



"Let us allow God to fill our hearts with his goodness" Pope Francis

Dear Parents

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.



At St Chad's we will be preparing the children to receive the ashes, as well as supporting them on their Lenten journey, through a variety of opportunities including Reconciliation (Yr4-6) and Mass. This season gives us all the opportunity to live the way God wants us to.

Mrs Mitchener

This month we will be studying the themes of The Eucharist and Relating

EUCCHARIST - RELATING

(3rd Feb – 6th Mar)

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.

Eucharistic Adoration



The junior children from the Chaplaincy Team attended both Mass and Adoration at St Chad's Church Friday. I was exceptionally proud of their devotion to our Lord and their ability to sit and pray with Him, loving Him and feeling His love for them.

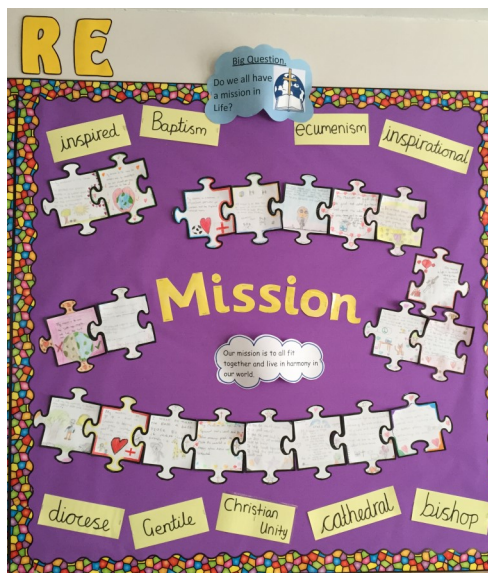
During the next few months all the Junior children will have the opportunity to attend Adoration at St Chad's Church and a chance to spend some time in the presence of our Lord in Prayer. Fr Bartholomew will also be visiting St Chad's School to help the children understand the meaning and the beauty of spending time with Jesus.



"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)

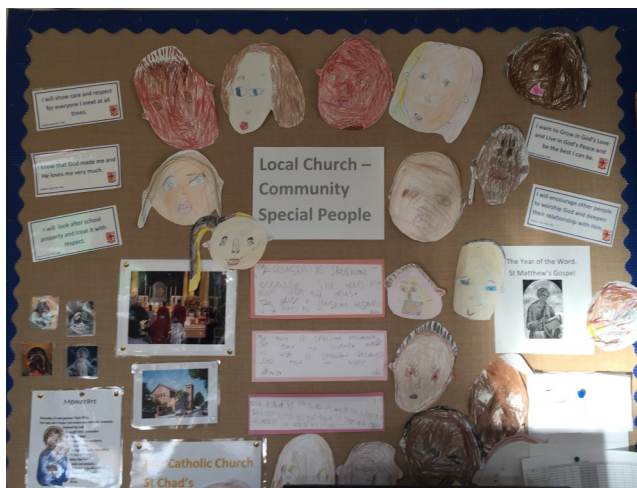


Year 2 St John Paul Class

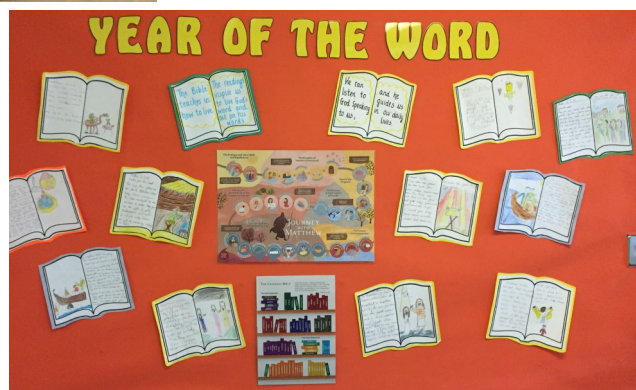


Year 5 St James Class

Some of our lovely displays, based on our class topics,
The Year of the Word and St Matthew's Gospel



Year 1 St Elizabeth Class



Year 3 St Clare and St John Bosco Classes



Year 5 St Andrew Class

Special Times This Term February

- 1st St Brigid Feast Day
- 7th Chaplaincy Group to attend Mass and Adoration
- 25th Shrove Tuesday
- 26th Ash Wednesday Service in school

Half Term Competition

Please encourage your son/daughter to design a Bible cover for their class Bible. The cover must have the word Bible on it and the name of their class saint. It could also include pictures or symbols of their favourite Bible stories. The designs must be colourful and original, demonstrating just how exciting the Bible is. The winning design from each class will become the cover for each classes Bible and it will be blessed along with the Bible by Fr Bartholomew. Please also encourage your child to read the Bible, particularly in this Year of the Word.

