

Prayer and Liturgy
at
St Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary
2023-4



“I would like to help us to rekindle our wonder for the beauty of the truth of the Christian celebration, to remind us of the necessity of an authentic liturgical formation, and to recognize the importance of an art of celebrating that is at the service of the truth of the Paschal Mystery and of the participation of all of the baptized in it, each one according to his or her vocation.” (Desiderio Desideravi, 62)



The words of Pope Francis, in his writings on the Sacred Liturgy.



Thank you to
Year 1 and
Year 6 for
their
beautiful
work ready
for
Education
Sunday.

Getting our tree
ready for
Stevenage
indoor market.
Our families have
written Christmas
wishes and
prayers.





Another year of Remembrance.

On Sunday morning, pupils from our school represented our community at the Remembrance Day Service in the Old Town, remembering those who gave their lives that others may be free.









Our beautiful
Remembrance
Book for the
month of
November.



Pupils from our choir represented us at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday. The children's voices were angelic!

Each Friday, we take it in turns to celebrate morning Mass at our neighbouring church, St Joseph's.



What a lovely start to the day on Friday when Year One joined the parish Mass for the first time. Well done children you were great, and thank you to Fr Nigel too.

They also went to see Year Three's assembly. What a treat the parents had in store for themselves that afternoon!

**Y2 -Y6 celebrated Advent
and The Immaculate
Conception
at Church on Friday.**

A beautiful service.

Hear them sing here:

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On Wednesday we received our ashes and started our Lenten journey.

Ash Wednesday service



EYFS and KS1 prepared for their Ash Wednesday reflection.

During Lent the children will be trying extra hard to follow Jesus.

Receive these ashes and remember Jesus loves you.



**Ready to celebrate the
Sacrament of Reconciliation on
Thursday morning**



On Thursdays, we gather
together for our Gospel
Assembly.

“We are called to be the hands
and face of Jesus, as we learn,
love and grow together.”



The theme
was
'kindness'.

**Ready for our
Wednesday Word
Assembly,
the first of Advent.**





Celebrating Racial Justice Sunday





Easter blessings
to all our children
and families.
Our beautiful Easter
reflection.





In our Gospel assembly we asked Jesus to help us see the needs of others, to care for creation and to continue Jesus' work.

'We are the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together'



Listening to the Word

The Lord is with you.

R – And with your Spirit

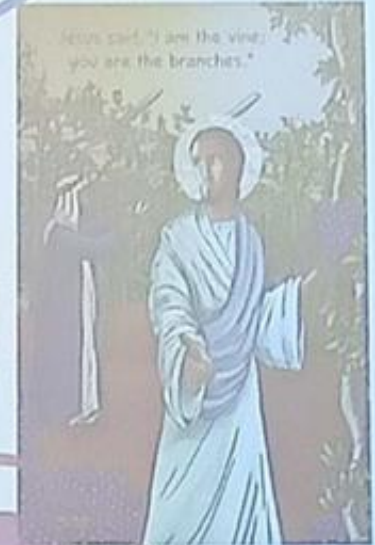
A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine and you are the branches. But just as a branch cannot produce fruit unless it remains joined to the vine, you cannot produce fruit unless you remain in me. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away. But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, then you will produce much fruit to the glory of God."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.



In our gospel assembly this week we read about how we are the branches and Jesus is the Vine.

Our mission this week is to grow in patience and kindness.





Parents, carers and children are welcome to join us as a community for a Lenten reflection each Thursday in Lent 8.35 - 8.45 in the KS2 hall.



Each
Wednesday, we
gather for our
Singing
Assembly.

*stvincentdepaul on X: "The children in Reception
enjoyed singing this morning."*





**WONDERFUL
SINGING BY
KS2 ON
WEDNESDAY.**

Well done everyone;
we're so proud of you all.
Listen and watch here:

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1712046834879692893>



Be Spirited Week w/c 18th March 2024



This week we celebrated 'Be Spirited' week in school.
We are preparing ourselves for Easter by reflecting on the values of the Kingdom of God.
May His Kingdom come and His will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.



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The Reception O'Connor children have enjoyed lots of prayerful reflection when taking part in our **'Be Spirited'** activities this week.



The Nursery children enjoying our 'Be Spirited' activities this week.



Y6T doing a variety of activities for 'Be Spirited'; a lovely way to reflect and prepare for Easter.



Year 6 Shakespeare enjoyed reflecting on their Lenten journey during 'Be Spirited'.



