

Date	Day	Colour	Theme
4 th October 2020	St Francis	White	St Francis loves God and God's Creation

Bible verse: - Luke 10:25-37

In the parable of the Good Samaritan Jesus teaches us who our neighbour is. He is expanding on his reply to a question earlier on from a representative of the Jewish community. The lawyer asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life and upon Jesus' inquiry as to what is written in the Law, the lawyer answers the question by reciting the two great commandments.

He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself."

'Who is my neighbour?' the lawyer responds.

The answer comes as a surprise because the helper to the person in need is a Samaritan of whom Jews did not associate with.

This is a great reading for St Francis' Day. Why? He was doing the will of God in a radical way. He was prepared to sacrifice comfort and safety and security to gain the freedom he was called to, to show God's love to the world in which he lived.....and creation responded. He gathered followers who were inspired by his faith, he preached to the birds and he tamed a wolf. It is thought that St Francis gave us the nativity scene that we see every year at Christmas and the Prayer of St Francis has been recited many times over. He was a humble man who wanted to be buried on a garbage pile but was, and is still, so admired that he rests in the Church at Assisi, where he lived and finally died. The Church, and the body of St Francis, is visited by many people throughout each year. Assisi has become a place of pilgrimage.

Many churches in modern times, and when not closed due to Covid19, have services that invite worshippers to bring their pets with them to receive a blessing.

Further Activities

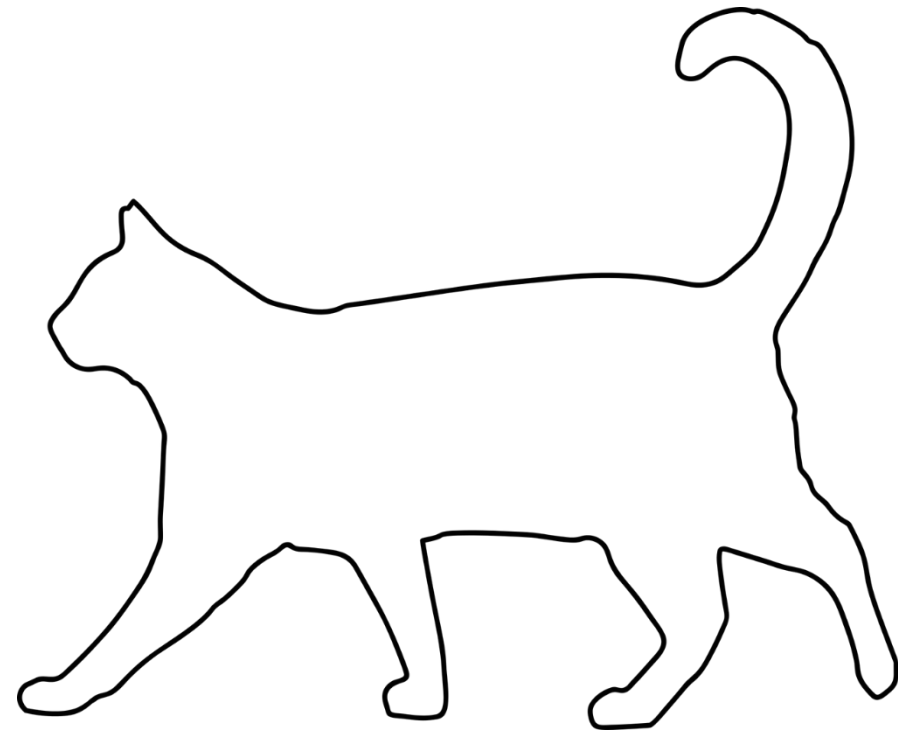
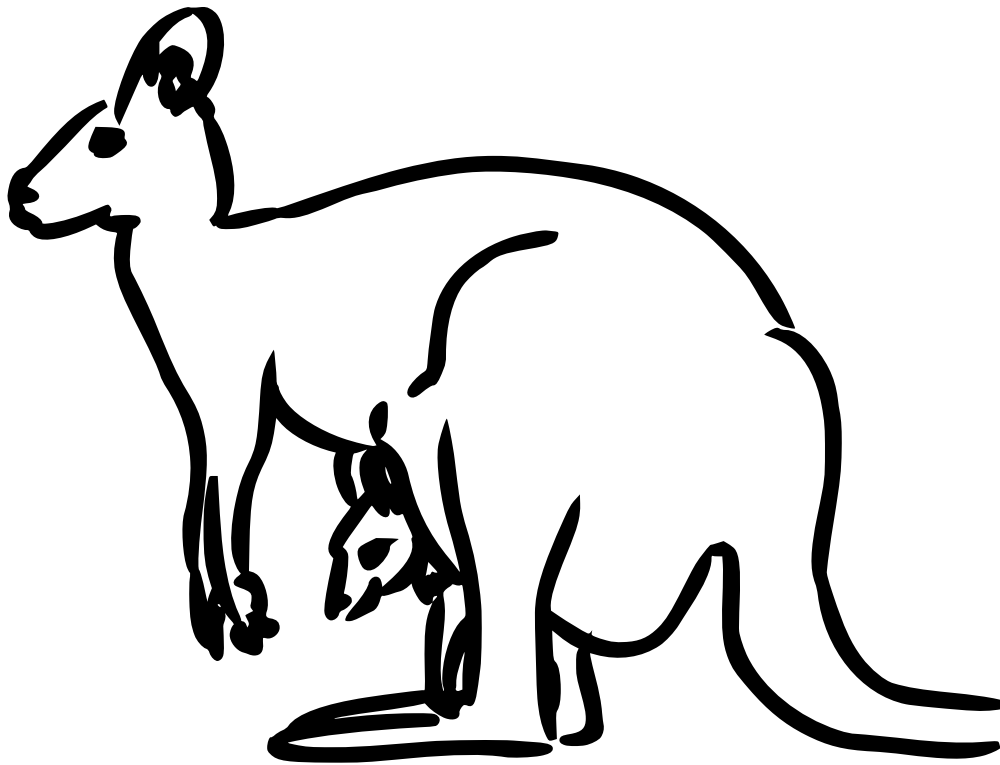
- 1) Watch the Children's Church video for this week. Read the story from the Bible.

