



*And all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved. Act 2: 21*

Dear parents and carers,

During this month, we will celebrate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Whether your son/daughter is learning at home or in school, we will be focusing on the importance of prayer and how it enriches our understanding of this special time. Praying in Lent can help us to repent and change our ways. When we pray we can ask God to help us be: **Courageous** - to admit we have sinned and to ask for forgiveness.

**Humble** - to accept that sometimes we get things wrong and need to change. **Resilient** - to keep trying, because change can be difficult. **Patient** - with ourselves, as change takes time and effort. And with others who are trying to change too. This season gives us all the opportunity to live the way God wants us to.

*Mrs Mitchener*

### EUCHARIST - RELATING

*(Insert dates)*

Early Years	GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1	MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Year 2	THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3	LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4	GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion
Year 5	MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
Year 6	UNITY - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives.

Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

### Pope Francis prayer request for February

#### Violence Against Women:

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



I have chosen this beautiful prayer, to thank all of you working at home with your children supporting them and encouraging them in during this difficult time.

### We Bring Your Love

Loving God,

Help us  
to focus on what we have  
not on what is removed or  
changed.

Strengthen us  
when we feel discouraged  
or overwhelmed.

Embrace us  
so that we know your  
loving presence  
within us and among us.

Walk with us  
as we bring your love,  
and carry your light,  
into our world.

Amen. - Sandra Lucas,

*Grow in Love, Live in Peace*

# St Brigid's Feast day celebration 1st February 2021

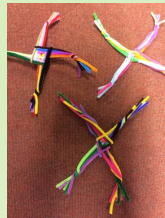
To celebrate St Brigid's Feast day, we made St Brigid's crosses and St Brigid's oatcakes.

We enjoyed finding out more about her life and character and thought about ways we could try to be more like her.

We read her prayer and sang songs to celebrate her life.

Happy St Brigid's Feast day!

Mrs Gallagher & Mrs Kelleher



# Ash Wednesday Liturgy



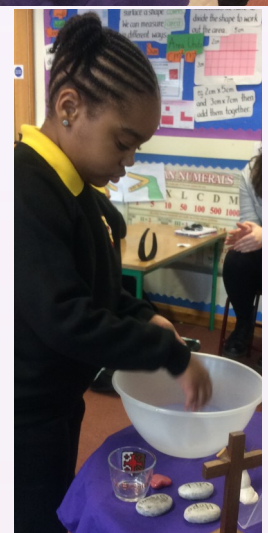
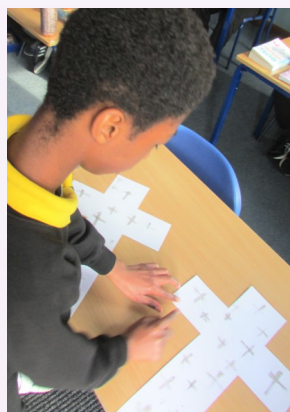
All classes took part in a special Liturgical Service for Ash Wednesday . We shared prayers, readings and reflected upon the Gospel story of Zacchaeus and how we could be like Zacchaeus, as we prepare for Easter during the season of Lent.



We looked at how are sins are like stones, which weigh us down as we carry them around. Then we wrote down some of the things that we wanted to say sorry for and we wrote them on our own stones. After that, we sprinkled the cleansing water of God's healing mercy over them, to free ourselves from the weight of sin written on the stone.



Later, Mrs Mitchener burnt all our sins and turned them to ash. We used this ash to make the sign of the cross on a large class cross, to remind us to repent during Lent and that Jesus died at Easter to save us from our sins.



Year 4 and Year 5



# Gospel Values Display

Our school Gospel values Tree display is finally finished! It is in pride of place outside the Head teachers office, to welcome all visitors to our school, showing them that we are a community based on Christ. It is a visual display of all the children in St Chad's who are choosing to follow Jesus and to live the values He gave to us. We will shortly be adding all the names of the children who, have achieved their Gentleness, Justice or Integrity stickers, and will then continually update it with children's names who achieve the other gospel values. The children at St Chad's are wonderful and they regularly demonstrate such compassion, care and consideration for those around them and the wider world. I hope that this display will be a way of recognising their love for God, others and self.



A massive thank you to Mrs Bowler, for making the display and to Mrs Davern and Mrs Mooney for all their help.

Mrs Mitchener

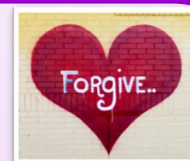


## RSE - Forgiveness

"Father, forgive them..." St Luke 23: 24

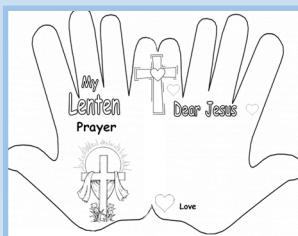
This half term's Gospel Value focus is on Forgiveness. We will be focusing on the areas of how to forgive and why we forgive. We will also be looking at how God forgives us.

