

Our Ref: DW/JR
28th February 2023

Dear Families

I hope this letter finds you well, and on behalf of all our pupils and staff, we wanted to update you on all the wonderful events that are taking place this year during the season of Lent.

Through our school community we live our mission of loving God, serving others, working hard, and valuing all, as we put our faith into action.

Lent began with our Ash Wednesday services for every year group led by our Mission leaders and choir. Our focus this Lent is on how we pray, fast and give.

During Lent pupils will:

- Plan and lead collective worship
- Have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. This will take place in our beautiful chapel
- All will celebrate in our Holy Week liturgy
- Participate in charitable events. Fundraising in creative ways to support Caritas and the St Joseph's penny box appeal, making a real difference to the lives of people in our local communities facing poverty, disadvantage, homelessness, and isolation
- Take part in Cafod's Big Lenten Walk raising money to help people overseas as they overcome poverty
- During March Year 10 and Year 8 pupils have the opportunity to go on retreat
- Visit our chapel as it is open for events such as 'Quiet and calm', 'Take a break', and Faith friends from Building Bridges as they lead sessions on community cohesion
- Support our Eco group as they are currently developing our Peace Garden. They are exploring how we can be more environmentally aware. We have already planted 150 trees!
- Join or support our Equalities group who meet in our Reflection Room. This is a place for all ages, genders, sexualities, abilities, races, and religions

Please also refer to our fabulous Twitter feed that highlights the wonderful work our pupils are involved in.

Please support your child to get involved in any way they can. All are encouraged!

Wishing you all a peaceful Lenten Journey. Stay with us Lord on our journey.

Yours sincerely



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