Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand (Mk 6:30-35, 41-44)

“As He went ashore, He saw a great crowd; and He had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things. When it grew late, His Disciples came to Him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.” But He answered them, “You give them something to eat.” Taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before the people; and He divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.”

Reflection

This term, Year One have been learning about the the unit ‘Mission: Sharing with others as Jesus showed us.’ The students have been exploring the nature and challenges of Christian mission through their study of the scripture passage ‘Jesus feeds the five thousand’. Through Drama Literacy, the students have been able to explore the feelings the biblical figures may have felt in the scripture reading. Some of the student’s insights are captured in the quotes below.

“Jesus would have been sad and angry because the Disciples wanted to leave the crowd when they had nothing to eat”. (Daniel Czarnota)

“Jesus would have felt sorry for the people in the crowd. This is why he talked to them and taught them new things.” (Mary Rizk)

“The crowd would have felt so blessed and amazed because they were able to spend time with Jesus and receive delicious food to eat.” (Sahara Salati)

Living Out the Mission of Jesus

The students have been exploring the mission of Jesus and how we are called to carry out His mission in our lives. The Year One students watched a DVD provided by Catholic Mission. The DVD is about children in the country of Madagascar, who sadly have no access to clear water. The students were alarmed to learn about the number of children who get sick or die from preventable diseases.

The children have been discussing the ways in which they can help those people who are less fortunate than themselves. The quotes below demonstrate the student’s willingness to share with others, as Jesus showed us.

“I can donate my pocket money, so they can buy the things they need to survive.” (John Elias)
P&F Meeting Next Week
This Term’s P&F Meeting is scheduled for this coming Monday 26th October at 7pm. We will discuss the process of changing the school crest (please note: the parent survey in regards to school vision and crest was sent home this week, so please take the time to fill it out and return it to the school office as we value parent feedback in this process). We will discuss working bee committees, and fundraising ideas for the purchase of new iPad technology. I will also be sharing NAPLAN data. If there are any matters parents wish to raise at the P&F, please see a member of the P&F to have it added to the agenda.

Working Bee – Joint School and Parish
We have scheduled a joint school and parish working bee for Saturday 31st October from 9:30am. We require your help in doing various jobs around the school and parish grounds. If you could spare a couple of hours we would be very grateful. Please refer to the Working Bee note that was sent home this week for more details.

Spell –A-Thon Fundraiser
The spell-a-thon word test will take place next Wednesday 28th October. As we are in the last week of collecting sponsors and donations, just a reminder that any child who collects more than $50 worth of donations will receive a raffle ticket to go into the draw to receive a $100 Westfield’s Voucher to spend on whatever they wish. The money raised from the spell-a-thon will go directly to the purchase of new iPad technology, so please support this worthy cause and get as many sponsors as possible.

Graduation
Graduation is a time to celebrate the past and to look forward to a future full of hope and prosperity. On Thursday 10th December at 7:00pm we will celebrate the Graduation of our Year 6 students. Parents, family and friends are welcome to join us at Sacred Heart Parish Church to celebrate this wonderful occasion.

A Message for the Year 5 Parents
Just a reminder that we will be holding a meeting with the Year 5 parents who have expressed an interest in being on a Graduation committee on Monday 26th October, 2015 at 3:30pm. At this meeting, we will be discussing the graduation supper. We would appreciate as much support as possible. If you are available, please return the slip that was attached to the note sent home this week, and return it to the school office by this Friday.

World Teachers' Day Selfie—Friday 30th October 2015
The Catholic Education Office, Parramatta is currently holding a competition to celebrate World Teachers’ Day. To enter the competition, the students are asked to take a selfie with their teacher and in 25 words or less state how their teacher inspires them. The students can enter the competition at www.parra.catholic.edu.au. The winner receives a $200 itunes voucher for themselves and an apple mini ipad for their teacher. We will have a brief assembly next Friday morning to acknowledge our wonderful teachers.

Special Treat Day— Moving to a Friday
Thank you to Mrs Abraham who has kindly volunteered to do Special Treats every second Friday. If there is another parent who can fill the alternate Friday please contact the office.
# Year 6 Student Snapshot

**Name:** Jarome Assaf  
**Date of Birth:** 19/12/2003

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