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Prayer Mission activities June 8th-June-12th June 2020

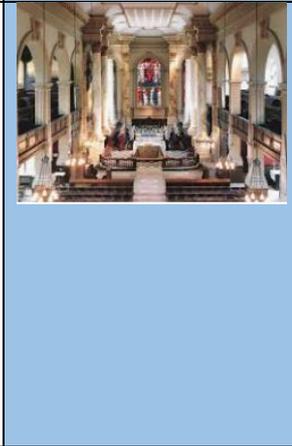
<p>Monday</p>	<p>On Sunday 7th June the Mass was based upon the Most Holy Trinity. Below is the Gospel Passage from this Mass: Gospel: John 3:16-18*</p> <p>For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its saviour. Those who believe in the Son are not judged; but those who do not believe have already been judged, because they have not believed in God's only Son. Make a paper world out of blue and green paper and invite the children to write or draw on it how they will show their love for the world in the coming week. Or encourage the children to write a prayer of thanks and praise to God for the love that God has shown to the world.</p>	
<p>Tuesday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper chain prayers- Get the children to write their prayers on a strip of paper. Try to focus on a specific type of prayer (thanks, praise etc.) or give them something specific to pray for. • Join the prayers together to make a chain and place them about a prayer area you have at home. • You could build up a chain over a period of time by adding to it gradually. 	
<p>Wednesday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow- You will need three pieces of paper (or one piece of paper with three columns) labelled Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. • This can be done as a shared activity or individually. • You could get the children to suggest questions to go on each page/column e.g. In what ways did you show Jesus’ love? These questions should prompt others to reflect on their words and actions, on everything they have said and shouldn’t have, or didn’t say when they should. • Once there are enough prompts allow the children time to reflect on each column. They may decide to pray aloud or silently. As each prompt is prayed about it can be ticked off. 	

<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Prayer of the hand- Get the children to draw around their hand. Each thumb/finger will represent something different to pray for (as listed below) Children will start from their thumb and will work their way towards their little finger, praying for each of the different things.</p> <p>Thumb- look at your thumb-it is closest to you-pray for those that are closest to you.</p> <p>Look at your pointing finger-pray for those that point to God-teachers, nurses, parents, priests, catechists.</p> <p>Look at the finger that's the biggest. Pray for people in authority, people who have to rule and guide others. Pray for Our Holy Father the Pope and all religious leaders in the world.</p> <p>Look at your weakest finger. Pray for people who are suffering e.g. the poor, the sick, the lonely, the homeless etc.</p> <p>Look at your little finger. Pray for yourself. Ask God to help you be gentle and humble of heart. Ask God to help you to trust him like a little child.</p>	
<p>Friday</p>	<p>Star prayer- You will need an image of a four-pointed star with an arrow fixed at the centre with a split pin to allow it to turn. You or the children point the arrow to the type of prayer you want to focus on that day.</p>	

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<p>Monday</p>	<p>Sunday 14th June's Gospel Mass was about: 'Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ' Read the Gospel: John 6:51-58 ask following questions: What do you remember from today's reading? Why do you think Jesus chose to talk about bread? Ask the children to colour in the accompanying illustration of the bakery in Puentecitos (next page) and on the back to write or draw what they will do to help make sure that all people around the world have enough food to eat. Encourage the children to think about all the people involved in producing their bread, from those who grow and produce the ingredients, to those who bake and sell the bread. As a family discuss all that you have heard and thought about today. As a family each time you eat bread in the coming week, remember Sibia in El Salvador, and also pray for all people around the world who are struggling to get enough to eat. Perhaps you could do one thing in the coming week to help those who are hungry either in your local community or around the world.</p>	
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Pray together as a family after watching a news summary. This is an easy way to start praying for broader <u>world issues</u> and can encourage children and young people to develop a practical concern for God's world.</p>	
<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>At school, we always say our Grace before Meals prayer before we eat our lunch. Have a go saying this prayer before you eat with your family today: For food in a world where many walk in hunger For friends in a world where many walk alone For faith in a world where many walk in fear We give you thanks, O Lord. Amen.</p>	
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Today there will be a live Mass held at the Cathedral for the Sick and their families, NHS Front-line workers and those working in social care. Thursday 18 June St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Bernard at 7:00. www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-chads-cathedral-birmingham This week's Thursday Mass is being celebrated by Bishop Pat McKinney (formerly of the Archdiocese) www.youtube.com/bishoppatrickmckinney Please tune in with your family and pray for the sick and all those working in social care during this time.</p>	
<p>Friday</p>	<p>https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Kidz-Zone/Peace</p>	

