

## Lent and Easter

During Lent we will be working hard to do a little extra each week. We will reflect on *the theme: "Count Your Blessings"*



This allows us to consider some of the most important aspects of our British Values and Personal Health and Social Education. We will try to live them out in school and at home by being a good citizen.

At home for Holy Week we will be asking the children to try to show love and reflect upon "Safer Homes".

We have already commenced Lent with a prayerful Ash Wednesday Mass.



### Almsgiving

Our fundraising will be for St Joseph's Penny and the Good Life Orphanage.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** is World Book Day and we ask that the children dress up as a book character on this day and bring £1

towards the St Joseph's Penny/Good Life Orphanage Collections

As Mothering Sunday falls within the season of Lent the children in Foundation Stage will share their thoughts about their mums on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**. All mums and Grandmas are welcome, but especially those of children in the Nursery and Reception classes.

*Liturgies for Lent will be at the 10:30 am Mass as follows: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March (also Sacramental Programme), Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April ad Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April.*

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March

We will have our Annual Sing-A-Thon on this morning. All parents are invited to attend and all proceeds will go to our Lenten charities. Tea, coffee and Hot Cross Buns will be available on this morning.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** is Green day to celebrate the Feast of St Patrick. We ask that the children bring £1 on this day. All monies will go to our Chosen charities.



Children can wear their own green clothes on this day. Even a hint of Green will do! *Mrs O'Conner will be leading a special Assembly on this day.*

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** Year 5 will attend the Beggar Man's Lunch. Children are asked not to bring a packed lunch or have a school meal on this day but eat at the parish centre where they will be served soup by the parishioners of St Anne's. Children should bring a donation on this day.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April** Year 6 will be taking part in the Parish Beggar Man's Lunch. Children are asked not to bring a packed lunch or have a school meal on this day but eat at the parish centre where they will be served soup by the parishioners of St Anne's. Children should bring a donation on this day.

As Easter is such an important feast in the Church's Year the children and their teachers will present opportunities for reflection during Holy Week.

**These opportunities will take place at 9:45am in church as follows: Please remember we do not applaud at this time. It is a time for prayer, worship and reflection.**

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Key Stage 1 children will celebrate the Feast of Palm Sunday.

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Year 6 children will remember The Last Supper

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Year 3 children will help us to reflect on the events in the Garden of Gethsemane

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Year 4 will help us to reflect upon the Crucifixion  
*School will close at 1:30pm.*

School will reopen on: **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April** at 8:50am

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

Year 5 children will help us to celebrate  
The Resurrection

**Stations of the Cross**

As part of our assemblies we will also be  
looking at a simplified version of the  
Stations of the cross to assist the children  
with their understanding of the events  
leading up to Easter.



May I also take this opportunity of  
reminding you that the times for the  
Easter celebrations at St Anne's  
will be sent out separately

There will be no Easter Egg Raffle  
this year as you have already given  
so much!  
Thank You so Much!

Please be aware that the  
Procession and Crowning of Our  
Lady's Statue will take place on  
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April**. This is such a  
wonderful occasion we ask that as  
many families as possible join us  
for Mass on this day. We will all  
process from school to church



**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April**  
Easter Bonnet Parade  
(Foundation and Key Stage 1)

Decorate an egg competition  
(Key Stage 2)

This will take place in the hall at  
9:15am  
All parents are welcome to join us!

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