



Growing In Faith Together

Living and learning, inspired by our faith.



Sunday's Gospel:

19 May, 2024 – Pentecost Sunday
Galatians 5:16-25

A reflection of Sunday's Gospel:

We read that God wants us to live a life that is free and happy. But sometimes, we might do things that make us unhappy, or that God doesn't want us to do. That's because we are controlled by something called "sin" which is like a bad habit that makes us do things we shouldn't. But there's good news! We can be controlled by the Holy Spirit, which is like having a special helper in our hearts. When we ask Jesus to be our Saviour and follow Him, the Holy Spirit comes to live in us and helps us make good choices. Living according to the Spirit means that we listen to Him and do what He wants us to do. It means being kind, loving, and forgiving towards others. It means being honest and not doing things that hurt others. To live according to the Spirit, we need to remember to ask for His help every day. We can talk to Him and ask for His guidance and wisdom. We can also read the Bible and pray together as a family. When we live according to the Spirit, we will experience joy, peace, and love. We will feel happy and content because we are doing what God wants us to do.

In school this week ...

Whole school: Pentecost Service: On Sunday, it's Pentecost: This means the birthday of the church. To celebrate this special day of the liturgical calendar, we held a service in the middle hall. With the support of Fr Daniel and Miss Scannell, the GIFT Team wrote their own opening prayer and bidding prayers, and then helped throughout the service by reading from scripture etc. Fr Daniel blessed everyone in the hall with holy water to symbolise the Holy spirit.

Whole school: Pentecost Party: After the Pentecost service, we went outside for a celebration. Each year group carried out a different celebration for this special day. In EYFS, they created a dance to a song symbolising the fire and the wind. In year 1, they sang happy birthday to the church in 4 languages: English, Spanish, Italian and Polish. In year 2, they sang the hymn 'Give me oil in my lamp'. In Year 3, they created Pentecost decorations such as the dove, flames, wind etc and they explained the meaning of them. In Year 4, they created a party hat with the gifts of the holy spirit, speaking about the meaning of the gifts. In Year 5, they prayed the 'Our Father' prayer in many different languages such as English, Igbo, Polish and Ukrainian. These are all languages the children in Year 5 speak. Finally, in year 6, they created a Pentecost cheerleader routine. Once each classes celebration was shared, we all sang Happy Birthday to the Church and had birthday cake to celebrate!

Year 5: In Year 5, we went to the church to make links between beliefs and worship where we went on a sacrament hunt to see how Jesus is present in the church and 7 Sacraments. We also learned about the 4 different types of prayer and created a dance to the prayer 'Our Father'.

A prayer of the week ...

Dear God,

Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in our lives.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will help us to make the right choices and hope that our human nature does not lead us to do wrong in our life.

Help us to follow in Jesus' footsteps and help us not to get jealous; but instead to be kind.

May we be controlled by the Holy Spirit and not sin so we can listen to God's goodness and

message. Help us to recognise our powers and talent that you have given us, as we get filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

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