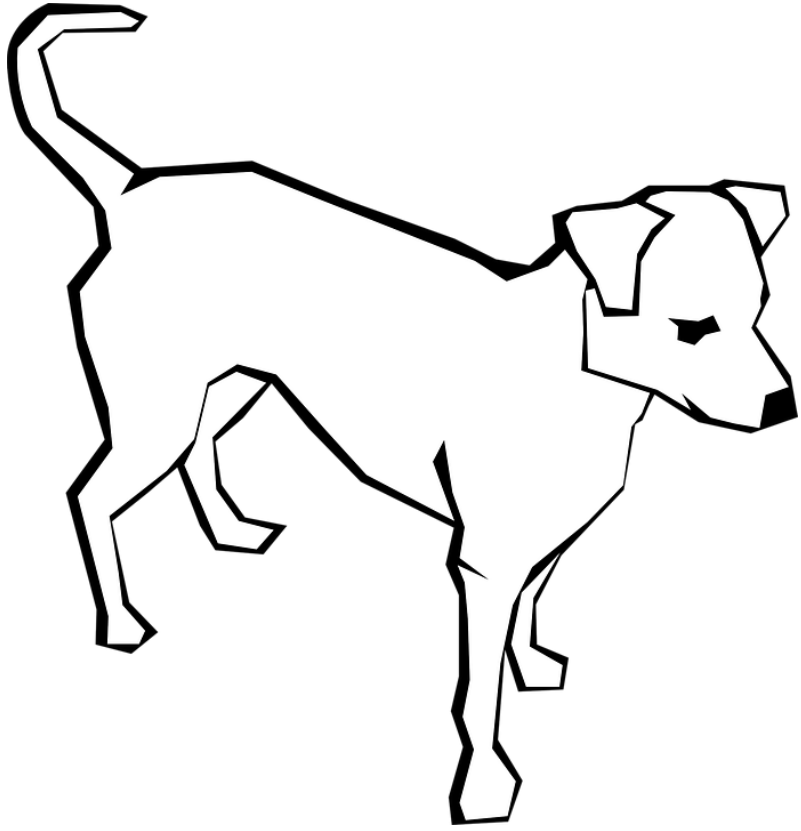
2) Make a prayer space in a corner of your room (If you haven't already). You could have a little table, on the table put a cross and a candle (a battery operated one would be safest). Use the animal pictures below to write the name/s of your pet/s or animals that you know and say a prayer for them.

3) Colouring sheet

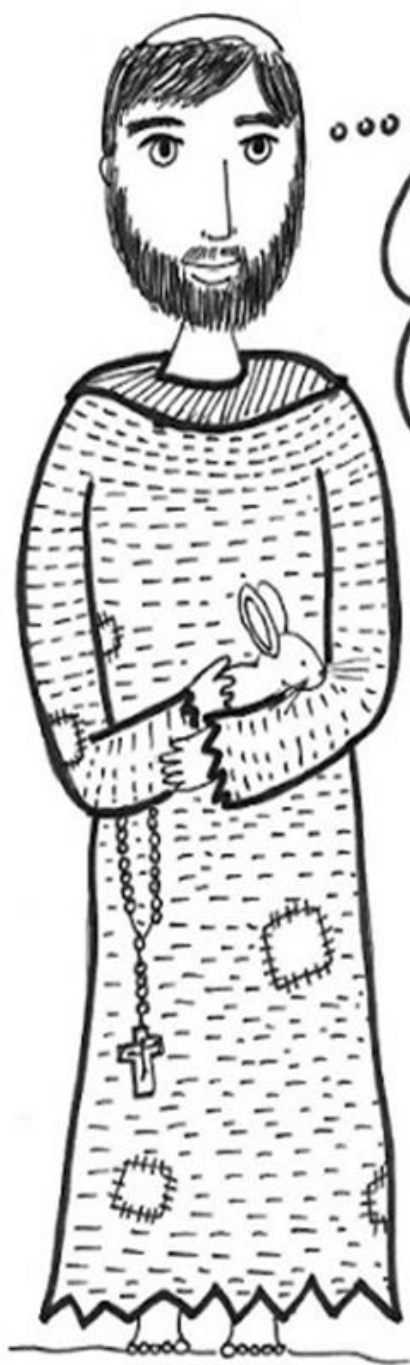
4) I'd love to see photos if you're allowed to email them in. Ask your parents to help you. The address is:-

families@graftoncathedral.org.au





Saint Francis of Assisi



Born: 1181 or 1182 (uncertain)

Died: Oct. 3, 1226

Feast day: Oct. 4

Patron saint of animals, the environment,
merchants

St. Francis is credited for inventing the Christmas creche in 1223. He visited the town of Greccio and realized the hermitage chapel was too small to fit the entire congregation at Christmas. So, he set up an altar in a nearby mountain niche and added a Nativity scene as well. Thanks, Saint Francis, for giving us this wonderful tradition.

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