

Monday 24th February 2020 ~
Newsletter
Welcome Back!



Dear Parents and Carers,
The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year is on the 26th February.
Lent is a season of preparation, when we are invited to change our lives so we can experience fully the joy of Easter.

As Pope Francis said in 2015, "Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community and every believer."

Traditionally, Christians make an effort during Lent to pray more, to give something up or fast and to give money to people in need. At St George's School we have added another action – Care for Creation.

This year, our focus throughout Lent is **servicing others**. We will be thinking about Jesus's words at the Last Supper after he had washed the feet of his disciples, "***I have set an example for you so you will do just what I have done for you.***" (John 13:15)

Children will be making a Lenten promise in classes, choosing from
Pray – Fast – Give – Care for Creation

ASH WEDNESDAY – 26th February

Ash Wednesday Service and Distribution of Ashes in School

We will have a liturgy in school for pupils and staff to start our Lenten journey by receiving ashes.

PALM SUNDAY – 5th April

St George's Church 10.30am Mass

Children are invited to join us at morning Mass on Palm Sunday to dress up as the people of Jerusalem for our Palm Sunday procession.

Please arrive **by 10.15am** – costumes and palms provided! We will be learning more about Palm Sunday in Children's Liturgy and will process again through church at the end of Children's Liturgy.

Everyone welcome!

We hope that our Lenten activities will complement what you may already be doing at home. The Junior Chaplaincy team will support children during Lent in class liturgies, assemblies and their Lenten journey.

With Best Wishes
The Chaplaincy Team

St George's RC Primary School – LENT 2020

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so you will do just what I have done for you.”
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PRAY

- We are going to read the whole of the Gospel of Matthew during Lent, reading a small part each day. Starting on Ash Wednesday, we will follow a schedule and finish the whole Gospel on Holy Thursday. Pupils will be able to join us in the library at break time to read or listen to around 25-30 verses. At weekends and in Holy Week, they will read at home. It is a great activity for all the family – why not join in!
- There will be several prayer stations around school to offer pupils creative ways to pray.
- Towards the end of Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross together.

FAST

“SiLENT – Be Silent for a Change”

We will be taking part in SiLent – a project from the charity Million Minutes (reg no. 1140079). We will have collective silences in assemblies and classes to help reach a 'Million Minutes of Silence'. Million Minutes is a charity helps young people. It give grants to young people to carry out social action projects in their community. You will be able to sponsor and donate online.

More information is available online at millionminutes.org/silent

GIVE

We will be collecting donations for **Carecent York** and learning how they serve people in need in York. There will be a list of required items to donate after half term.

CARE FOR CREATION

We will be enjoying and looking after our school and local environment.

We will also be taking part in **CAFOD's "Defend the Defenders"** campaign to learn about and support people protecting the Amazon rainforest and the people and wildlife who live there.

Every minute in the Amazon, an area of rainforest bigger than a football pitch is destroyed.

The Junior Chaplaincy Team will be leading lots of football themed activities to raise money to help people on the front line of protecting our beautiful world.

St George's and St Aelred's Youth group

Sundays 4.30pm - 6.00pm 7-11 year olds

We meet at St Aelred's Community Centre (next to St Aelred's church off Melrosegate) for fun and games, snacks and the Gospel. Everyone Welcome!

The dates for the rest of the school year are:

- 8th March
- 5th April
- 10th May
- 7th June
- 12th July

For older siblings (11-16 years) we are starting a new group - same place and time (Sun 4.30-6.00pm) on these dates:

- 15th March
- 26th April
- 17th May,
- 28th June
- 12th July

For any more info, speak to Mrs Iggulden.

Wishing everyone a happy half term

The St George's team x