

# children's Newsletter

## St Mary's

### Matt 5:1-12

Today Jesus tells us what we should be like and how we should behave. He gives us the eight Beatitudes and if you read them, they are almost like a poem. They are called the Beatitudes because the word means Blessed and they all start with 'Blessed'.

4th Sunday  
in Ordinary  
Time



This is the Chinese symbol for 'To Listen'. It is made up of a number of symbols for things which they thought you needed if you were to listen carefully. Have a look at them. Most you might have guessed for yourself, but why do you think they have included the heart in the symbol, or eyes?

Think about when you are listening to your parents, do you always give them your undivided attention? Do you look at people when they speak to you to show you are listening?

If you were going to invent your own symbol what would you include?



### Monstrance

The monstrance is the sacred vessel which contains the consecrated Host when it is exposed or carried in procession. The host is now called the Blessed Sacrament.

We believe Christ is truly present in the host. He is God with us. We receive the host in Holy Communion. It is wonderful to have God dwelling among us.

### Vestments

This is a cincture. It is the belt Fr Peter wears around his alb. Altar Servers also wear them, they are gold or white in colour.



## St Paul's Letter

Today we hear about St Paul writing to the Corinthians. When Paul arrived in Corinth in about 49AD he would have seen lots of ruins. The Romans had destroyed the city over 100 years before. The place Paul knew was a young city, being rebuilt.

Corinth was on the southern side of Greece and was full of people from different places, religions and culture.

Corinth was quite a rich place because

of the trade that was carried on there.

The Christian community that Paul started in Corinth were a mixture of all these peoples. Some were wealthy tradesmen, some were slaves or former slaves.

Paul stayed with them for 2 years and when he was away from them he wrote many letters to remind them how to behave.



## Letters

How do you feel when you get a letter? Not many people write them these days but it is always great to see that letter dropping on the mat.

Here is a letter written by a young boy to God.

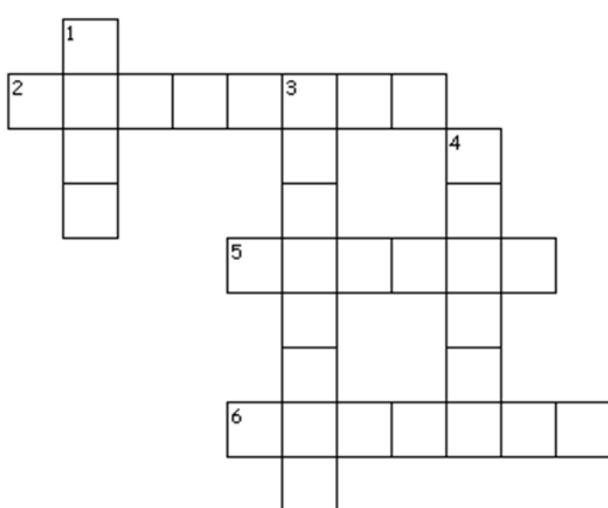
**Dear God,**

**The bad people laughed at Noah - "You made an ark on dry land you fool." But he was smart, he stuck with You. That's what I would do.**

**-Eddie**

Write your letter to God here. What will you say?

## What do you know about St Paul?



### Across

- Paul was going here to arrest Christians
- Paul did a lot of this
- Paul wrote a lot of these

### Down

- Paul's name before he became a Christian
- Paul founded these
- Where is Corinth?