RE NEWSLETTER -Spring 2 2024

RE CURRICULUM TOPIC THIS HALF TERM -

From Lent to Easter - Year B

Linking School, Parish and Home

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW

Spring Term 2 2024



Religious Education

Key Idea: From Lent to Easter

This topic is intended for the Spring Term Of 2023/2024 and as the conclusion to the previous resource. Having been presented with the story of the Exodus and within it, the Passover, pupils are now taught how it acts as foundation for our own Eucharist. As this is the Year of Mark, pupils will focus on Mark's account of the Last Supper of Jesus. This resources also teaches the Examen, the Jesuit prayer form, as part of preparation during Lent.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

Spiritual Outcomes: It is hoped that pupils will develop:

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- A sense of the sacred presence of God in life
- An appreciation of/for Jewish ancestry
- An openness to learning from other faiths
- A willingness to pray

Activities to try at home

You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much greater if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs.

- Make mealtimes a time of celebration and ritual. Be more conscious of sitting at the table, of saying grace and
 of talking together about your shared, family story.
- Ask your children to talk to you about the class Drawer of Life!

An idea for prayer at home



Prayer Activity

Pray at bedtime with your children:

God of our day. Thank you for all those who have brought us your love, kindness and care. May tomorrow be others the God you are for us!

Amen.

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IMPORTANT DATES

14th February – Ash Wednesday

18th February – 1st Sunday of Lent

23rd February – Lent Fast Day

1st March - St David

17th March – St Patrick

19th March – St Joseph

26th March - St Margaret Clitherow

31st March- Easter Sunday

School Dates

23rd February – Year 3 going to mass at English Martyrs

1st March - Year 2 Liturgy for feast of St David and own clothes day

15th March – Year 3 Assembly

15th March – Year 5 going to mass at English Martyrs

17th March (Friday 15th March) - Year 1 Liturgy for feast of St Patrick and own clothes day

St Margaret Clitherow school mass will be celebrated on Friday 22nd March.

VALUES OF THE MONTH

This term the chaplains will be giving out special certificates for children displaying the value each week.

OUR VALUE OF THE

MONTH IS...

FRIENDSHIP

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." (1 John 3:18)

FEBRUARY

OUR VALUE OF THE

MONTH IS...

COMMUNITY

"We who are many, are one body in Christ." (Romans 12:5)

MARCH

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

CARITAS IN ACTION

This year we will continue to use the new "Rooted in Love" programme created by Caritas Westminster. This is a new project to support schools with their journey in Catholic Social Teaching. The programme runs on a two-year rolling programme covering the following topics:

Half Term	CST Theme
Autumn A	Care of Creation
Autumn B	Preferential Option for the Poor
Spring A	Solidarity and Peace
Spring B	Community and Participation
Summer A	Dignity of Workers
Summer B	Human Dignity

This term we have studied "Solidarity and Peace". We believe in showing that we care and in being peacemakers.

Loving God,

We believe that we are one big human family.

Help us to reach out to people who are suffering or sad, showing them the love you have shown to us.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Loving God,

We believe you want to bring your peace to our homes, our communities and our world. Help us to be peacemakers, listening to and loving each other.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer



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.

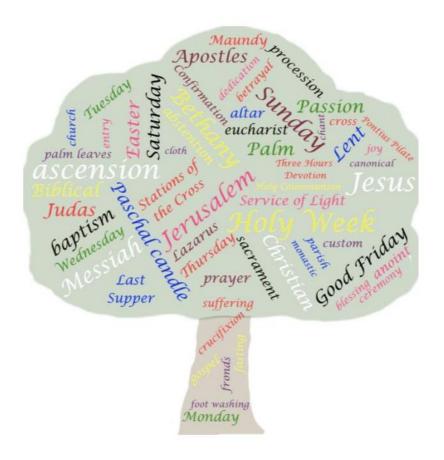


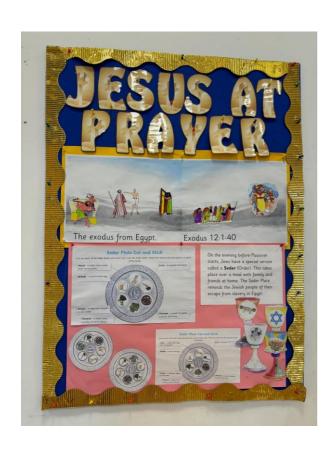
A Lenten Challenge



Fasting

Fast from hurtful words and speak kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.
Pope Francis (Ash Wednesday 2017)







Our last RE topic

Feast of St David

Lenten Promises

On Monday 19th February we had a special Liturgy to mark the start of Lent. The children have all made Lenten promises, setting out the changes they plan to make to prepare in our hearts for the coming of Our Lord at Easter.













