

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2020

Spring is here and it's only just a few days now until the official end of this school term. Although the term ended a little sooner than we expected this year so many people in our community have worked extremely hard to make the time we had in school a success: parents, teachers and support staff and of course the children.

Children (and parents) we are all really missing you. The school is really quiet without you.

We have been endeavouring to keep our website up to date and continue to add activities and links which might be helpful to support this time of home learning. Don't forget to log on to the school website to access these activities:
<http://stmarysenfield.co.uk/welcome>



Lent

We are coming to the end of the season of Lent, a wonderful time of renewal.



As we move now towards Palm Sunday maybe these last days of Lent could be a time for us to make a big effort to change and grow as we get ready for the feast of the Resurrection of Christ.

Just in case you have not seen it yet, we have added a workbook which might be useful for children (with an adult's help) to explore Holy Week (The link on the website is called 'Easter in Matthew's Gospel').

We have also added 'The Liturgies of Easter' workbook with an accompanying video to support the children's understanding of The Triduum.

I attach both workbooks to this newsletter for your reference but you should be able to find them on the Religious Education page on our website and/or on your class page.

Wednesday Word

Starting on Wednesday 17th April 2013 children began to

bring *The Wednesday Word* leaflet home from school. *The Wednesday Word* is a gift to you and your family because of your connection with our Catholic school.

Every Wednesday, a 'word' (inspired by the Sunday Gospel) is suggested for you and your family to talk about in your home.

This weekly Family Time is structured around the Sunday Gospel because evidence shows that Gospel values really do help family relationships to thrive.

Regularly spending quality time with children is without doubt one of the most important aspects of parenting. *The Wednesday Word* seeks to support you in this important task: to help you and your children maintain a special closeness throughout the school years.

The Wednesday Word 'Family Time' leaflet is designed to ensure that all family members feel included. It presents an effective way for even the busiest of parents to enrich relationships with their children through spending a very special 5 or 10 minutes

together each week.

We suggest Wednesdays for *Family Time* because it is the day that the Catholic Church dedicates to St Joseph - the Patron Saint of Families. But rather than miss out, any other night would do just as well.

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/index.html>



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stmarysenfield.co.uk

We have been trying to learn / say The Angelus each day at 12 noon in the Junior classes. This is a wonderful prayer which reminds us that God the Son became man in order to save us.

You might like to say this prayer with your child at home. It can be said in the morning, at noon or in the evening.

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

Be it done to me according to your word.

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh:
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may be brought by his passion and cross to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.
May the divine assistance remain always with us and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Best Wishes

Please stay safe and well.
Continue to let us know how you are. We appreciate the messages.

Wishing you a Happy and Holy Easter. You continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

Miss M. Creed
Headteacher

This beautiful prayer was written by an Italian priest who is self-isolating currently and very sadly lost his own brother very recently to Covid-19...:

I'm staying at Home, Lord!

I'm staying at home, Lord! And today, I realize, you taught me this, remaining obedient to the Father, for thirty years in the house of Nazareth, waiting for the great mission.

I stay at home, Lord, and in Joseph's studio, your keeper and mine, I learn to work, to obey, to round the corners of my life and prepare you a work of art.

I'm staying at home, Lord! And I know that I am not alone because Mary, like any mother, is in the next room, doing chores and preparing lunch for all of us, God's family.

I'm staying at home, Lord! And I do it responsibly for my own good, for the health of my city, for my loved ones, and for the good of my brother, whom you have put beside me, asking me to take care of him in the garden of life.

I'm staying at home, Lord! And in the silence of Nazareth, I pledge to pray, to read, study, meditate, be useful for small jobs, in order to make our home more beautiful and more welcoming.

I'm staying at home, Lord! And in the morning, I thank you for the new day you give me, trying not to spoil it and welcome it with wonder, as a gift and an Easter surprise.

I'm staying at home, Lord! And at noon I will receive the greeting of the angel, I will make myself useful for love, in communion with you who have made you

flesh to live among us; and, tired of the journey, thirsty, I will meet you at Jacob's well, and thirsty for love on the Cross.

I'm staying at home, Lord! And if the evening takes me melancholy, I will invoke you like the disciples of Emmaus: stay with us, the evening has arrived and the sun sets.

I'm staying at home, Lord! And in the night, in communion of prayer with the many sick, the lonely and all the caregivers, I will wait for the dawn to sing your mercy again and tell everyone that, in the storms, you have been my refuge.

I'm staying at home, Lord! And I don't feel alone and abandoned, because you told me: I'm with you every day. yes, and especially in these days of confusion, O Lord, in which, if my presence is not necessary, I will reach everyone, only with the wings of prayer.

