

Fan the Flame 2020

Reflective Journal for Year Seven & Sixth Class Pupils



"The Beatitudes Reveal the Path to True Happiness.....
they Always Lead to Joy" (Pope Francis)

Introduction

As you come towards the end of your time in primary school, we hope this journal will help you to think about those years, the people you have met, the friends you have made, the gifts and talents you have developed and the teachers and staff, who have helped you to become the wonderful young person you are.

Most importantly we hope that this will allow you to see that your friend Jesus was and is with you every step of the way. He has been with you in the good days and the difficult days. He is with you now when you are at home, instead of being in school celebrating together the end of a very important time in your lives.

But endings can also be beginnings and this ending means you are ready for another step on your journey. You will move to new schools, with new people to help you. You may go to a school with some of the friends you have now, and you will also make new friends, learn new things and develop even more gifts and talents.

And your friend Jesus will still be with you, helping you to find the path to true happiness, to become the wonderful person God has created you to become. And the Holy Spirit will be there too, as your helper, your guide just as Jesus promised.

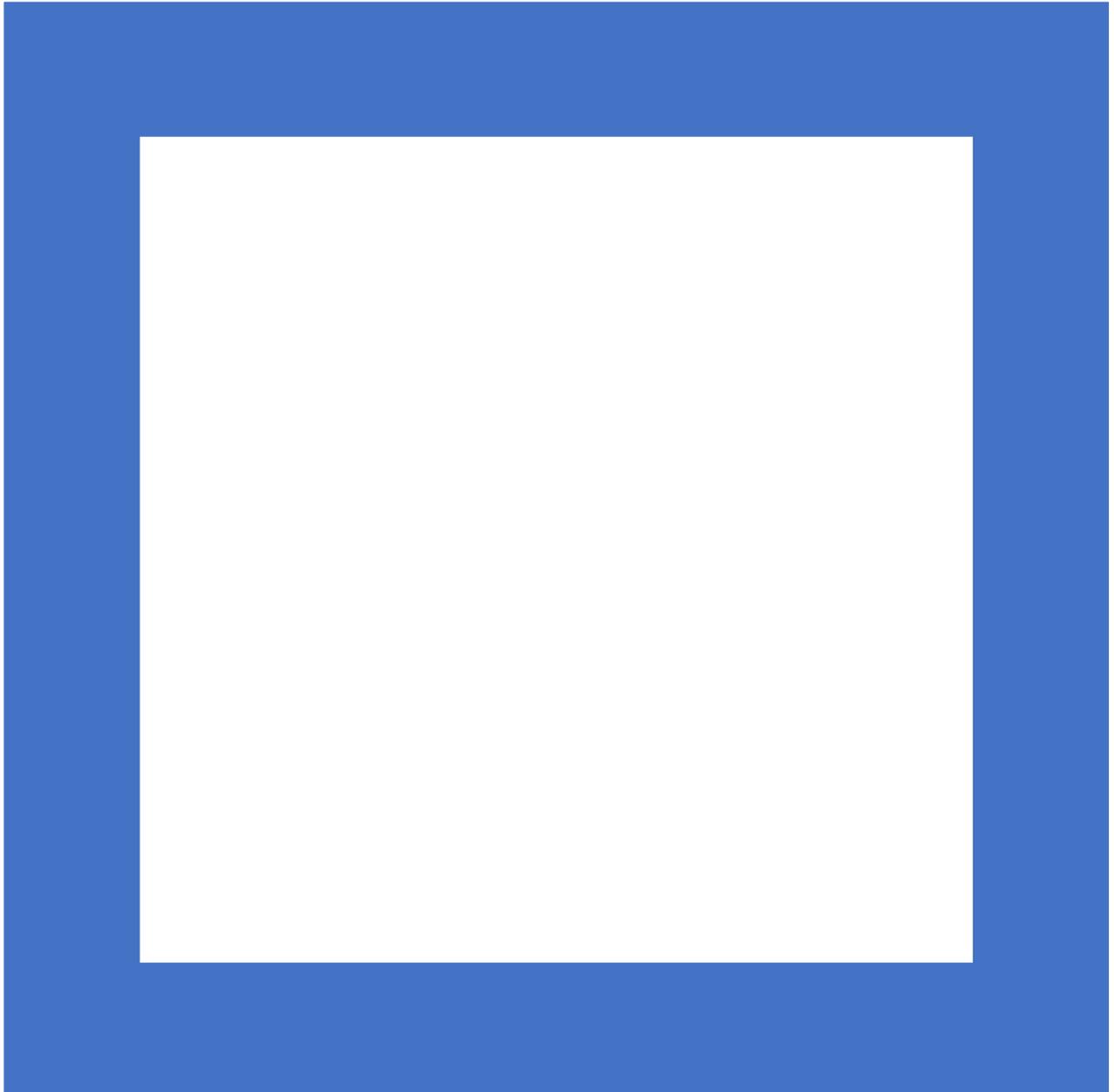
Before you start the journal say a short prayer asking God to help you to remember and to be grateful for your time in primary school. Take time as you complete this journal-there's no need to rush.