The children will explore what forgiveness is and how to be an example of forgiveness, through several appropriate texts. KS1 will focus on the book *Forgive and Let Go* and KS2 will use the beautiful picture book *Draw the Line*, to explore the emotions behind forgiving like God forgives and being forgiven. We will also focus on how Jesus forgave St Peter.



## Lenten Prayer Hands

Throughout the season of Lent, we are called to deepen our prayer life. It is through prayer that we develop a closer, more intimate relationship with God. Indeed prayer makes God available to us. Prayer brings a sense of peace in our lives in the mist of turmoil. Prayer nourishes our relationship with Jesus. We encourage the children at St Chad's to pray daily and to continually deepen their relationship with Jesus. As part of our preparations for Easter, all the children will be writing their Lenten Prayer and will be praying it regularly. If your children are currently home learning, please support them in this.



## Special Times This Month

### February

**1st** St Brigid Feast Day

**2nd** Presentation of the Lord  
Feast Day

**11th** Our Lady of Lourdes

**17th** Ash Wednesday

**21st** First Sunday of Lent

# Class Liturgies

Our class Liturgies are very important and popular at St Chad's. The children really enjoy these opportunities to be near to God and to think about how He is present in their lives. During class liturgy we discover the riches of prayer, through word and gesture, silence and stillness. It is a pleasure and an honour to share these liturgies with the children and so lovely to see the children participating in meaningful prayer and worship together.



Years 2, 3 and 5 celebrating their class liturgies

## Fantastic work

In class, Year 5 were looking at the significance of scripture and how it helps them to understand their mission and relationship with God. They looked at Isaiah 61: 1-2 & 10-11. Below is the beautiful, thoughtful response written by Rhoda.

"Isaiah describes God as a wonderful King, who with his love, takes us away from our sins, and also with His cloak of blessings. I feel that it is like God has surrounded me in love. It makes feel adorned in jewels and like a bride dressed for her wedding. The seed of faith has grown within me. For me, I feel that God is with me every time and at every moment and He gives me great confidence. Anything I do, I will never lose my confidence in Him."

Rhoda Yr. 5 St Andrew's class.

## Links with our Parish



Year 4 listened to Angie, a Parishioner of St Chad's Parish as she talked about the reasons for her going to Church each week. We prepared questions and she answered them for us.

Mrs Gallagher



# LENT

Pray + Fast + Give



In school, we describe Lent is a time of preparation for celebration of Easter. We teach the children to think of the forty days of Lent as an opportunity to change their daily lives and become closer to God. Lent isn't simply a "countdown" or something to "get through" — it's a chance to set aside daily distractions and focus on their relationship with the Lord.

All the children are asked to think of others, through prayer or charitable acts.

This year we will focus on praying for people in our society; people who we do not know, but who God would like us to support with our prayers. Each class will be given a paper chain to make and each link will have an individual prayer focus, e.g. ambulance staff, priests, people who grieve. The intention will be added to our daily prayers and an extra prayer will be said for them.

## Parish News

### Mass Times



Just a reminder too, that our church is still open for Mass. All the Masses can also be viewed live on Church Tv- search for :

ChurchServices TV South Norwood, and St Chad's will pop up.

Weekend masses are:

**Saturday morning 10am**, which has few people, so is a good one to attend, if you are concerned about numbers.

**Saturday evening 6:30 pm**

**Sunday- 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am and 6pm.**

The services comply with Covid regulations and everyone is welcome.



### Lent Prayer Bags



I hope that you were able to pop along to St Chad's Church on Saturday 20th February and collect your free Lent Prayer Bag, from a member of the Children's Liturgy Team.

Please encourage your children to use the set of devotions and corresponding objects to remind them about the deeper meaning of both the season of Lent and Easter.

Thank you so much to the Children's Liturgy Team, for providing this opportunity for the children to strengthen their relationship with God.

Mrs Mitchener

Dear parents

If your son or daughter is in school, they will come home with this Lenten calendar, if they are currently learning from home, please could you print one off for them. This simple calendar, gives the children the opportunity to see, in a visual way, how they are keeping their Lenten promises and how they are preparing for Easter. I will ask the children to bring the completed calendars back after Easter, so that we can celebrate and reward their efforts. Thank You Mrs Mitchener

## MY 2021 LENTEN CALENDAR—40 CROSSES

This Lent I will show my love for Jesus by doing something for him each day. To show what I have done, I will color a cross each day to match one of the good deeds below.















































**GREEN CROSS** – I said an extra prayer.

**PURPLE CROSS** – I helped someone.


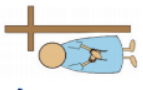




**RED CROSS** – I did something good that was hard for me to do.

**YELLOW CROSS** – I did what I was supposed to do without being told.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			February 17 	18 	19 	20 
February 21 	22 	23 	24 	25 	26 	27 
February 28 	March 1 	2 	3 	4 	5 	6 
March 7 	8 	9 	10 	11 	12 	13 
March 14 	15 	16 	17 	18 	19 	20 
March 21 	22 	23 	24 	25 	26 	27 
March 28 	29 	30 	31 	April 1 	2 	3 

