

St Alban's Catholic Church, Finchley

Children's Liturgy

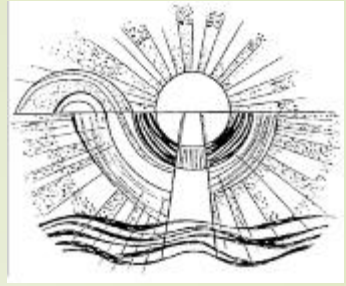
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Do you have a candle and perhaps a cross? Why don't you collect them and join together as a family to welcome Jesus.

Let us light the candle, make the sign of the cross and say...

Dear God,
Thank you for the big, round world
Thank you for the sea.
Thank you God for all my friends,
Thank you God for loving me.
Amen



Hi, I'm Clare and I led the Liturgy of the Word for children this week. Look out for more of my fellow catechists next week!

Please get in touch with your comments and photos (not including children's faces please) of the activities. Email finchleynorth@rcdow.org.uk



Let us read today's Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
To accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (*Matthew 22:34-40*)

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they came together, and one of them, a teacher of the Law, tried to trap him with a question.

“Teacher,” he asked, “which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

Jesus answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the most important commandment. The second most important commandment is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as you love yourself.’ The whole Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

Reflection

What do you remember from today's reading?

There is a lot of talk about something called a commandment. **A commandment is a type of rule that God has given us.**

Jesus is asked what the greatest commandment is. **Can you remember what he says?**

Jesus says the **greatest and the first commandment is that we should love God** with all our heart, with all our soul and with all our mind.

Let's think quietly for a moment about this. When we love someone we try to show this in the way that we treat them. **How do you think you can show that you love God?**

We can show that we love God when we pray - by giving thanks and praise to God. And by remembering all that God asks us to do. **We can also show our love for God by trying to behave in a way that pleases God.** This is where the second commandment comes in. **Can you remember what it was?**

Jesus asks us to love our neighbour as ourselves. When Jesus asks us to love our neighbour, do you think he just means the person who lives next door? **Who else is our neighbour?**

Our neighbours are the people sitting next to us right now, as well as all the people in the same street, at school and at church, in our town and in our world. After all, **we're all part of the same big global family. And we're all loved by God.**

Some neighbours live close to us and some live far away. But Jesus asks us to love them all as we love ourselves. **How could we show our love to those who live with us and close to us?** We could be kind, generous, helpful and share. **How could we show our love to those who live far away?** We could take an interest in how other people live, perhaps raise money for charities and ensure that everyone feels welcome when you meet them. Jesus wants us to treat other people as we would want to be treated, to make sure all people are treated fairly, and have what they need.

Activity 1

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart"

One of the ways we can demonstrate our love for God is to pray. Could you write your own prayer? Start with saying one thing you are thankful for, then ask God to help you with something. Perhaps it could be something you find difficult. Finally ask God to do something to help others. Perhaps it could be something to help those who live close to you. Perhaps it could be something to help those who live far away.



Activity 2

"Love your neighbour as you love yourself."

Find out one thing that you didn't already know, about someone who lives close you. Perhaps it could be a talent, something they struggle with, something they enjoy. They will be grateful to share it with you.

Find out one thing about someone who lives far away from you. You might need to ask someone, you might need to use the internet or look in a book. Can you find something that is similar to you?

Remember we are one global family.



Let us now bow our heads and say our closing prayer together...

Loving God,

We love you, we thank you and we praise you for all that you have done for us.

Open our hearts to love and serve you in all that we do.

Help us to show we love you by showing our love for others.

Help us to love our neighbours,
both here and around the world.

Amen.