We thank God for the gift all the boys and girls in Year Seven and Sixth Class are to this diocese and ask God's blessing on you as you prepare to leave your school and start on another stage of your journey, with Jesus your friend!

"Fan into Flame the Gift that is Yours" (Saint Paul)

'God has made you in his image and likeness.' (Genesis 1:27)

Draw a picture of yourself/Insert a Photograph!



Name: _____

"I have called you by your name, you are mine' (Isaiah: 43:1)

I was born in _____ on the ____ of _____ 20____

At the time I was born my family was living in _____

The Church I was baptised in was _____

by Father _____

My Godparents are _____ and _____

The people in my family are _____

Draw your family/Insert a Photograph!



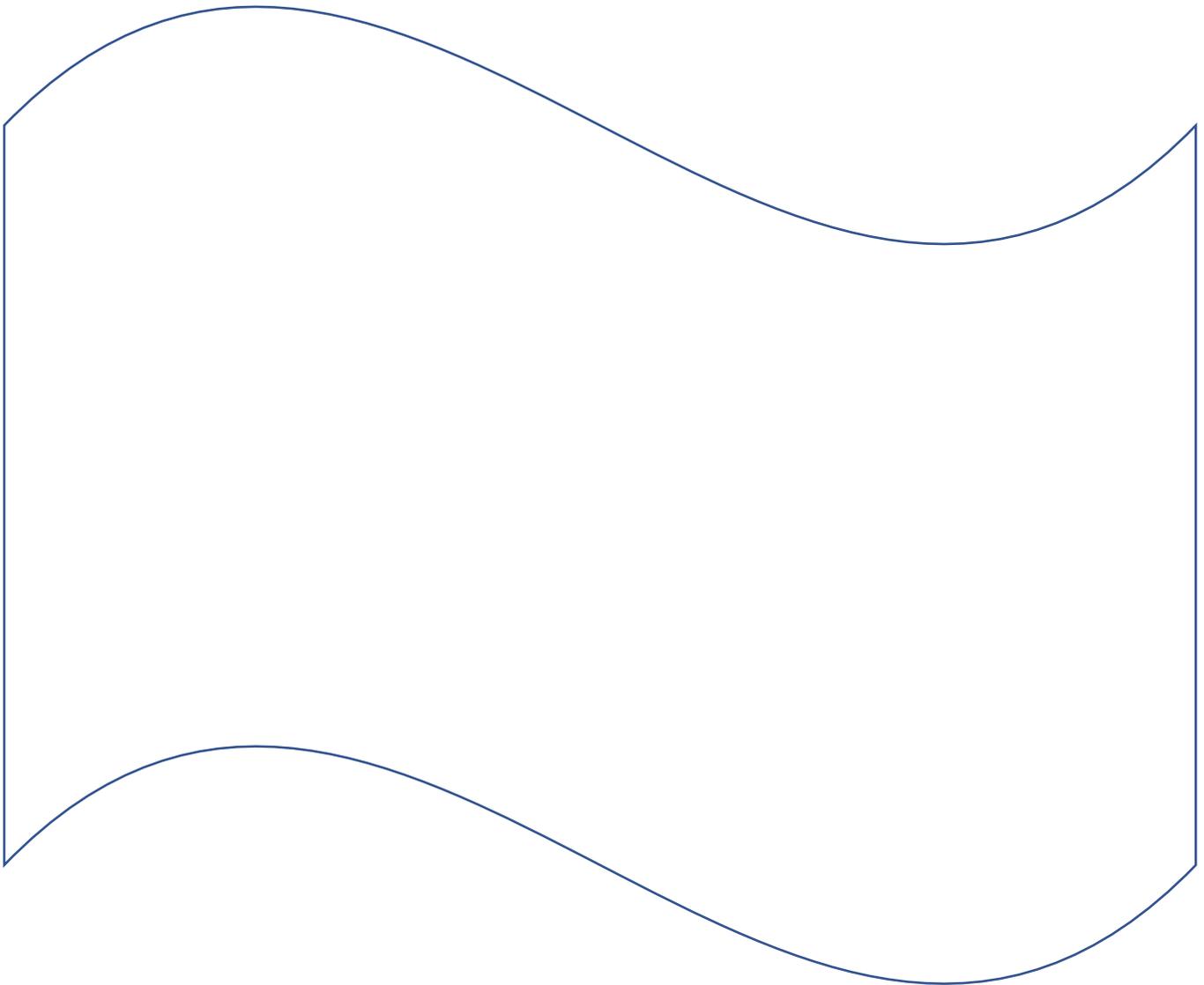
Three things I enjoy doing with my family are

