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## Worship and Liturgy - 5th Sunday of Lent



In the Gospel this weekend we hear Jesus today uses the image of a grain of wheat to talk about what is in store for him - death and resurrection. He

says that one single grain of wheat can produce a rich harvest. Let's think some more about this today. Jesus says that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies then it will give a rich harvest. Jesus is using this image to explain that he must die on the cross so that he can rise again and so people will believe he is the Son of God. You may not be very used to growing things, but about a quarter of all people in the world live from farming. For them, planting and growing seeds is a matter of life and death. If their food doesn't grow well, their families will be hungry. The people listening to Jesus would have known all about what that means, as many of them would have grown their own food. Our actions, even if we do just one little thing, can also grow into something big. What will you do this week to make a difference to someone who needs help - even if you can't see them in person? Talk to someone on the phone who is alone, or send a drawing?

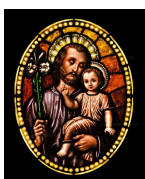
## First Holy Communion Candidates

We have 13 children preparing for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year.

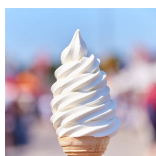


We would like to take this opportunity to thank: the children for their dedication and effort, their parents for encouraging the children on their sacramental journey and to Mrs Kelly, Mrs Birch and Deacon Albert for guiding and teaching them. We ask that you pray for them over the coming weeks as they begin to enrich their lives through scripture, prayer and time with God.

## St Joseph's Day



This Friday we celebrated St Joseph's Day. Father Oscar and Deacon Albert came to celebrate mass with us. It was wonderful to be together for this celebration and the



children were incredible. We can't wait for the time where we can go to church and sing together as well. Although we were not all able to be together physically for mass, we did all join virtually, led by the lovely year 6 readers. Deacon Albert and Father Oscar then visited each class and gave them a blessing. Our hearts were bursting with pride at how respectful, reverent and thoughtful the children were. We also all enjoyed the lovely ice cream treat in the afternoon!



## Walk for Water

Thank you to those of you that have already donated to our Cafod appeal - Walk for Water. We have had monetary donations, prayers and water droplets. All of which goes a long way to raising the profile of this wonderful cause. Our [SJ Just Giving](#) page is still open and we are nearly at our target.

## Agents of Change

Our agents of change were once again in action today! KS2 spent the afternoon experiencing what it would be like to carry water. They looked into the amount of water needed to enable a person to wash their hands for 20 seconds 5 times a day and were astounded at much water it needs! Although they understand the need to shower and wash hands regularly, they are now very mindful of how lucky they are that it is on tap and are aiming to reduce the amount of water they use in other ways!



## KS1 Agents of Change

The children in Key Stage 1 spent time again focussing on their local care home. Today they made baskets of hope and tea lights to share the light of Jesus. These will be delivered to the care homes over the next week and we are hoping to Zoom call again! The children have been fantastic and really have put their heart and soul into it.



## Energy and Utility Support

Plymouth City Council has also awarded a grant of £290k to Plymouth Energy Community (PEC), to help families struggling to stay warm this winter. PEC can provide grants for fuel bills and other



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winter warmth/gas safety/energy efficient essentials.

[Plymouth Energy Community | Homepage](#)

Other areas of the Council are also helping to tackle food poverty over the winter.

[COVID-19 - Food Banks and Emergency Food Services - Caring For Plymouth](#)

## Celebrations this week

Whole School Attendance 94.4 %	Top Class Attendance Class Foundation - 97.15 %
<b>Crew Member of the Week</b> F Courtney- Sailor Sam- Super independent sentence writing. 1 Oscar- Commander Kim - for great problem solving in his maths in lessons. 2 Jaylen - Captain Cane - All around effort to learning. 3 Lena S - Commander Kim - for great problem solving in our fraction learning. 4 Vincenzo - Commander Kim - Fantastic problem solving with our fraction learning. 5 Alexis - Sailor Sam - Great perseverance in Maths this week! 6. Beau - Sailor Sam - Giant strides forward in reading!	
<b>Witness of Forgiveness</b> F Bonnie- Always being so quick to forgive others. 1 Luka - forgiving other children when they hurt him.. 2 Harper - being ever forgiving to her friends. 3 Esmae- for forgiving her friends. 4 Angel and Grace 5 Gracie, Anthony and Ella 6 Sam and Alfie - quick to give someone a fresh start	