Year 3 enjoyed the
activities for
Be Spirited

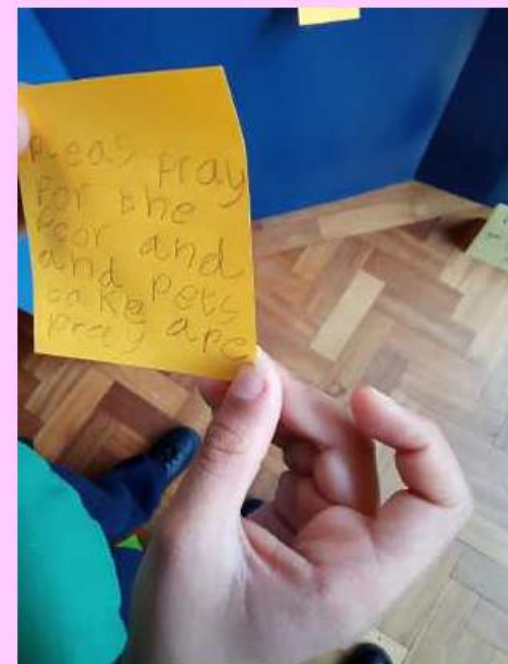
*'I was thinking
about the world and
how God created it'
'I was thanking God
for everything He
provides for us'*



Year 1 are preparing for Easter and took part in our 'Be Spirited' week. They understand the importance of time to be still and a space to think.



*'It made me think of Jesus and why he died for us'
'I was praying for all the pets and the people that keep them safe'*

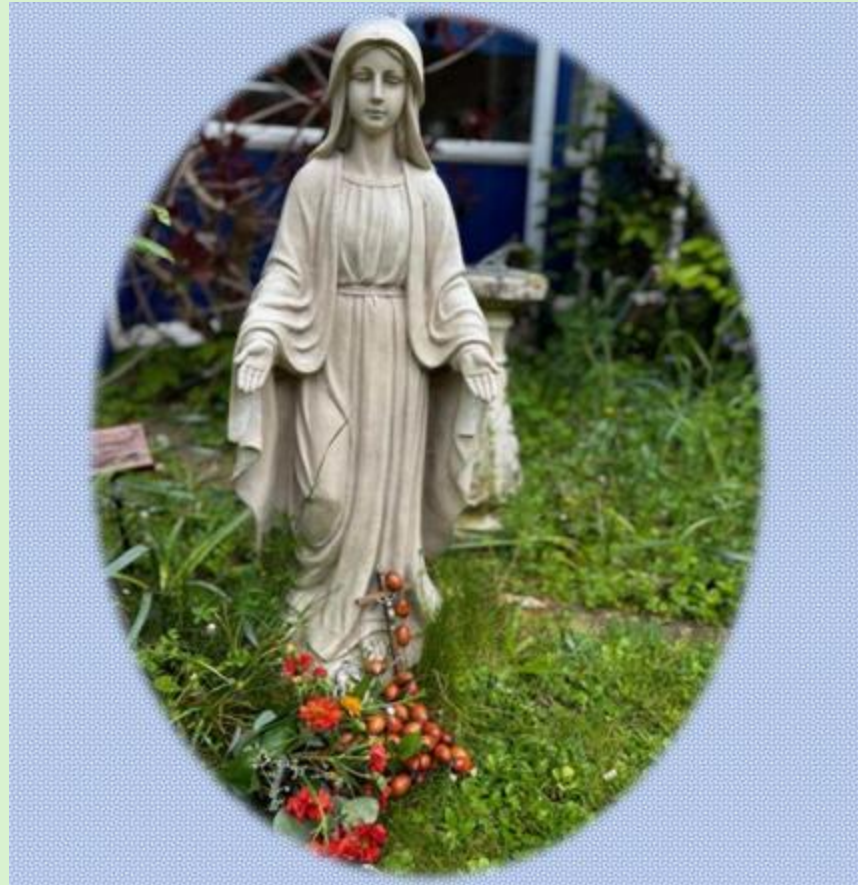


Join us on a Tuesday
and Thursday
morning 8.30-8.40
for

Our Marian Devotions



October Marian Devotion



During the month of May, all were invited to gather in the prayer garden every Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Together, we said a decade of the Rosary.

Celebrating Mary

We celebrated Our Lady,
our Blessed Mother as a
whole school community.

Each class studied a mystery
of the Rosary which they
represented in art for
everyone to view.

We then held a Liturgy for
children and parents, laying
flowers at the statue of Our
Lady.





Come and see our Year One pictures of Mary depicting the birth of Jesus, part of the Joyful Mysteries.

The children have loved using mixed media to create this gorgeous artwork.



We were so proud of the artwork created by Reception O'Connor, depicting the Annunciation.



Year 2 Assumption of Mary art displayed for all to see!





Year 4 has been making mood boards linked to Our Lady, Mary.

The pupils used geometric paper, prints and used their own sketches of Mary to show how she intercedes for all people across the world.

Mary is the
Mother of Jesus and
our Mother, too.
Watch the Mary Procession
in the Nursery.