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me" (Matthew 19:14)

Name of School _____

What I like best about our school is _____

My Class - Write the names of all the people in your class below!

A large, empty, wavy-edged rectangular box, outlined in blue, intended for students to write the names of all the people in their class. The box has a decorative, undulating top and bottom edge.

My Teachers in Primary School

Year 1/Junior Infants _____

Year 2/Senior Infants _____

Year 3/1st Class _____

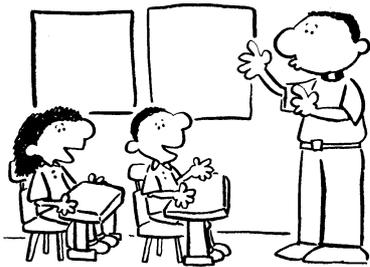
Year 4/2nd Class _____

Year 5/3rd Class _____

Year 6/4th Class _____

5th Class _____

My teacher in Year Seven/6th Class is _____



Three things I remember about my first days at Primary School are

My Special Friends are

Together we like to _____

My favourite place in the school building is _____

I like this because _____

Draw a picture of you and your friends in this place/Use a photograph if you have one!



Three things I really enjoyed taking part in at school over the last seven years were _____

I really enjoyed these because _____

My favourite school trip was to

This was the most enjoyable because

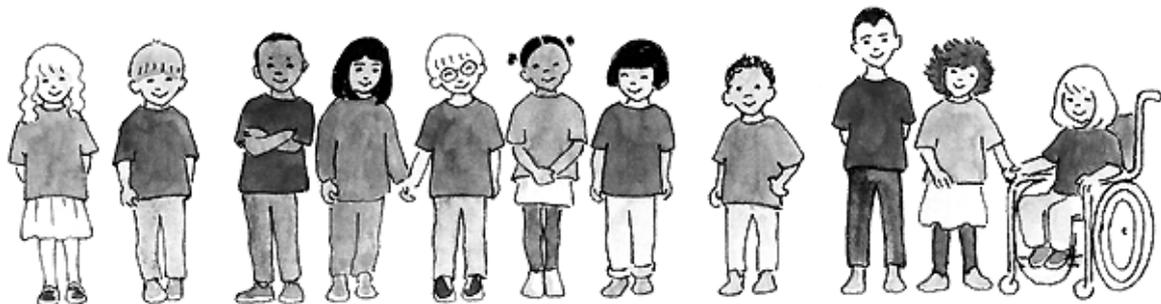
My Gifts and Talents that I have developed at school are



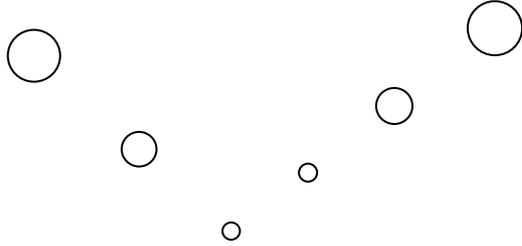
What sort of Person have I grown to become over the last 7/8 years at Primary School?

The saddest or hardest day of my time in school was _____

The happiest day of my time in school was



Moving On...



