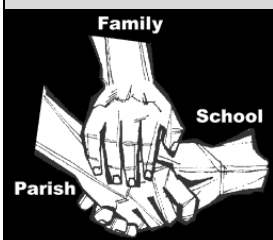


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RE CURRICULUM TOPIC THIS HALF TERM -



From Lent to Easter

Linking School, Parish and Home

**ST MARGARET
CLITHEROW
SPRING TERM 2 -
2023**

Religious Education

From Lent to Easter: Year A

This resource is intended as the second for the Spring Term in the academic year 2022/2023. The season of Lent prepares us for Easter, in which we remember the most basic belief of our Christian faith: the resurrection of Jesus, the Christ. Although Easter Sunday is not taught in this framework, the season of Lent, and events that lead to the resurrection are taught to pupils.

Unit Content

This framework explores the **Season of Lent** and the **events of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Good Friday**, as we find them in the Gospel of Matthew and the liturgy of the Church. It teaches pupils about the 3 acts of piety practiced during Lent; giving alms, fasting and prayer, taught by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. In studying the liturgies of Palm Sunday and Holy Thursday pupils will focus on the key actions of waving palms, breaking bread, and washing of the feet and veneration of the Cross.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

It is hoped that this framework helps pupils develop:

- An openness to the story of the Passion of Jesus
- An appreciation of the liturgy (especially of the major actions of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday) in deepening a relationship with God

- Reflectiveness in prayer

Activities to try at home

You are the first educator of your child in faith. You are encouraged to talk to your child about what they are learning about.

- Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Talk with your children about the ways in which your family lives the Lenten practises of giving alms (giving to charity especially), prayer and fasting.
 - Give alms: collect for a charity – food, clothing or money.
 - Pray: In the last framework pupils learned the Our Father. Pray prayers of thanks recognising that we have what we need: food, safety, people who love us.
 - Fast: Make an area of ‘fasting’ your goal: ‘fast’ on criticism, intolerance, greed and gossip this Lent. Remember the Bishops requirement for fasting and abstinence for those between 18 and 60

An idea for prayer at home



Prayer Activity

Loving God,

As we begin and journey through the season of Lent, help us to be thoughtful about how we are living. Make our actions more reflective of you and your love for us so that we might come closer to you and be ready to celebrate your resurrection at Easter.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our friend and companion.

Amen

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

22nd February – Ash Wednesday

1st March – St David

3rd March - Women's World Day of Prayer

3rd March – Cafod Family Fast Day

17th March – St Patrick
19th March – St Joseph
25th March – The Annunciation of the Lord
26th March – St Margaret Clitherow
9th April – Easter Sunday

School Dates

Wednesday 22nd February – Lenten Liturgy for Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 1st March - Year 2 Liturgy for the feast of St David – Own clothes
Friday 10th March – Year 3 going to mass at English Martyrs
Sunday 26th March – Mass for the feast of St Margaret Clitherow
Friday 31st March - Wear something yellow and bring £1 in support of Marie Curie

PRAYER CYCLE

During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions:
Candidates for the Sacraments;
Women;
The Needy and Hungry of the World;
Penitents and Wanderers.

CLASS SAINTS

Reception – St Francis of Assisi
Year 1 – St Patrick
Year 2 – St David
Year 3 – St Andrew
Year 4 – St George
Year 5 – St Vincent De Paul
Year 6 – St Martin de Porres



OTHER FAITHS

This term all classes have learnt about Hinduism and children in Years 3-6 visited the Hindu temple in Kingsbury. Miss Rani spoke to some classes about her faith and children in Reception ate samosas! All classes spent a week learning about what it means to be a Hindu.



CARITAS IN ACTION

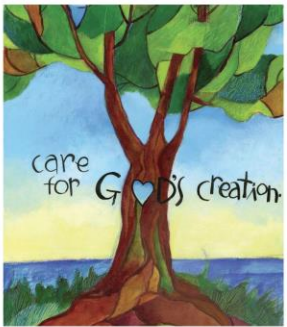
Through our Caritas in Action Programme we learn about Catholic Social Teaching,

Our theme for this term is “Stewardship”.

