

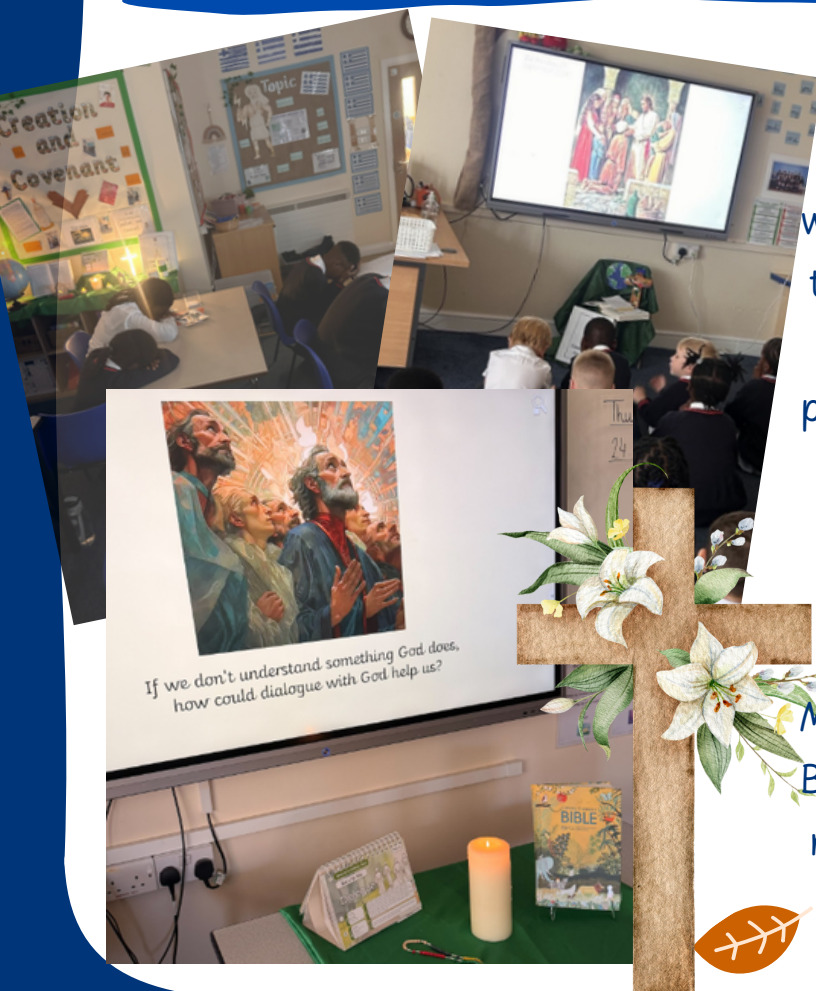


ST MARY'S SCHOOL TO PARISH NEWSLETTER

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ST MARY'S COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

At St Mary's, prayer and worship are at the heart of everything we do. This half term, our children and staff have continued to grow together in faith, deepening their understanding of Scripture and strengthening their relationship with God through a range of meaningful prayer and worship opportunities. Each week, children and staff take part in Lectio Divina and Visio Divina, exploring Scripture through prayerful reading, reflection and images. These special moments encourage our children to listen carefully to God's Word, reflect on its meaning and consider how they can live out Jesus' teachings in their everyday lives.



Every Monday morning, we gather for our whole-school Gospel Assembly, where we explore the Gospel of the week and introduce our special Word of the Week. This word becomes a mission for our children, encouraging them to put their faith into action through their words, choices and actions, both in school and at home.

Children who demonstrate our weekly mission are celebrated with a special Mission Certificate, presented by Father Basil. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognise those children who are truly living out our Gospel values and following in Jesus' footsteps.



THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY



October – The Month of the Holy Rosary

October is a very special month in the Catholic Church as we dedicate it to Our Lady and the Holy Rosary. Throughout this month, we encourage our children to grow closer to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, through prayer, reflection and a deeper understanding of the Rosary.

At St Mary's, we began this special month with a beautiful whole-school Rosary Celebration. Every child lovingly created something to offer as a gift during our celebration, making it a truly meaningful occasion for our school family. We were delighted to welcome Father Basil, who joined us in prayer and gave a special blessing to all of our children.

Throughout October, we are also offering weekly Rosary prayer sessions during breaktimes, giving children the opportunity to come together in a peaceful and reflective environment to pray one or two decades of the Rosary. These special moments allow our children to experience this traditional Catholic prayer, develop their understanding of its meaning and strengthen their personal relationship with God.

We hope that, through these experiences, our children will develop a greater love for Our Lady and discover the comfort, peace and joy that can be found through prayer.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!



A Message from Our GIFT Team



At St Mary's, our GIFT Team (Growing in Faith Together) is made up of 16 children who show great respect, kindness and faith in God.

We love spending time together growing closer to God, exploring Scripture and learning how to become young ministers of faith. Being part of the GIFT Team helps us become more confident in sharing our Catholic faith and encouraging others to follow in Jesus' footsteps.

We especially love sharing our faith with our wonderful parish community, praying together and spending time with you all. We can't wait to continue spreading God's love throughout our school and parish!

With love and prayers,
St Mary's GIFT Team