# Mission Together Lenten Calendar 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>15 FEBRUARY</b> Decide as a class on your mission this Lent. 	<b>16 Shrove Tuesday Pancake day</b> Why do we make Pancakes today? 	<b>17 Ash Wednesday</b> Find out why ashes are placed on our foreheads today. 	<b>18 Write a Lent prayer.</b> Include the words: pray, share, help, listen, Jesus. 	<b>19 With your class, pray and reflect on the first two Stations of the Cross.*</b> 	<b>20 As a family, pray the Our Father for children in need of help. What else can you do to help?</b> 	<b>21 Why does the Church use the colour purple in Lent?</b> 
<b>22 Sunday's Gospel</b> was from Mk 1:12-15.* Read it as a class. What did Jesus say was near? 	<b>23 Find out about Mission Together and how you can share God's love with children everywhere.</b> 	<b>24 Say the Mission Together prayer as a class. 'May all children in the world, share love, share friendship, and live in the peace of God's love, now and forever. Amen.'</b> 	<b>25 What can you share with someone today? Ask God to help.</b> 	<b>26 With your class, pray and reflect on the 3rd and 4th Stations of the Cross.*</b> 	<b>27 Share with a family member three things you have learned about Lent.</b> 	<b>28 Share any worries you have with Jesus, our God and friend.</b> 
<b>1 MARCH Sunday's Gospel</b> was from Mk 9:2-10.* Read it as a class. What does God tell us to do? 	<b>2 Yesterday was the Feast of St David. What does 'Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus' mean?</b> 	<b>3 Find out what the word 'sacrifice' means. Then consider what you could sacrifice for someone today.</b> 	<b>4 Centuries ago 'Lent' used to be the name for 'spring'. Look out for signs of spring today.</b> 	<b>5 With your class, pray and reflect on the 5th and 6th Stations of the Cross.*</b> 	<b>6 As a family, pray for those in need this Lent and think of ways you can help them.</b> 	<b>7 Find a quiet place to be and say a prayer for those who are sick, sad or lonely.</b> 
<b>8 Sunday's Gospel</b> was Jn 2:13-25.* Read it as a class. Why was Jesus angry? 	<b>9 Keep an eye out for someone who needs help today.</b> 	<b>10 Visit the Mission Together virtual map, choose a country to visit and pray for the children there.*</b> 	<b>11 Eggs are a symbol of new life. How does this link to Easter?</b> 	<b>12 With your class, pray and reflect on the 7th and 8th Stations of the Cross.*</b> 	<b>13 Lent is a special time to say sorry and forgive. As a family, pray for the strength to do both.</b> 	<b>14 Mothering Sunday</b> Ask God to bless all mums and grandmas. 
<b>15 Sunday's Gospel</b> was Jn 3:14-21.* Read it as a class. Who did God send into the world? 	<b>16 Make someone smile today and share God's joy with those around you.</b> 	<b>17 Feast of St Patrick</b> Find out where St Patrick went to share God's love. 	<b>18 Tomorrow is the Feast of St Joseph. Find out why he is an important saint.*</b> 	<b>19 With your class, pray and reflect on the 9th and 10th Stations of the Cross.*</b> 	<b>20 Tell a family member about the Stations of the Cross and why we pray them in Lent.</b> 	<b>21 Thank God for all the beautiful things he has created. Pray that you may care for them all.</b> 
<b>22 Sunday's Gospel</b> was Jn 12:20-33.* Read it as a class. What does Jesus predict? 	<b>23 Make a small sacrifice this week and put a coin in your Little Red Box.</b> 	<b>24 Feast of St Oscar Romero</b> Find out why Fr Romero was made a saint.* 	<b>25 Feast of the Annunciation</b> How did Mary's 'yes' change the world? 	<b>26 With your class pray and reflect on the 11th and 12th Stations of the Cross.*</b> 	<b>27 Ask a family member to help you discover why palms will be given out at church tomorrow.</b> 	<b>28 Palm Sunday</b> What did the crowd sing when Jesus entered Jerusalem? 
<b>29 Sunday's Gospel</b> was Jn 12:12-16.* Read it as a class. What does it say about hope? 	<b>30 Today we remember how Judas made a bad decision. Ask God to help you make good choices this week.</b> 	<b>31 Today Jesus planned his last supper. Thank God for your food and pray for children who are hungry.</b> 	<b>1 APRIL Maundy Thursday</b> Why does the Pope wash the feet of others today? 	<b>2 Good Friday</b> Sit quietly, be still, and thank Jesus for showing us how to love. 	<b>3 Holy Saturday</b> Today we wait as Jesus lies in the tomb. Tomorrow we celebrate as Jesus rises to new life. 	<b>Jesus is risen. Alleluia!</b> 