



"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

John 11:25-26

Dear Parents

As we struggle with the worrying days we are living through, we remember that God is always close to us, providing strength and comfort.

The celebration of Easter Sunday gives us hope for the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead. Since Easter represents the fulfilment of God's promises to mankind, it is a time for us to reflect on how we can welcome God into our lives, in a more fulfilling way.

Mrs Mitchener

LENT/EASTER - GIVING
(9th Mar – 3rd April)

Early Years	GROWING - Looking forward to Easter
Year 1	CHANGE - Lent: a time for change
Year 2	OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Year 3	GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Year 4	SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life
Year 5	SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Year 6	DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

**SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME
ACTIVITIES**

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity. If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.

Dear Parents and Carers

As I am sure that you are aware; following the national guidance of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, all public worship is to be suspended from the evening of Friday 20 March until further notice.

This means that no public Masses or any other service with a congregation will be celebrated. Please be reassured that you can follow the Mass and other religious services, including saying the Rosary by visiting the website below. It offers you the opportunity to watch Masses being live streamed from a number of parishes across the country. I believe that you can also watch live streamed Masses from St Mary's West Croydon on their website.

<https://www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now/>

Please God, the churches will reopen soon.

I wish you a really happy and holy Easter Season.

Mrs P Mitchener



Adoration

St John Bosco class, in Yr3 experienced the joy of Adoration last month. It was led by Fr Bartholomew and Mrs Jean Gardner, who helped the children to spend time with our Lord in a very meaningful and special way. Fr Bartholomew brought the Eucharist and the Monstrance to St Chad's school and the children were reverent and respectful in their worship of Jesus. It was a really pleasure to experience Adoration with them.



Well done St John Bosco Class.

Special Times This Month

April

- 1st Yr 2 Palm Sunday Assembly
- 2nd Yr5 The Last supper Assembly
- 3rd Yr5 The Stations of the Cross Liturgy
- 5th Palm Sunday
- 9th Maundy Thursday
- 10th Good Friday
- 12th Easter Sunday
- 23rd St George's Day

Lenten Breakfast in aid of CAFOD

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Lenten Breakfast. It was lovely to see so many families sharing breakfast together in support of CAFOD. Many of you were really generous with your donations and we raised £60 for this fantastic charity, who reach out to people living in poverty with practical help, whatever their religion or culture and who campaign for global justice, so that every woman, man and child can live a full and dignified life.



Easter Activities at school



The children of Key Workers, who have been attending St Chad's during the lockdown, have continued to lead and participate in the religious life of the school.

The children working with Mrs Gant and Miss Foster led a beautiful Easter Liturgy, before they broke up for the Easter holiday, focusing on Jesus' final journey through the Stations of the Cross.

Since our return for the Summer Term, the children have been focusing on his resurrection and how it opens up to us, the path to be reborn to a new life with Jesus.

The children continue to pray for all their friends who cannot attend school at the moment, that you will keep safe and return to school soon.

