



### Parents' Update: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Parents,

Pope Francis's prayer request for March requests that we focus upon the Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.**

Unusually, we will be in school during Holy Week, which provides an excellent opportunity for the children to be together and begin the commemoration of Holy Week as a school community. Monday morning's assembly will focus upon Jesus' washing of the feet of the disciples and the notion of servant leadership. Also, the children have been working on their depictions of the Stations of the Cross in readiness for the whole school's prayer and reflection session on Wednesday. Some of the artwork is truly inspiring! We will make sure that you can watch this too – look out for the link next week.

It has been a strange Spring Term – one that has felt long but one that has also felt like it has passed at super speed – no doubt the return to schools on 8<sup>th</sup> March has served to create this sense. What we do know is how the school came back to full vibrancy once the community had returned. We look forward to that continuing after the Easter holidays.

#### "Blue" Friday

Thank you for allowing your children to dress up in the various shades of blue today. It has really raised awareness of Cafod's "Walk for Water" campaign.

This is a reminder of the [Just Giving](#) page set up on behalf of the school. If you wish to add additional donations, please give generously.



#### The vision for SS Peter and Paul Catholic School

The governors and I have been considering for some time now the refreshing and renewing of the vision for our Catholic school. This is not something that can be achieved overnight and it is certainly not possible to limit such an important discussion with a small group of people.

The keen-eyed Instagram followers amongst you will have spotted that the school posted its first prompt for this yesterday!

After the Easter holidays, we will be sending out a questionnaire to you seeking your views on what you would consider to be the essential elements for children and families in a Catholic school – our Catholic school. We will be seeking as many views as possible in order to help shape the future of the school. Questionnaires will also be sent to the school's staff and, most importantly of course, the children will be involved in the discussions too.

Over this most important liturgical time, perhaps you could be thinking of what you feel a Catholic school should offer and how we can grow together as a community.



### Celebrating the Gospel. Remembering Holy Week.

The Mark 10 Mission Palm Sunday episode is now live on their website and YouTube Channel.

#### [Series Four - Lent 2021 — The Mark 10 Mission.](#)

The episode shares the Gospel reading from the beginning of the Palm Sunday Mass. There is teaching about trusting Jesus and a chance to imagine the Gospel scene in the prayer time.

Next week we want to celebrate Easter with the children who have watched the episodes all through Lent. I know that school will have ended but please join the Mark 10 Mission for their Easter Special at home. It will be a longer episode with more worship songs. The Easter Special will premiere at 9.00am on Easter Sunday on the YouTube Channel and will then be available as normal on their website to be used in class/home in the new term.

As we enter Holy Week some more resources will be added to their website. The team have filmed a reading of The Passion Narrative which may be suitable for older children. There will also be another Ignatian style reflection for Good Friday in the Lenten Resources section to go with the Holy Thursday reflection that has been there for a few weeks.

### The Wednesday Word

If you wish to take a different approach to the weekend's Gospel, those of Holy Week, Easter and up until 18<sup>th</sup> April, please click for [The Wednesday Word](#).

### End of Term Information

A reminder to you all that the school closes for the Easter holidays at **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 1.30/1.45 depending on bubble**). The school will reopen for the summer term on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – at the usual bubble timings.

Wishing you all a blessed Passion Sunday weekend and the blessings of the Lord for a reflective and prayerful Holy Week.

With warm regards,

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Headteacher

