. The Laudato Si (the Pope's latest letter) tells us to give alms by ,not only helping one another, helping the earth. We have always been commanded to help. When aiding others you should not expect to receive a reward otherwise you are not truly helping.

What can we do?

What can we do to give alms in our daily lives? Well, there are many simple things that we can do that we already do unconsciously. We help our parents with the shopping, listen to our parents, look after others when they are sick or upset or give things to charity. It's so simple to help so not many people should have reason to not aid others. If someone helps you, you help them .

Thank you for reading, I hope you learnt something new.

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