



St Joseph's News

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In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Catholic Life of the School

In the Gospel message this Sunday, we continue to learn more about how we should show others the message of Jesus through our actions - we are the 'salt and light' of the world.

With humility, we are called to demonstrate God's love for his people by 'shining our light' and letting others see the goodness in our lives. St Basil the Great commented that *"Each person, according to their ability, should be a pattern of goodness to others."*

The most important reason for being the light of the world is that it pleases God when we perform an act of goodness in the name of Jesus.

Being 'salt of the world' means we should enhance the flavour of God in the community around us. Salt also preserves and we are called to preserve the goodness of God in the world.

In your family prayer time this week, you may wish to reflect on how you can be 'salt and light' in school, at work and in the community. How can you share God's love through your words and actions?



Red Hearts Day

On Friday 10 February, the children may come to school in red clothing instead of their usual school uniform clothing. Please ensure that your children wear sensible footwear and that they follow all other usual school uniform rules in relation to jewellery, make-up and hairstyles.

Children choosing to take part in this fundraising event are asked to contribute £1 on the day. All the donations will go towards the Stained Window Appeal for the restored school building.

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Attendance

★ **Classes 3K, 4G and 6L** have won the Attendance Cup this week for achieving the best attendance all week. There are lots of classes in contention for the much sought after Best Class Attendance reward trip to Chessington!

★ Punctuality still needs improvement. Please remember that all children from Reception to Year 6 may arrive from 8.30am at their designated gates. Please take full advantage of this early arrival as it not only helps your child to prepare for their learning day but also eases congestion.

★ **Parents who choose to take their child out of school during term time will each be referred to Brent Education Welfare and may 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 if your child is absent from school and we have not already been informed in advance, parents must telephone the school by 9.00am on every day of absence. This is a very important safeguarding measure to ensure we know the whereabouts of every child.

Last day of school is Friday 10 February

Children return to school on Tuesday 21 February

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

Calendar for Lent 2017

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Walk with ME

<p>1st Sunday of Lent (A) 5 Don't be tempted to miss Mass in favour of TV or a lie-in</p> <p>2nd Sunday of Lent (A) 12 The angels and saints rejoice when you pray</p> <p>3rd Sunday of Lent (A) 19 Light a candle of thanksgiving in Church today</p> <p>4th Sunday of Lent (A) Mother's Day 26 What makes mum special? Let her know she's loved</p> <p>5th Sunday of Lent (A) 29 Share a meal with family and loved ones</p> <p>Palm Sunday (A) 9 Take your palm branch home and place it somewhere to remind you of Jesus</p> <p>Easter Sunday 16 You can't sing too many Alleluias today!</p>	<p>28 Feb Shrove Tuesday / St David 7 Pray for the children of Syria and Palestine</p> <p>13 Pancake Day! What do you like on yours?</p> <p>14 Ash Wednesday 8 Lent is a gift; a journey; an opportunity; begin it with Ashes</p> <p>15 Don't complain - bring some positive ideas instead</p> <p>16 Pray for the mentally and physically challenged</p> <p>22 Ease up - no one is perfect!</p> <p>29 Pray for our world</p> <p>4 Tuesday of Holy Week 11 Be thoughtful and prayerful this week. It is H...-W...</p>	<p>10 St Joseph, Husband of Mary 20 What did St Joseph do for a living?</p> <p>13 What were Jesus' final words in yesterday's Gospel? 'Do not be a...-d' (Mt 17:7)</p> <p>14 Honesty is the best policy - don't tell lies</p> <p>21 Don't judge someone just because they're different</p> <p>28 Have you been hurtful today? Say sorry</p> <p>4 Jesus' friend died. Jesus wept. Jesus raised him up. Who was it? (Jn 11:35-45)</p> <p>10 Monday of Holy Week Yesterday's Gospel reading is very long and is called: The P...-...-of Our Lord Jesus Christ</p>	<p>9 St John Ogilvie 11 Could you give good used clothes or games to charity?</p> <p>10 St Patrick 17 Wear something green to acknowledge St Patrick</p> <p>16 Don't be grumpy if you don't get your own way</p> <p>23 Don't be bossy - be considerate!</p> <p>30 Notice when someone does something kind. Praise them for it</p> <p>6 Compliment someone - don't gossip about them</p> <p>12 Wednesday of Holy Week Be silent for 5 mins and pray for the poor, the homeless, the displaced</p>	<p>3 Abstain from meat on Fridays. Try beans, egg or cheese</p> <p>10 Play a board game with friends - no electronic devices!</p> <p>17 St Patrick 24 Wear something green to acknowledge St Patrick</p> <p>24 Don't push and shove - be polite!</p> <p>31 Don't sit around all day - do some extra walking, running or skipping</p> <p>7 Drink water with your meal. Pray for those who don't have clean water</p> <p>14 Good Friday 14 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?</p>	<p>4 Make a to-do list of helpful jobs</p> <p>11 Go to Confession and know forgiveness</p> <p>18 Annunciation of the Lord 25 Say the Angelus prayer as a family</p> <p>14 Apr I am Old but also New. I may seem strange but all is true. I am 66 but really only 1. I can be pocket-sized or weigh a ton! What am I?</p> <p>8 Plant a flower in a clear plastic cup/ bottle and watch the roots grow too</p> <p>15 Holy Saturday 15 Pray for those receiving the Sacraments on this night</p>
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'Open the door of your heart to others because each person is a gift' (Pope Francis)

People of Prayer - Year A

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

Key Idea:

This framework of learning is intended as the first in the Spring Term in the academic year 2016/2017. At this time of year the resource always looks at the prayer life of the Church. This resource studies the **Feast of the Epiphany** and two prayers found in **Matthew's Gospel: the Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer**. It asks pupils to consider the people they think are Beatitudes People, including St Teresa of Calcutta.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

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

- A willingness to pray
- An openness to people of other faith traditions

- An appreciation of the role of prayer in deepening a relationship with God
- A sense of wonder about different styles of prayer

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.

- Pray the Lord's Prayer with your child each night at bedtime. Find a copy of it online and print it out as a mini poster for their room or the fridge.

An idea for prayer at home



Prayer Activity

Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
Amen

ST JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL VALENTINE'S COFFEE MORNING



STAINED GLASS WINDOW FUNDRAISING EVENT

As our school refurbishment is getting under way, we are trying to raise funds to pay for a large stained glass window for the main hall of the school building. This will be a lasting legacy for the whole school community from generation to generation.



Please come along, bring cakes, and have a cup of tea/coffee in the Junior Hall (Northcote Road entrance).

**Friday 10th February 2017
8.30am - 9.30am**

All donations will be greatly appreciated.