	<p>Please use the link above to access CAFOD resources for prayers of Peace.</p> <p>God of love, We pray for peace in our world, and an end to war. Instead of hatred, let there be love. Shelter your children and protect us. Guide us and keep us from harm, so we can build a world of love and live our lives in peace. Amen.</p>	
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	<p><u>Prayer Mission activities June 22nd-June-26th June 2020</u></p>	
<p>Monday</p>	<p>Sunday 21st June Gospel is about: how God takes care of us no matter who we are. We are reminded that God is with us in every part of our lives so we should not be afraid. The Gospel reading is: Matthew 10:26-33.</p> <p>Read the Gospel and answer the following questions: What do you remember from today's reading? Jesus' friends are afraid and don't know what to do. They feel that they aren't very important and that God may not look after them. Jesus looks at the world around him and sees that God is watching over everything, even tiny birds like sparrows. Have you ever seen sparrows? What do they look like? When you look at the world, what else can you see that might remind you of God's love for us all? Can you remember some of the things Jesus said, that it would be good for us to tell other people? He said we should try to love our neighbours as we love ourselves. Anything else?</p>	
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>God loves us all and so we are called to take care of one another, to love one another, no matter where in the world that we are. We are also called to protect and care for the earth, so that everyone can share in the good things that God has given us.</p> <p>This can be hard sometimes. We might need to be brave and to speak out for what we know is right when we see others treating people or the earth badly.</p> <p>Can you try to remember that God loves you this week? And can you be brave and try to share that love with others just like the disciples?</p>	

	<p>Write a list of things that you think God will love you for eg: how you help your family at home, being a kind friend at school etc Then write a list of ways in which you can share your love with others eg: helping to tidy your bedroom, saying some kind things to your family etc.</p>	
<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>Say this prayer with your family, thinking about the message it gives to us:</p> <p>Powerful God, You hold us and everything you have made in your loving care. You are in the whole universe and in every tiny creature. Pour out on us, God, the power of your love. And teach us to care for life and for beauty. Fill us with peace, so that we do not harm others, but love them all like sisters and brothers. God, we know that people who are poor are very special to you and you want us to love them too, so they are not forgotten. We ask you to change us so that we protect your world, not destroy it. Change the hearts of people who only care about themselves and money, instead of caring about people and the Earth. Show us how even small things matter, Help us see that we are all connected to each other and to the earth. We thank you God for being with us each day, fill us up with wonder and light, and help us to bring peace to our beautiful world. Amen.</p>	
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Sing some hymns with your family about how God looks after and cares for our world. One of our school favourites is: He's got the whole world in his hands. You can access this hymn following this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDBJNQiugnM</p>	
<p>Friday</p>	<p>Access the link below to choose your own prayer for today's prayer time. There are some wonderful prayers to choose from. https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Children-s-prayer-films</p>	

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Prayer Mission activities June 29th-3rd July 2020

<p>Monday</p>	<p>Sunday 28th June- St Peter and St Paul. In Sunday's Gospel, we heard about how Jesus gave Peter the keys to the kingdom of Heaven.</p> <p>Please read the Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19 and answer these questions with your family:</p> <p>What do you remember from today's reading?</p> <p>Today we hear how Jesus was so impressed with Simon that he gave him a new name. Can you remember what that new name was?</p> <p>Why did Jesus give Simon Peter a new name and the keys to the kingdom?</p> <p>Because of Peter's great faith, Jesus gave him the keys to the kingdom of Heaven. What are keys usually used for?</p> <p>We can open our hearts by taking some time to stop and listen, to pray and to try to hear what Jesus is asking us to do. We can show our faith in our prayers and in our actions. We can try to follow Jesus' commandments to love God and to love our neighbour. We can be kind and generous to others and we can try to make the world a fairer place where all people get what they need.</p> <p>Activity: Can you think of some key words that show us what Jesus asks us to do? Draw them around a picture of a key (eg. love, believe, forgive, give, share, hope etc)</p> <p>These are just like the keys to God's kingdom - which open us up to God's love.</p> <p>This week let's try to be more loving, more forgiving and more generous to others. Let us try to bring hope to others. And let's try to open our hearts to welcome Jesus in.</p> <p>What will you do this week to show your faith in Jesus and to welcome him into your heart?</p> <p>*There is also a Good Shepherd Mass at 10am today, streaming live on the St Chad's Cathedral website.</p> <p>*Today celebrates 'A day of many colours' work has been set up on your Homeroom page for you to do regarding this.</p>	
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Today we will pray for refugees.</p> <p>Click on this CAFOD link to access a video and prayer based upon praying for any refugees in our world who need our prayers today.</p> <p>https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Kidz-Zone/Refugees</p>	
<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>Prayer can be lived out in many different ways. A popular way to pray, is through song. Click on this link to learn a new song with your family.</p>	

	https://www.worshiptogether.com/songs/awake-my-soul-hillsong-worship/	
Thursday	<p>Pope Francis this month, asks us to pray for all those who are suffering in this world. Please watch this short clip online to listen to his intentions for this month.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2IMpy05pccM&feature=youtu.be</p> <p>How does this video make you feel? What can you do to help?</p>	
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Please see on next page, hymns for the Good Shepherd Mass at 10am, Monday 29th June. The Mass will be streamed live from St Chad's Cathedral. To tune into the Mass go to: <https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/> alternatively, type into google: Good Shepherd Mass at St Chad's Cathedral with Archbishop Bernard.