



"Jesus said: I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live,"
John 11:25

Dear Parents/carers

It was lovely to be in school to focus on the events and importance of Holy Week, so that during the holiday the children were able to appreciate the Easter services. St Luke class began our Easter week focus with a thoughtful liturgy, which reminded the children of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week. St Andrew class then led the school through the events of Maundy Thursday up to the arrest of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane and St James' class led a very powerful liturgy of the events of the Way of the Cross and Jesus' ultimate death. All the children and staff involved in preparing and leading these liturgies worked incredible hard to ensure that all at Chad's were reminded of Jesus selfless sacrifice and also God's love for his people.

Our assemblies and liturgies, since returning after the Easter holiday have celebrated God raising his son Jesus from the dead and sharing the good news of our eternal life with God.

Mrs Mitchener

PENTECOST—SERVING
(25th April – 20th May)

Early Years	GOOD NEWS - Passing on the Good News of Jesus
Year 1	HOLIDAYS AND HOLYDAYS - Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit
Year 2	SPREAD THE WORD - Pentecost: a time to spread the Good News
Year 3	ENERGY - Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Year 4	NEW LIFE - To hear and live the Easter message
Year 5	TRANSFORMATION - Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power
Year 6	WITNESSES - The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME
ACTIVITIES

Talk about good news in your family and how you shared it.
Ask your child to tell you the story of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit.

Pope Francis Prayer Request for
April

Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Coffee Morning
Prayer

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Coffee morning, last Friday, to hear about how we share prayer at school. I hope that it was informative and that you will continue to support your children in developing a closer relationship with God through regular prayer, as we do.



Holy Week



Palm Sunday

St Luke's Class - Year 1, led the whole school in a beautiful Palm Sunday liturgy. It was a lovely way to begin our Holy week liturgies. They reminded the school of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, when palm branches were placed in his path and the crowds recognised Him and went out to meet him, and cried out: 'Hosanna! - Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel'



The children spoke, acted and sang so confidently and really enjoyed telling us about the significance of Palm Sunday. Well done St Luke's class & Miss Ellis.

The Last Supper

St Andrew class led the school in the events of Holy Week, from the Last Supper to Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane.

We listened to the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, when He gave His friends, a new commandment – they must love one another as He loved them, with



whole hearted and unlimited generosity. This is a message which is shared regularly with our children, through our focus on the school Gospel Values.



Thank you St Andrew Class & Miss Dench for a beautiful re-enactment of the Last Supper.

The Way of the Cross

Thank you to the children in St James' Class who led the school in the Stations of the Cross. The children helped us to meditate on Jesus' final journey which led to the cross and His death. As we listen to each station, we reflected on the sacrifice Jesus made willingly for us and on how we can follow Him, in our words and actions. The children's re-enactment of the final journey of Christ, also reminded us how much Jesus loved us and how He was willing to die to redeem us. All the children, even our very youngest, were prayerful and exemplary in their reverence.



Well done St James's Class & Miss McNicholas

Stations of the Cross

Thank you Fr Ambrose, for welcoming our KS2 children to Mass and to Stations of the Cross every Wednesday, during Lent. The children have enjoyed leading the parishioners in this liturgy and spending time in the parish. The parishioners have commented that it is lovely to see the children leading our faith and they have been very positive about our devotion and behaviour.



CAFOD Club Bracelet Sale



The CAFOD Club raised over £45.00, selling bracelets they had made.

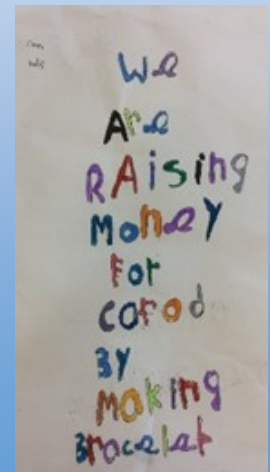
The money raised will go to CAFOD, to support development programmes, which help to lift people out of poverty and improve standards of living.

Well done to all the children involved, who are trying to live out their mission and tackle injustice in the world.



Thank you and well done CAFOD Club & Mrs Gallagher!

And a big thank you, to everyone who bought a bracelet.



St Martha Class - St George's Liturgy

To celebrate the feast day of St George, St Martha's class led the school in a thoughtful liturgy, which reminded us that like St George we can stand up for what is right and fair, even if it is frightening. It reminded us that we should live out of Mission to bring Jesus to all people on earth and that we should fight against injustice and poverty. The children were asked to be brave and to act to do something that helps other people, even if it feels frightening to do. Like St George we were challenged to have strength and love in our hearts for other people.



South London schoolchildren tell us why they joined the Walk Against Hunger

Share and subscribe



Children in the CAFOD Club at St Chad's Primary school in Corydon are walking Against Hunger.

