



St Joseph's News

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Jesus...said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, sir.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.'
John 8:10-11

Catholic Life of the School

As Mass on Sunday, the Gospel reading was taken from John 8:1-11.

This story tells us about a woman who had broken one of God's Laws and the scribes and the Pharisees challenged Jesus as to how she should be punished. Jesus responded that anyone who is without sin should throw a stone at the woman. Having heard this, the people moved away one by one until only Jesus and the woman were left. When the woman confirmed to Jesus that no one had condemned her, Jesus said "Neither do I. Go away and sin no more."

Jesus is telling us to face up to our sins, to repent and to make a commitment to change with the help of God who is always ready to help us start afresh. He is also reminding us that we should not judge or condemn others as only God has the authority to do this.

Reconciliation

This week, Fr Stephen and Fr Gabriel had lunch with the children at St Joseph's then spent the afternoon with some of the children as part of their current Reconciliation visits.



St Patrick's and St Joseph's Mass

On Thursday 17 March, Fr Stephen will be celebrating the 10.00am mass for St Patrick and for St Joseph too as our children will be in attendance. Parents are welcome to join us at the church.

Lenten Appeal

Please continue to support your children with the Lenten Appeal to raise funds for the Catholic Children's Society.

We were truly blessed when the Catholic Children's Society supported our families with their wonderful donation of £10,000 which was used to replace uniform lost in the school fire.

Please remember the Catholic Children's Society in your prayers during the Lent period. You may find it helpful to visit their [website](#) to find out more about their work and the ways in which they support different groups and families.



All Lenten boxes must be returned to the class teacher by **Friday 18 March**.

Attendance

During week beginning 29 February, Class 5L achieved 100% attendance. More classes must aim for 100% every week to ensure they have the opportunity to enjoy the attendance reward trip.

Children must also arrive on time every day to ensure they access the full curriculum. Poor punctuality affects your child's learning, the learning of others and is very inconsiderate.

Parents who choose to take their child out of school during term time will each be issued with a £120 Education Penalty Notice Fine per child (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days of issue date)

Please remember that the last school day of this term is Thursday 24 March
Children return to school on Tuesday 12 April

St Joseph's Mission Statement

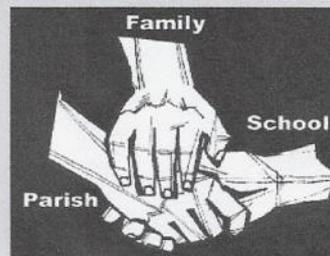
At St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School we strive to create a stimulating environment so that by learning, playing and working together, we openly follow Christ's teachings. We seek to offer every person the opportunity to be a unique and valued individual, sharing and developing belief in the teachings of Jesus through everyday relationships and mutual respect in our dealings with one another.

In order to achieve our mission:

- We stand on holy ground
- We will always open our doors in welcome
- We will always love and care for each other as Jesus taught us
- We will always place the Word of God at the heart of our school
- We will always be witnesses to our faith by following in the footsteps of Christ

From Lent to Easter - Year C

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

Key Idea:

This framework is intended as the second in the Spring Term 2016– leading from the beginning of Lent to Good Friday. It continues to focus on the Gospel of Luke in inviting pupils to read and study Luke's account of the Passion of Jesus. During this unit, pupils will also learn about the Stations of the Cross.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

Spiritual Outcomes: *It is hoped that pupils will develop:*

- A sense of reflection and prayer
- An openness to the presence of God in the Eucharist

- A willingness to be part of Lent and Easter celebrations

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.

- Adopt some Lenten practices at home this Lent: Pray; give alms (give to charity) and give up something. As a family decide to give up a negative attitude or behaviour this Lent such as being critical, thoughtless, nagging or avoiding responsibilities.

An idea for prayer at home

Prayer Activity



Lord,

As we begin (continue) this journey with you to Easter, help us to remember to stay close to you in what we do, and what we think, and what we say.

Make us mindful of those around us, particularly those who suffer, and help us to give generously of our time, our thoughtfulness and our gifts this Lent.

We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord,

Amen