

<p>Monday Gospel</p>	<p>Children’s liturgy – Saint Peter and Saint Paul (Year A)</p> <p>Preparation of the worship space Colour: red Props: key shapes cut out of card</p> <p>Song suggestions: Follow Jesus Children’s liturgy – Saint Peter and Saint Paul (Year A)</p> <p>Preparation of the worship space Colour: red Props: key shapes cut out of card</p> <p>Song suggestions: City of God (824, Laudate) Seek ye first the Kingdom of God (820, Laudate)</p> <p>Welcome: Today we hear how Jesus gave Peter the keys to the kingdom of Heaven. Let’s find out why, and what it means for us.</p> <p>Opening prayer: Christ Jesus, help us to be faithful to you, like Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Inspire us to show that faith in everything we do. Amen.</p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19</p> <p>Jesus went to the territory near the town of Caesarea Philippi, where he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”</p> <p>“Some say John the Baptist,” they answered. “Others say Elijah, while others say Jeremiah or some other prophet.”</p> <p>“What about you?” he asked them. “Who do you say I am?”</p> <p>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”</p> <p>“Good for you, Simon son of John!” answered Jesus. “For this truth did not come to you from any human being, but it was given to you directly by my Father in heaven. And so I tell you, Peter: you are a rock, and on this rock foundation I will build my church, and not even death will ever be able to overcome it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven; what you prohibit on earth will be prohibited in heaven, and what you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.”</p>
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Gospel reflection: What do you remember from today's reading?

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?

Jesus said that he would build his church upon Simon Peter. Jesus also gave him the keys to the kingdom of Heaven.

Why did Jesus give Simon Peter a new name and the keys to the kingdom?

Simon Peter recognised and believed that Jesus was the Son of God. He had great faith and was willing to put that faith into words but also into actions.

Because of Peter's great faith, Jesus gave him the keys to the kingdom of Heaven. What are keys usually used for?

Keys lock doors, but they also open them. As a disciple, Peter spent his time sharing Jesus' message with other people. He opened their hearts to God's love, just like a key opens a door.

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.

Can you think of some key words that show us what Jesus asks us to do? (*eg. love, believe, forgive, give, share, hope etc*)

These are just like the keys to God's kingdom – which open us up to God's love.

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.

What will you do this week to show your faith in Jesus and to welcome him into your heart?

Intercessions: *You may want to ask the children to offer their own prayers, or use the suggestions below.*

	<p>We open our hearts to God as we pray together:</p> <p>We pray for the Church throughout the world: that it may be a place of welcome and safety for all people. Lord, in your mercy...</p> <p>We pray for all our brothers and sisters around the world, especially those who are poor: that they may be able to change their lives for the better. Lord, in your mercy...</p> <p>We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may open our hearts to Jesus and love our neighbour, wherever in the world they are. Lord, in your mercy...</p> <p>Closing prayer: Living God, help us to live with love, faith, generosity, fairness and hope, so that our hearts may be open to you and to all people in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.</p> <p>You might like to watch one of these videos about St Peter: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhlwTU9RbxY https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUKn_D4i7f8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SVx_G8yB19I</p>
<p>Tuesday & Thursday Family Prayers</p>	<p>This is your own private family time for prayers.</p> <p>You might like to use some of the prayer ideas that are in the school prayer bag – praying with lego, bubbles and plasticine.</p> <p>You might like to make a prayer chain which you add to every Tuesday and Thursday.</p> <p>You might like to add to your Prayer Space.</p>
<p>Wednesday Core Value</p>	<p>SUMMER OF HOPE</p> <p>Watch the CAFOD summerofhope launch video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fk8XTLhvL0s</p> <p>Can you find out about some of the countries that CAFODs supports? Look on their website – go to the tab SCHOOLS & YOUTH and then select KIDSZONE.</p>
<p>Friday reflection</p>	<p>It was the school's 8th birthday on Monday, the feast day of SS Peter & Paul.</p> <p>On our birthdays we have a party and our friends join with us to celebrate.</p>

RE: Week beginning Monday 29th June 2020

	<p>Draw a picture of yourself on your birthday. Make a list of your talents and the things that make you special. Ask your parents and friends what they think makes you special – add this to your drawing.</p> <p>Thank God for making you a very special person.</p> <p>Thank God for loving you every day.</p>
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