



'I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.'

Psalm 130:5

Dear Parents and Carers

March is a joyful and busy month at St Chad's. We begin with our Feast day celebration, reminding us that like St Chad, we serve God, by serving others and then we begin the season of Lent. Our focus this year is very much on how during Lent we can serve our global neighbours and like Pope Francis; care for our common home and all who live in it. Our CAFOD Club are actively leading the school in how we can fight injustice and hunger around the world and our children will be given the opportunity to walk with others, in a spiritual and practical way, as well as showing solidarity with them, through their actions.

Please keep our children in your prayers this month. *Mrs Mitchener*

LENT/EASTER - GIVING
(7th March - 8th April)

Early Year	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.

**Pope Francis Prayer Request for
March**

**A Christian Response to
Bioethical Challenges**

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Amen



"God, may Your light guide my day, and your spirit bring me peace. Amen."

Grow in Love, Live in Peace

Ash Wednesday



On the 2nd March, Ash Wednesday began our journey of Lent.

The children from Year 2-6 attended a beautiful Mass at St Chad's Church, with the parishioners, who as ever were delighted to see us. Alva (Yr6) read beautifully and the children's responses and singing, helped to make it a very special Mass.

All the children received the ashes on their foreheads to publicly express their faith and penance.

During Lent we will be focusing on helping the children to prepare their hearts, to meet Jesus on Easter Sunday.

The children will be given the opportunity to Pray, Fast and Give, this Lenten season, which will strengthen their love for others and contribute to greater social justice.

Pray



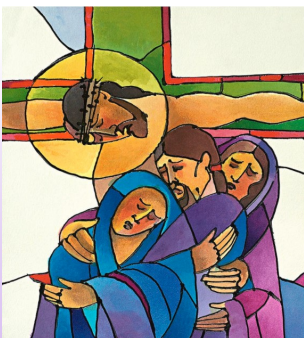
Fast



Give



Stations of the Cross



Our KS2 children have all had the opportunity to join the parishioners at St Chad's Church every Wednesday, during Lent.

Fr Ambrose has very kindly organised that the Station of the Cross would be led by the children of St Chad's school.

The parishioners have commented that it is lovely to see the children leading our faith. They have been very positive about our devotion and behaviour.



St Chad's Feast Day



Fr Ambrose joined us at school, to celebrate our special feast day with us.

Year 3 led the school with a beautiful Mass, in which we were reminded that St Chad is an excellent role model, who served God, by serving others. The children joined in the Mass enthusiastically, raising the roof with their singing!

Happy St Chad's Feast Day to all our parish family.



School Blessing

As part of our feast day celebrations, Fr Ambrose blessed our school, and began a new tradition, which we will continue every year on our feast day.

He dedicated to school to the education of young people and blessed all our students, teachers, staff and friends.

As part of his prayer and blessing, Fr Ambrose prayed that St Chad's school, may enable all children to flourish and be happy and that it may teach the Catholic faith in all its richness and fullness for the salvation of souls.



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Yr3 Eucharistic Adoration



The children in Year 3 were recently able to celebrate Adoration in school. They had a very moving and spiritual time.

Here are some of their responses....

"I felt a spiritual connection"

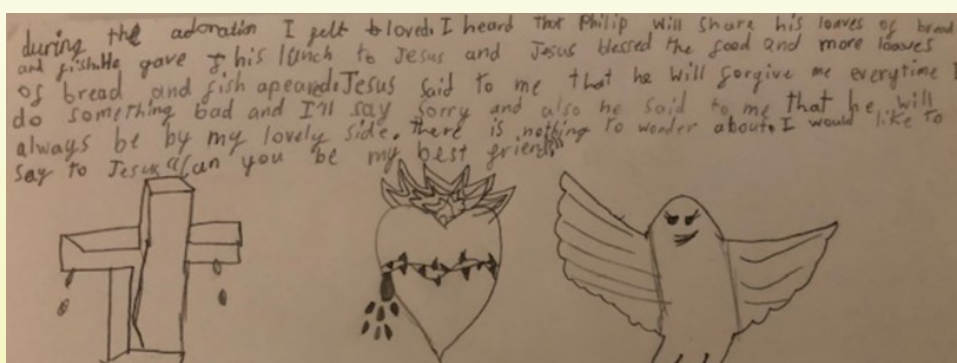
"I felt calm and warm inside"

"I felt God and Jesus were sitting with me, right by me, here in this room"

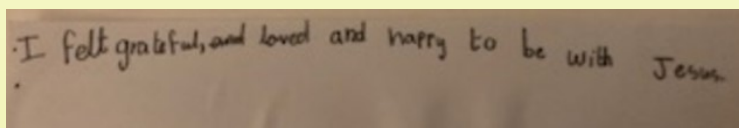
"I felt Jesus and his friends were surrounding me"

"I could feel the Holy Spirit in my heart"

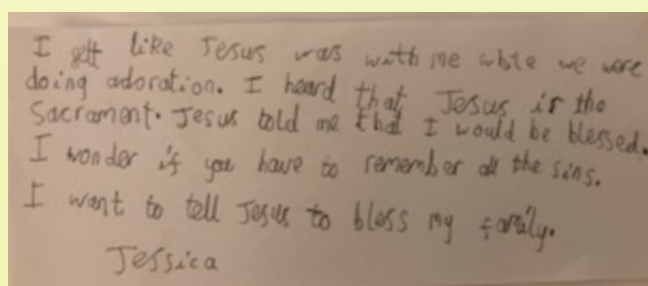
"I felt blessed"



Year 3 had a wonderful time in the presence of the Lord, and all the children asked if they would get another chance to be still, wonder, listen and talk to God in His presence.



