



Term 3 in the Atrium has been a long period of growing time. The liturgical colour has been green for this period of time after celebrating the great feasts. Green is the colour for Ordinary Time in the Church's Liturgical calendar year.

During this time the children spent time with the preliminary works and the Practical Life works. Working with works of their own choosing allows the children to spend time in quiet meditative prayer and consolidates all that they have learnt in their own space and time.

The children were introduced to the tracing packets for many of the liturgical works, as an extension of their first year in the Atrium and as an introduction to their second year. The Altar, the Annunciation, the Nativity, the Mustard Seed and the Pearl of Great Price all have images and words from the scripture for the children to trace and then make into a booklet of their own.

We presented the blessing for the Gospel, the Sign of the Cross, the Hail Mary and Psalm 23 for the children and they were then able to spend time drawing and colouring with each of these.

The geography works were re-visited and the relief Map of Israel was introduced to the children along with a pasting work for them to identify Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem with the flame, star and cross symbolising where the angel visited Mary, where Jesus was born, and where Jesus rose after death.

Altar 1, 2 (Tabernacle) and 3 (Word) were presented to all the children. Thanks to the kind donation by Patrick and Maxine Sela we now have a beautiful Ciborium for the Tabernacle. The children were shown the Missal and the Lectionary as part of Altar 3.

We are so thankful to Luke for the beautiful new garden. We now have a plentiful supply of colourful flowers for our flower arranging in the Atrium! Luke also built the prayer screen and is currently in the process of crafting the City of Jerusalem which will be introduced to the children as part of the geography works.

We thank David for his great talent in completing some of our new materials which will be introduced next year. David has joined the Atrium as a volunteer and has been most generous in giving of his time. The children are always very curious about what David might be working on in the other room.

Thank you to Abbey for her assistance. Abbey has also joined the Atrium as a volunteer and her artistic skills are very welcome!

We welcome Zara, Chloe and Anastazja who will join the group on Friday mornings. We also welcome William and Brandon who commenced their Baptism preparation during Term 3; Brodie and Summer who will commence Baptism preparation in Term 4; and Isaac, Therese and Jason who will be baptised at Easter time next year.

Bishop Joseph Oudeman will be visiting our Parish on the weekend of 11th and 12th of October, 2014. We invite all our Atrium families to meet Bishop Joseph at the Atrium at 9.30am on Saturday 11th October.

Thank you for all your encouragement and support, and we continue to pray for the growth of our Parish Atrium.

Blessings,

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