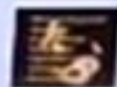
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Collective Acts of Worship in the classroom



Oh Lord, now let your servant
depart in peace,
for our eyes have seen
Your saving grace.
A light to the world
and the light of life.
Seen in our Saviour's face (x2)
Alleluia (x3)

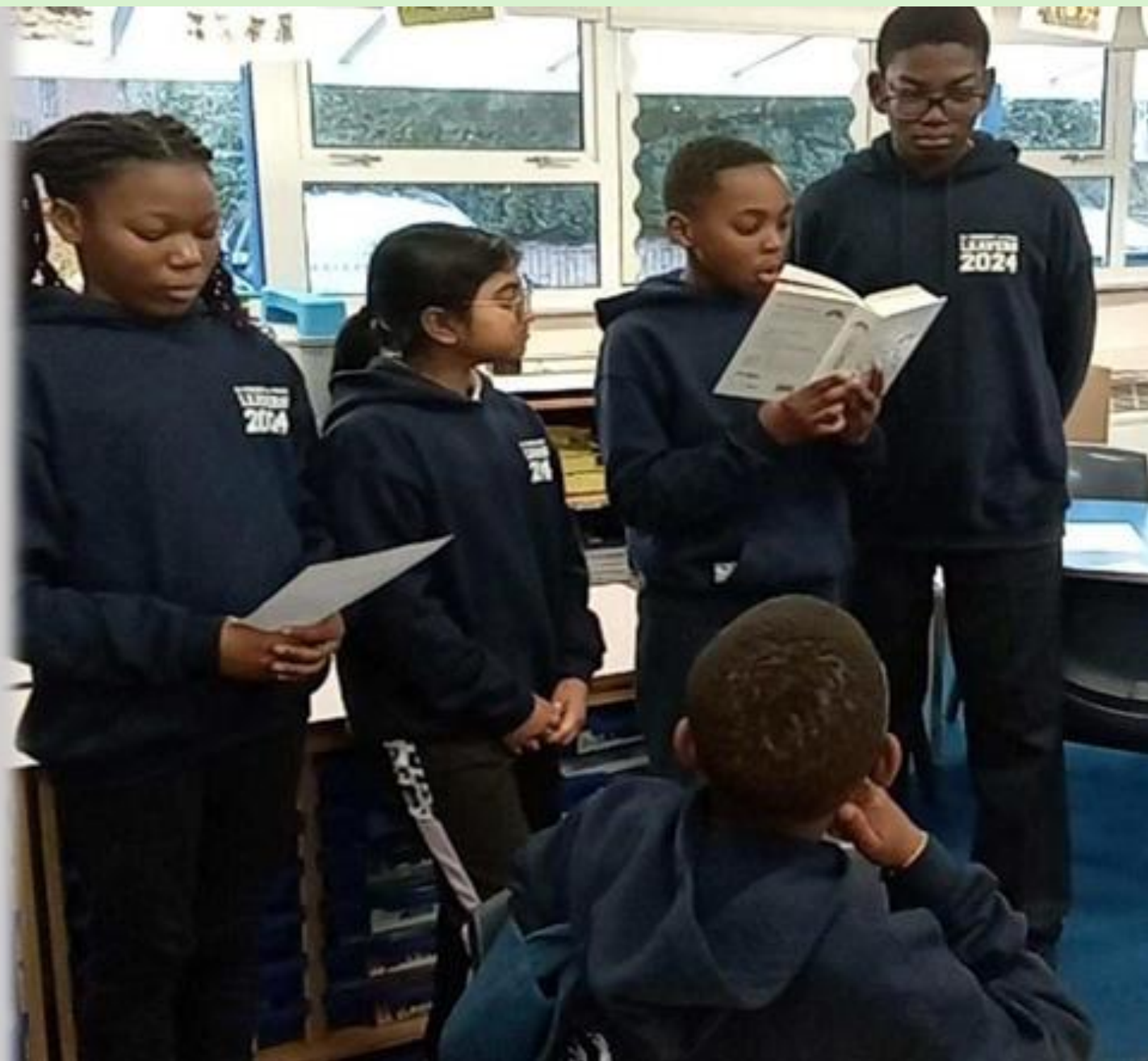


Watch Year 3
singing this
beautiful song
to celebrate
Candlemas
on Friday,
remembering that
Jesus is the light of
the world.

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Year 6 ended the week with a lovely act of worship about starting afresh as we begin 2024.

The children spoke confidently and encouraged us to accept God's invitation to His special kingdom.





Year 1 Peace Prayers





Leading
the
children
in a
special
prayer
for
Mary.



The nursery children learnt a worship song.



God's Wonderful World

God made the world and everything in it.



Year 6
had a lovely
morning
completing
their
**'Easter
Journey'**.





Click on the image above to watch the Nursery children in action!

The children in the Nursery class have been thinking of Jesus.



Year 1 enjoyed some quiet reflection time after receiving their Lenten ashes.