Year 3 will continue to spend time with God in Adoration every month, for the remainder of the school year.



Reconciliation

During March our Year 4, 5 and 6 children and staff have all had the opportunity to go to confession and to reconcile with God.

We thank Fr Ambrose for coming to St Chad's school to support our children in their preparations for Easter Week and for being ready to receive God's blessings.

We shared a special Liturgy before making our confessions, in which we were reminded that the act of confession is important, because it allows us to put things right with God and to know that we have been forgiven, "restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship" (CCC, no. 1468).



CAFOD Club News

Walk Against Hunger Campaign



Lent 2022

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development



Congratulations to our CAFOD club members who have led the school in the Lenten campaign, Walk Against Hunger. They began by delivering the National CAFOD assembly to the school and then organised the fundraising activity with Mrs Gallagher. We are very proud of the way they help the school to focus on living our catholic teachings and the way in which they help us to live out our missions, as well as raising the profile of the plight of our global brothers and sisters. The children of Saint Chad's school, care a greatly about our global home and all the people who inhabit it.

A really big, well done to everyone, who donated their own pocket money.

St Chad's raised a wonderful £484.54





Praying for Peace

On Monday 7th March the children and staff of St Chad's school joined together in a combined prayer for peace in the world. The children prayed for people of all countries involved in conflict around the world, asking that world leaders can find a peaceful solution, to secure the freedom and safety of all our global brothers and sisters. The children in Year 6, asked if they could say the Rosary, so that they could connect with our Lord and Saviour, asking that all people could follow His teachings of peace and compassion.

Merciful God

We pray for the people of Ukraine and their family members around the world. We ask that all those involved respond with wisdom and courage and that a peaceful resolution may be achieved. Lord, during these challenging times please lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust and lead us from hatred to love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen

A prayer for Ukraine

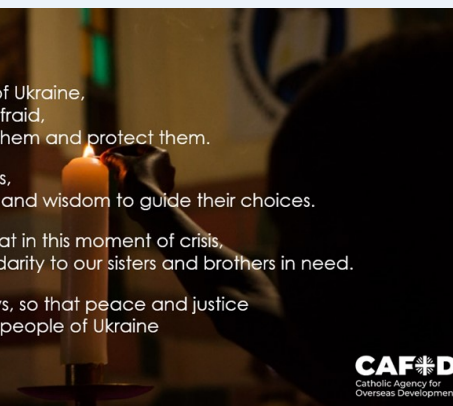
Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity to our sisters and brothers in need.

May we walk in your ways, so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.

Amen.



CAFOD
Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia.

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Gospel Value - Forgiveness



Reconciliation

This month we have been focusing on forgiveness and why it is important to forgive. In St Matthew's Gospel, Christ makes it clear that in order to be forgiven, humans must forgive others. We will also reinforce forgiveness, in the spirit of that element of Catholic social teaching which calls us to respect the dignity of every person.

During the month all children will participate in a Reconciliation Liturgy, with the children in Years 4-6, who have made their Holy Communion, also going to confession.

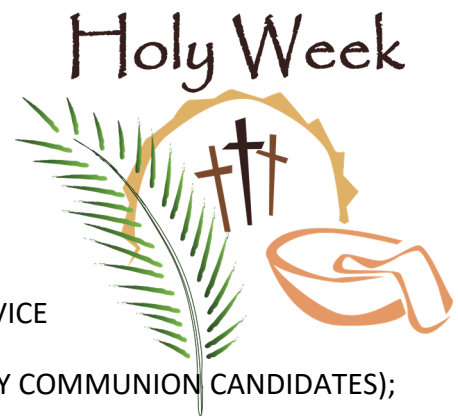


Don't be afraid to ask God for forgiveness. He never tires of forgiving us. God is pure mercy.

— Pope Francis —

Parish News

Easter Program



FRIDAY 8TH APRIL: 7PM TO 9PM: PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

SATURDAY 9TH APRIL: 4PM: FIRST RECONCILIATION (FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES); OTHERS MAY WISH TO JOIN IN THIS SERVICE.

PALM SUNDAY (WEEKEND 9TH/10TH APRIL—MASSES AS USUAL)

TUESDAY 12TH APRIL: ADORATION & CONFESSION AFTER 9:30AM MASS

WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL: CHRISM MASS IN CATHEDRAL @ 11:30AM (NO MORNING MASS); EVENING CONFESSIONS AT 6:30PM & EVENING MASS AT 7:30PM (NO ADORATION AFTER THE EVENING MASS)

HOLY THURSDAY 14TH: NO MORNING MASS; 7:30PM—MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER & PRAYING AT ALTAR OF REPOSE.

GOOD FRIDAY 15TH APRIL: 9:30AM—CHILDREN'S STATION OF THE CROSS; WALK OF WITNESS—10:30AM (FROM ENMORE ROAD, BESIDES THE SOUTH NORWOOD SWIMMING POOL); LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION—3PM; STATIONS OF THE CROSS—8PM.

HOLY SATURDAY 16TH APRIL: 10:30AM — OFFICE OF READINGS & MORNING PRAYER.

EASTER VIGIL MASS: 7:30PM.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: 8:30AM; 10AM; 11:30AM & 6PM



SATURDAY 14TH MAY, 2022

7:30PM to 11:30PM

@ Parish Hall

Featuring live band, food on sale, licensed bar,
bingo, raffle & lots more Tickets (£8) now on sale
Hurry while tickets last. Don't miss out!