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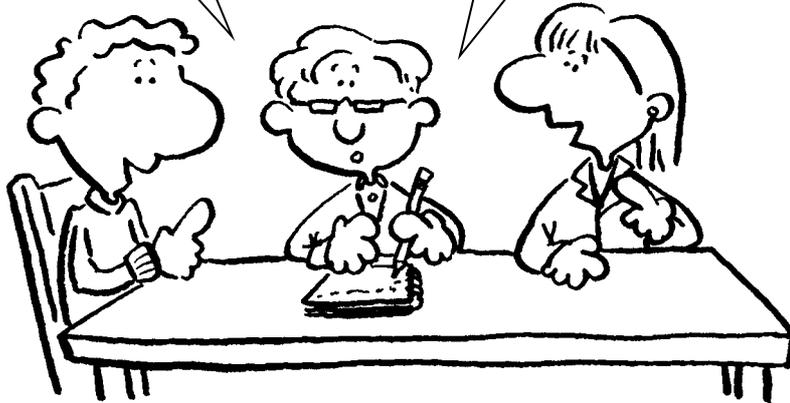
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...New Beginnings

I'm looking forward to my new school-making new friends and trying new subjects.

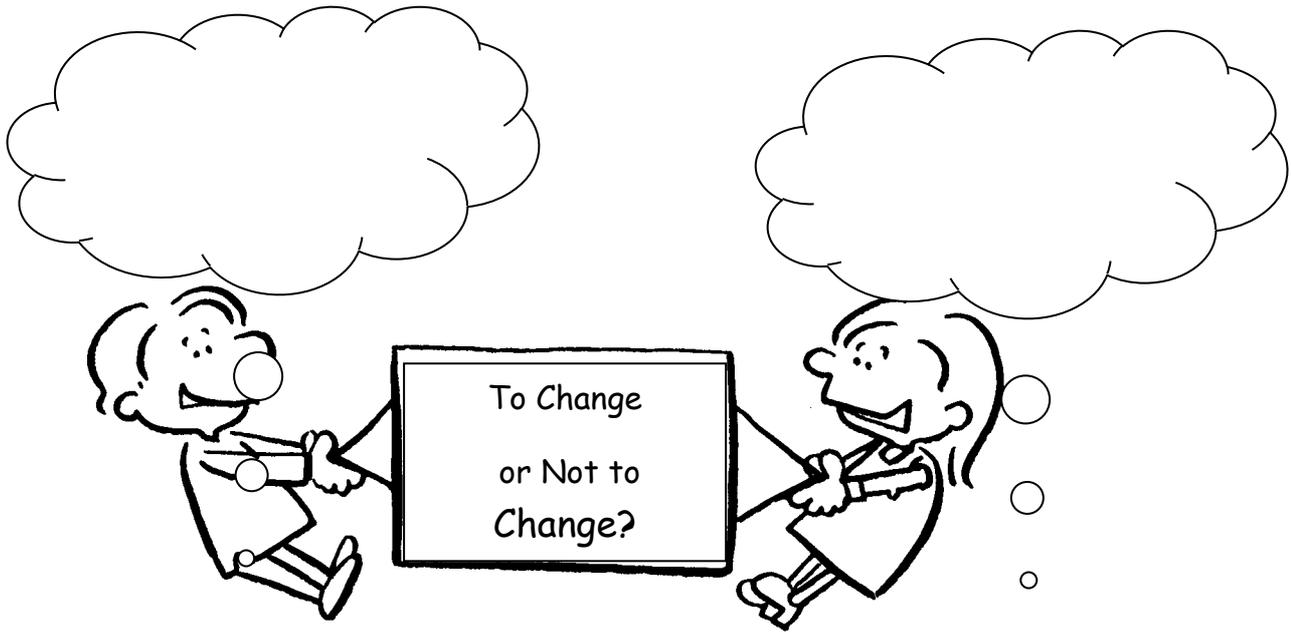
I'm a bit nervous about moving to a new place. What if I don't fit in?



What am I looking forward to?

- _____
- _____
- _____

How Do I Feel About Change?



I feel

Know that I am
with you always;
yes to the end
of time.



My Friendship with Jesus

"I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from

my Father" (John 15:15)

During my years in _____ Primary School I have spent time getting to know more about God. I have come to know God the Father through becoming a close friend of Jesus. Through my Baptism, I am a friend and a brother or sister of Jesus



There have been some occasions when I met Jesus in a very special way when I celebrated the sacraments with my family, my school and my parish. Three things I remember most about celebrating these sacraments are

My Friendship with Jesus grows through Prayer

"Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1)