We are called to be stewards of creation. The world was made by God, so we take care of all creation.

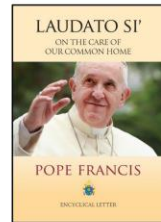


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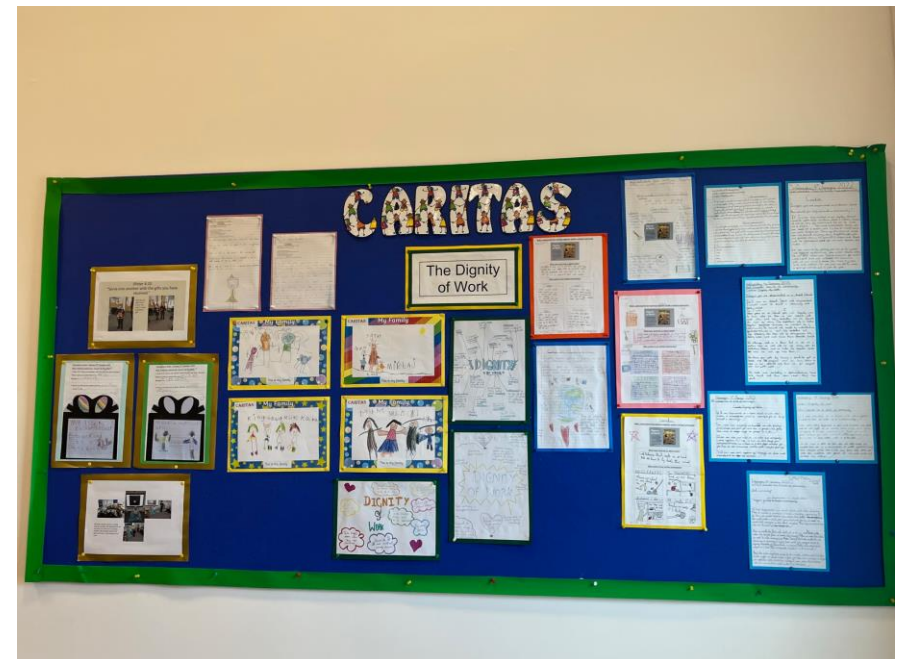
Who turned the wonder world of the seas into underwater cemeteries bereft of colour and life?
Catholic Bishops of the Philippines, 1988.

“Our throwaway culture affects the poor and quickly reduces all things to rubbish...
Make a serious commitment to care for creation, to pay attention to every person, to combat the culture of waste.
With you the world can be different.”



Here is some of our work from our last Caritas Topic.

Year 5 are Caritas Ambassadors and are working to carry out a project in our local area to support a community.
More to follow on this soon!



PRAYER GARDEN

Our new prayer garden is well underway. A huge thank you to James' mum (Y6) who has worked tirelessly to support us with this. The chaplains have arranged all the prayer stones and are now awaiting the remaining stones to complete this part of the garden. If your child has not already completed a prayer stone – please do complete this and send it in to school!



Racial Justice Sunday

Racial Justice Sunday was on Sunday 5th February. This year the theme for Racial Justice Sunday was :
"All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church. Let us walk together, pray together and work together"

This reflects the role each of us must play in promoting the mission of Christ and His Church and was inspired by conversations around last year's Racial Justice Sunday and Pope Francis' visit to Canada in July 2022, when he spoke about looking towards a future of 'Justice, healing and reconciliation'

Also in 2023, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland encourage us to remember Stephen Lawrence. The 30th anniversary of the racist killing of the black teenager in Eltham will fall on 22nd April 2023, In life he aspired to be an architect, but his legacy has seen him become an architect for justice, equality, dignity and unity

