

English Martyrs' Chaplaincy Newsletter

Welcome to the Lent Term, we are really looking forward to our Ash Wednesday Liturgy. As part of the Chaplaincy Team, we will be leading this liturgy and are looking forward to this. The chaplaincy team's charity is CAFOD and during lent, the whole school will be taking part in a CAFOD Week to raise money and awareness for this charity.

As part of the chaplaincy team, we help the younger members of the school to plan liturgies for their class. With our support, they manage to present their liturgies to the class and they learn more about our Faith.



Loving our Neighbour, is loving Jesus.

Monday 3rd December

Today we discussed the quote above. We thought about whether it's difficult to love everybody and whether we love everyone the same amount.

The word 'neighbour' was an interesting word to discuss and all children discussed whether we love our neighbours, but at the same time, who our neighbours are.

We started to think about examples of Jesus' love and how he overcomes challenges to have a positive effect on the people in his life.



Faith in Action

As part of year six chaplaincy, we all had the chance to take part in the Faith in Action Award. Faith in Action is when we can all talk about our faith freely and we discuss different points of our beliefs. By the end of faith in action we hope to receive the award and feel our faith has strengthened as well as our knowledge for God.

We also work in our community because we know it's important to include others in our faith and encourage them to love God.

We update our Faith in Action website page after every reflection so, please make sure you check this out.



CAFOD

Just one world

As part of the Year six Chaplaincy Team, we visited the CAFOD volunteer centre in Bulwell. This is because our charity for the year is CAFOD.

We were fortunate to be joined by another school named Holy Trinity, who we did the activities with. One of the activities, which we dived into, was creating a liturgy to deliver to the Sisters in the Poor Clare Monastery. From their expressions on their face, the Sisters seemed impressed and were willing to stay a

short while afterwards to answer and questions we had. It was a great experience to ask them some questions.

In the afternoon, Maggie—who works in CAFOD centre—had another activity for us to do. Whilst some of us wrote a prayer on the prayer tree, others played a game. This game explained what CAFOD do and how hard some people's lives are before CAFOD come into their lives.

This game involved five families. In each family was five people. One person had to cut out pictures of buckets and the rest of them coloured them in. We had to (one at a time) go and walk to the river and back to Maggie. If coloured neatly, Maggie would exchange the bucket for soap, crops, food etc. It wasn't all good though because there were a few scenarios which included: getting sick, dropping bucking and going to a funeral.

We learned a lot and enjoyed meeting new people in our wider community.