My special friend's name is: _____

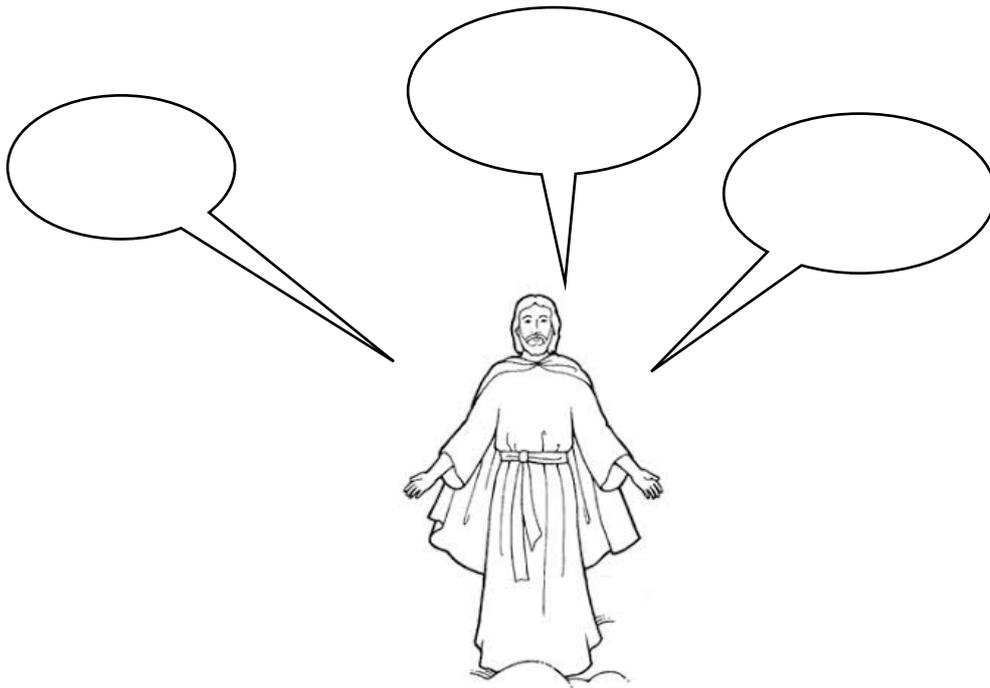
In each of the bubbles below, write a word to describe your friend



Think about what you would like to tell your friend

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

In each of the bubbles below, write a word to describe Jesus



What would you like to say to Jesus

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

You have just written a prayer of your own to Jesus.

There are 5 main types of prayer: 1. Prayer of Adoration - "What you do is amazing" 2. Prayer of Petition - "We need you help to..." 3. Prayer of intercession - "Please help people in need" 4. Prayer of Thanksgiving - "Thank You" 5. Prayer of Praise - "We love you"

God's Perfect Plan for Me-True Happiness!

"God will show you the path of life, the fullness of joy in my presence" (Psalm16)

God has a perfect plan for everyone. He has a perfect plan for you. In order to live out that plan, it's important to stay very close to Jesus and be guided everyday by the Holy Spirit. Jesus gave his special friends a way of living the perfect plan God has for each person when he gave them the Beatitudes. The sacraments you have received are a gift from God and will help you to live out the Beatitudes each day.



The Latin word for 'blessed' is 'beatus'. Beatitudo means 'blessedness' or 'happiness' Sometimes when we see the Beatitudes written they use the word 'Blessed' or 'Happy'.

What does that mean? The Beatitudes are a gift given to all of us, not just long ago to Jesus' friends. They are as Pope Francis says a 'path to true happiness'... because the Beatitudes 'outline the face of Jesus himself, his style of living.'

Oh Happy Day!

Jesus wants all people to be happy. It doesn't matter what you look like, where you live, what you have. Jesus is the way to be truly happy. The Beatitudes are his promises of happiness-happiness here on earth and in heaven.

When we follow the Beatitudes, we are being like Jesus. We are God's love in the world today. Pope Francis says we should learn then off not just in our minds but in our hearts too!

God is
Love.



Read the Gospel Story of 'The Sermon on the Mount' below from the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 5

Seeing the crowds, he went onto the mountain. And he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Happy are the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage

Happy are those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy are those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy are the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy are those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven; this is how they persecuted the prophets before you.

Quiet Time

Write down three things from the Beatitudes and what you can do to be God's love in the world.

What do the Beatitudes mean for me? What can I do to be truly happy? How can I help others to be truly happy?

Prayer to Jesus

Jesus be with me, Jesus be within me,
Jesus be behind me, Jesus be before me,
Jesus be beside me, Jesus comfort and restore me,
Jesus be beneath me, Jesus be above me,
Jesus be in quiet, Jesus be in danger, Jesus be in hearts of all who love me,
Jesus be in mouth of friend and stranger.