Amen

How to participate in Mass during the coronavirus outbreak

A number of churches in the diocese are live streamed and can be visited online at any time. Amongst those Masses currently celebrated on live stream are the following:

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil:

5.30pm St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip
6.00pm Our Lady and St Vincent, Potters Bar (Signed Mass)

St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Borehamwood

6.30pm Our Lady of Lourdes, New Southgate

Sunday:

7.45am St Monica, Palmers Green
9.00am St Joseph & English Martyrs, Bishops Stortford

St Helen's, Watford North
Our Lady of Fatima, White City

9.30am St Hugh of Lincoln, Letchworth
Corpus

Christi Shrine, Covent Garden

10.00am St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip
Our Lady of Lourdes, New Southgate

St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Borehamwood
Our Lady and St Thomas of Canterbury, Harrow
Catholic Churches of Welwyn Garden City

Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great, Barnet
St Francis De Sales, Tottenham

10.30am Holy Apostles, Pimlico
St

James, Spanish Place
11.00am Our Lady and St Vincent, Potters Bar

Our Lady St John's Wood
11.30am St Mary, Hampstead

12noon St Anselm and St Cecilia, Lincoln's Inn Fields

St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip
Our Lady of Willesden, Willesden

12.30pm Holy
Apostles, Pimlico (*Spanish*
Mass)

3.30pm St
Monica, Palmers
Green (*Polish Mass*)

4.00pm Rosary
Shrine, Haverstock
Hill (*Dominican Rite Mass*)

6.00pm St Gregory
the Great, South Ruislip
Church of
the Immaculate

Conception, Farm Street
6.30pm St Thomas
More, Swiss Cottage

Weekday Mass

Monday to Friday:

7.00am St Thomas
More, Swiss Cottage

8.00am Corpus
Christi Shrine, Covent
Garden

9.15am St Teresa
of the Child
Jesus, Borehamwood

9.30am St
Monica, Palmers Green
St Francis

De
Sales, Tottenham (*Mon-*
Thur)

10.00am St Gregory
the Great, South Ruislip

Our Lady
and St Vincent, Potters
Bar

Our Lady
of Lourdes, New
Southgate

Our
Lady St John's Wood (*excl.*
Thur)

Mary
Immaculate and St
Gregory the
Great, Barnet (*excl. Wed*)

Sacred
Heart, Berkhamsted (*excl.*
Wed)

Our Lady
of Willesden, Willesden

12.30pm St Anselm
and St Cecilia, Lincoln's
Inn Fields (*Mon, Wed, Fri*
only)

6.00pm St Anselm
and St Cecilia, Lincoln's
Inn Fields (*as above*)

St Francis
De Sales, Tottenham (*Fri*
Only)

Church of
the Immaculate
Conception, Farm Street

7.00pm Our Lady St
John's Wood (*Thur only*)

Saturday:

8.00am Corpus
Christi Shrine, Covent
Garden

10.00am St Thomas
More, Swiss Cottage

Our Lady
of Lourdes, New Southgate
Mary

Immaculate and St
Gregory the Great, Barnet
Our

Lady St John's Wood
Our Lady
of Fatima, White City

Sacred
Heart, Berkhamsted
St Francis

De Sales, Tottenham
Our Lady
of Willesden, Willesden

These parishes are also
streaming Mass, please
check their links below...

St Edwards, Golders
Green (*Daily morning*
reflection and Mass)
St Mary of the
Angels, Bayswater (*Mass*)

celebrated at Noon,
uploaded after)

Several churches will be
holding Eucharistic
Adoration throughout the
day. 'Come, let us
worship.'

Act of Spiritual
Communion:

*My Jesus,
I believe that you are
present in this Holy
Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things
and I passionately desire to
receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive
you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my
soul
so that I may unite myself
wholly to you now and
forever.
Amen*

Please see the website
for the Diocese of
Westminster
<https://rcdow.org.uk/> for
links and further
information or follow the
links on our school
website (Religious

Education page or
Parents' page).

Cardinal: Obligation to Easter Duties removed this year



In these extraordinary
circumstances of the
Covid-19 (coronavirus)
pandemic when we are
unable to gather together
to celebrate the great
feasts of Holy Week and
Easter, Cardinal Vincent
explained that the
obligation to our Easter
Duties to go to Confession
and receive Holy
Communion is removed
from us. Instead, he says,
we can make an Act of
Perfect Contrition to
express our deep sorrow at
our sins against the
goodness of God, and
leads us in prayer.

Talking about Coronavirus:

As with all difficult
topics, clear and factual
conversations can help

reassure young people,
and remove any rumours
or misinformation they
might have heard from
friends or social media.

Make sure that you are
well informed, using
information from the
World Health
Organisation (WHO), or
the NHS websites.

The following videos are
also good starting points:

Primary:

[https://www.youtube.com
/watch?v=FqaXBtSaiUE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FqaXBtSaiUE)

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/ne
wsround/51887051](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51887051)

You can also find various
links and information which
might be helpful on our
school website.

