

St Mary's Primary School LENT 2025

During Lent, the children at St Mary's will be learning about, and reflecting upon, this season of repentance in a number of ways. Here is an overview of how the children will be getting ready for Easter, and how families can join the preparations.

During Lent, **classroom prayer focus areas** will be decorated with a purple cloth to represent penance. The altars will be focal points for prayer and liturgy and RE lessons, when children will explore the journey we take during the Lenten season e.g. through the themes of Reconciliation, Giving or Change.

As part of prayer and liturgy children will be making Lenten

Promises and displaying them in their classrooms.

When writing these promises, children will be thinking about ways they can grow closer to Jesus on their journey towards Easter – small changes they can turn away from wrongdoing and turn back to God.



CAFOD - Big Lent Walk

The Chaplaincy team will launch The Big Lent Walk on 19th March. On 28th March, the school will take part in The Big Lent Walk.

CAFOD believes that a green and just world, free from poverty, is possible and we invite you to join us in putting your faith into action this Lent.

The money you raise by taking part in the Big Lent Walk will enable CAFOD to continue fighting global poverty and working through expert local partners to bring real change to communities overseas.

Lenten Service

On 28th March, we have our Lenten service for children in Years 4, 5 and 6.

Parents are warmly invited to attend this service in the school hall.



Reconciliation

For Years 3 to 6, this will be on 1st April. Children learn to think about the consequences of their actions and how this affects their relationship with God. Together we will celebrate God's forgiveness and love.

Ash Wednesday

In school we marked the start of the Lenten season with an Ash Wednesday liturgy. Lent is a time when we pray, do kind things for other people, give up things and give to others, as we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter.

For forty days, we accompany Jesus on his journey to Calvary and we see the mercy he shows towards others, despite his suffering. Just as God shows mercy towards us, like Jesus, we try to show mercy to others.

In this **Jubilee Year**, Pope Francis has asked us to celebrate with deep faith, lively hope and active charity. This means he wants each one of us to celebrate this year by trusting in God, looking forward with hope, and showing love to others through kind and caring actions.



Easter Liturgy

We will end the term with our Easter Liturgy in St Mary's Church at 9.30am on 4th April. All parents are warmly invited to join this celebration.



Class Mass

These will be held at a time to be confirmed. Parents are warmly invited. These are special celebrations, planned and led by the children themselves.

In March, children in Years 3-6 will be meditating and praying the **Stations of the Cross**.



<https://cafod.org.uk/education/primary-teaching-resources/lent-resources-for-children>

Follow the link above to visit the CAFOD website which has a Lent Calendar with daily prayers and reflections.

Lent calendar 2025

Week:	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
M	10 March	17 March	24 March	31 March	7 April	14 April
T	11 March	18 March	25 March	1 April	8 April	15 April
W	Ash Weds 12 March	19 March	26 March	2 April	9 April	16 April
T	6 March	13 March	20 March	27 March	3 April	10 April Maundy Thursday
F	7 March	CAFOD Fast Day 21 March	28 March	4 April	11 April	Good Friday Easter Sunday

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Chaplaincy Team

The school chaplaincy team has been busy this term. In our communal prayer area, we have added some lovely new additions! We've been working hard to create beautiful prayers and reflections based on the Word of the Week to help us all take a moment to pause and think.

We've written some special prayers about discipleship, scripture, humility, diversity and belonging to name a few. We hope these will help everyone find a little bit of peace and quiet during the busy school day and enjoy some time with God.

The team have also spent some time learning about the Jubilee year logo and what it symbolises. We decided to draw some designs to recreate this as a display in the main corridor. It was a fun challenge to work together and make something that looked really eye-catching.

We used lots of colourful materials and worked as a team to put it all together. It's now displayed proudly in the school, reminding us of the importance of this special year as Pilgrims of Hope.



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-POPE FRANCIS