



# Newsletter

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## Catholic Life Gospel Message Lent Liturgies

**We have held services throughout Lent where we have reflected on our journey, considering almsgiving, prayer and fasting. Children read prayers, reflections and collected money for charity.**

### Y5 Class Liturgy

"Year 5 had a wonderful liturgy in our class. We prayed, sang several songs and thought about what Lent means. We also reflected and thought about people suffering in the Ukraine."

Mr Crowley

The last Liturgy was about Lent and how Jesus got tempted by the devil. I liked it because it reminded us of the true meaning of Lent.  
Sherece

Our Liturgy was about Lent, when most people fast to remember that Jesus spent 40 days and nights in the desert. Rory

We thought about resisting the three temptations from the Devil. When he tempted Jesus to turn rocks into bread, jump off a temple and let angels catch him and ruling the whole world.  
Sophia

## Thought of the Week

The disciples must have been in a world of confusion during Holy Week, from being heroes being cheered on Palm Sunday to criminals in hiding having seen their friend and leader betrayed and crucified.

Let us think about how they felt.  
How did Mary feel?

Let us give thanks to God for Jesus' sacrifice and live our lives to the full mindful of serving others.

### Dates for the diary

Schools closes for Easter today  
Friday 1st April 2022 at **1:30pm**.

School reopens for children on  
**Tuesday 19th April** 2022 9:15am

### School holiday dates

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May

Half term  
Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June

Staff training day **Monday 6th June**



**Cooking club....**

### Water City Music Performance

On Saint Patrick's day, Y6, Y5 and the violin club performed alongside other schools in St George The Martyr Church, Borough High street. The violin club performed a lovely jig, Y6 sang a rendition of an 'Irish Blessing' and Y5 sang 'Rattlin' Bog'. We were then entertained by Libby, our music teacher playing the saxophone and Mr O'Kane playing the accordion. Both explained a little about their instruments. Our finale comprised of all the children singing Ireland's Call—the Irish Rugby team anthem.



Thank you for your very warm welcome over the last week and I look forward to working with the staff and parents to ensure the children have an excellent Summer term.

We are busy recruiting for a Headteacher for September and I will keep you updated with progress on this.

Ms Fulton will be joining us as our new Deputy Head after the holidays. I know you will be as welcoming and supportive of her as you have me.

We will be having a coffee morning on the first Friday morning back after half term for parents to get to know us a little and chat about the school.

Wishing you a Happy Easter  
Mr Andrew

### Attendance & Punctuality

Please continue to inform us if your child is absent **due to having COVID symptoms and book a PCR test — not a lateral flow test.**

Please continue to ensure your child is inside the school gate before the bell goes at 9:15am.

### Leave of Absence during term time

We will **not** be authorising any leave requests during term time. This includes the day prior to or after the Christmas holidays. A copy of the school term dates is available on the school website.

### Farewell and thank you!

On behalf of all the staff and parents may we take this opportunity to wish Mary McMenamin the very best in her retirement as she leaves Saint Joseph's after 23 years service. Mary has been teaching assistant, lunchtime supervisor and Breakfast Club leader. She has been a steadfast champion of Saint Joseph's over the years. Thank you Mary.

Good luck and best wishes also to Rebecca Burnet who has been successful in a new post as Assistant Speech and Language therapist with the NHS. She has been a great asset to our school over the past two years and we thank her for all her commitment.

### St George's Cathedral Junior Choir

is hosting an open day for its new Junior Choir, open to children in Years 2-6, on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April from 10.30-3.30.

No previous musical experience is required, only a love of singing.

Visit [www.stgeorgescathedral.org.uk/jointhechoirs](http://www.stgeorgescathedral.org.uk/jointhechoirs) to register for a place.

*Best Wishes, Mr O'Kane  
and the staff of Saint Joseph's.*