



Growing In Faith Together

Living and learning, inspired by our faith.



Sunday's Gospel:

11 Feb 2024 – 6th Sunday (Year B): Mark 1:40-45

A reflection of Sunday's Gospel:

This passage reminds us of the compassion and power of Jesus to heal the sick and the outcast. The man with leprosy was considered unclean and was required to live outside the community, separated from others. However, he took a risk and approached Jesus, begging Him to heal him.

Jesus, filled with compassion, touched the man and healed him immediately. Not only did Jesus heal him physically, but He also restored him to his community by instructing him to show himself to the priest and offer the appropriate sacrifice. This act of healing and restoration demonstrates the power and authority of Jesus to bring wholeness and reconciliation.

As we reflect on this passage, we are reminded of the importance of reaching out to those who are marginalized and in need of healing. Jesus shows us that no one is beyond His reach and that He is willing to restore both physical and spiritual health. Like the man with leprosy, we are called to approach Jesus with humility and faith, trusting in His ability to heal and restore us.

In school this week ...

We had a visit from Ms Jo Browne, a member of the Westminster Diocese team who came in to look at the whole schools RE learning.

Year 4: Focused on Jesus the teacher, exploring what different parables mean. Mrs Appleton focused on the parable of the sower and we worked together to discover the meaning/ message of the parable of the sower: "We need to look after and care for things for them to grow" and "We need to follow God's word because it teaches us how to be the best we can be".

In year 6 they focused on religious vocabulary such as a tabernacle and created a booklet sharing What you do and see in Mass.

The whole school took part in teacher and child led Collective Worship based on Racial Justice Sunday.

In Year 5, they explored Inspirational people such the diverse Saint Josephine Bakhita, and explored how each key figure dedicated their life to God showing how their religious beliefs worked with the church community, making links with the Beatitudes (which means blessed).

In Reception, the children explored miracles and the wedding at Cana. Children explored this story through role play and writing invitations to weddings.

A prayer of the week ...

Dear God,

We come before you with open hearts and minds, asking for your guidance and wisdom. Help us to see the beauty in diversity and to treat all people with love and respect, regardless of their race or background.

Empower us to stand up against injustice and discrimination, and to work towards a world where everyone is treated as equals. Give us the courage and strength to speak out against racism and bigotry, and to be allies for those who are oppressed.

We pray for all children who face discrimination and prejudice because of their race, that they may find peace and acceptance. Help us to teach our children to love one another and to embrace their differences, so that they may grow up in a world filled with compassion and understanding.

May your light shine upon us as we strive for racial justice, and may we be guided by your love and grace. Amen.

Amen.

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