This Lent children and young people all over England and Wales are walking in solidarity with the 200 million children around the world at risk of malnutrition. By setting up JustGiving pages and getting sponsored to walk, schools are raising thousands of pounds to fight hunger.

Children in the CAFOD Club at St Chad's primary school in Croydon told us why they are lacing up their trainers and beading bracelets this Lent.

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Making footprints

We also challenged our school to come up with their own ideas about ways to raise money.

The Year 3 children came up with their own idea about sticking money onto a foot template every time they do a small act of kindness at home for someone else.

Making banners for our walk

"As a school we all walked together around the school playing fields. In our CAFOD Club we made posters to advertise the event, and we raised them up high as we walked.

"The CAFOD Club children lead the school in a chant and clap as we walked around. We had a great time and felt like we were all joining in a small act of love for others." Mathias, Year 6



Year 3 made footprints to raise money and spread acts of kindness.



Making posters to advertise Walk Against Hunger

Selling bracelets

"In our CAFOD Club we decided to make friendship bracelets because we wanted to help other children that are not well. We decided to make bracelets because Lombeh got a bracelet when she was a baby. We want to show her that we care with our small acts of kindness, by making bracelets to sell to our school to raise money for CAFOD."

Elizabeth, Year 5



Making bracelets to sell during Lent

"In our St Chad's CAFOD Club we are making bracelets. We are doing this because after watching the clip of Lombeh, we realised that people across the world need our help and we can help them. We want to try and help our global neighbours, we are all part of God's family, and all families take care of each other." Faith, Year 5

"Our CAFOD Club have decided to Walk Against Hunger, because after finding out about Lombeh and other malnourished children we knew that we had to do something! We organised for our school to walk together to stamp into action against hunger! The bracelets that we are making are a way to raise money but also to spread CAFOD's message." Alva, Year 6



Making bracelets just like Lombeh's in Sierra Leone

"We are Walking Against Hunger because children around the world are malnourished and the numbers will grow if we don't help our global neighbours. It is vital that we should stamp out hunger and we should try to do small acts of love. Children are

prevented from living life to the full and being happy. Small acts of love can change the world and make it a better world for all. We have chosen to make and sell bracelets to sell to raise money for CAFOD, it is our small act of love for Lombeh and others." Elise, Year 5

Thank you!

Thank you so much to the CAFOD Club at St Chad's, and for schools all across England and Wales doing amazing things this Lent.

CAFOD Twitter Posts



Thank you so much to @StChads_Croydon for joining our #WalkAgainstHunger as a whole school yesterday! 🚶🏻‍♀️🚶🏻‍♂️

All of the amazing walking & awareness-raising this #Lent will make a big difference in the lives of our global neighbours ❤️

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We want to celebrate @StChads_Croydon who joined our #WalkAgainstHunger challenge this Lent. Children in the CAFOD Club at St Chad's primary school told us why they are lacing up their trainers and beading bracelets. You can read more here 📖



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"In our CAFOD Club we are making bracelets because after watching the clip of Lombeh, we realised that people across the world need our help and we can help them."

This small act of kindness from the wonderful pupils @StChads_Croydon brings us joy this Lent ❤️



Congratulations

Many congratulations to Ethan in Year 6, who has recently completed the training to be an Altar Server. He has already served at his first Mass in the parish and is looking forward to being able to serve God, during the next school Mass.

We are all really proud of you Ethan—well done!



Living Laudato Si Care for our Common Home



Pope Francis reminds us that we need to look after the world. He asks us to care for the earth by asking ourselves these three questions.

How can we live wisely? Think deeply? Love generously?

One way in which we are trying to live wisely, is by reducing landfill and harmful waste, by recycling AA, AAA, C and D batteries. We are therefore currently taking part in the Big Battery Hunt!



This nationwide battery recycling programme for schools is funded by Duracell and aims to increase the number of batteries currently being recycled in the UK. Pupils are challenged to collect as many batteries as they can, encouraging their communities to do the same.

We have placed several large collecting bins throughout the school, for you to deposit your used batteries in. Please hunt hard, so that we can recycle as many batteries as possible.

Reminder: **Please supervise** your children, when they are collecting and handling old, used batteries and ensure that they are kept dry, to avoid any risk of injury. Please **do not** donate any damaged, crushed or punctured batteries to the school; you should dispose of them safely and immediately.

We will keep you updated with the count!

Parish News

Congratulations Fr John

Many congratulations to Bishop-elect Fr John Mbinda C.S.Sp who has been chosen by the Holy Father to become Bishop of the Diocese of Lodwar in Kenya.

We will miss him, but we thank him for his time at St Chad's and wish him every happiness and good fortune in Kenya.



SATURDAY 14TH MAY, 2022

7:30PM to 11:30PM

@ Parish Hall

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bingo, raffle & lots more Tickets (£8) now on sale

Hurry while tickets last. Don't miss out!