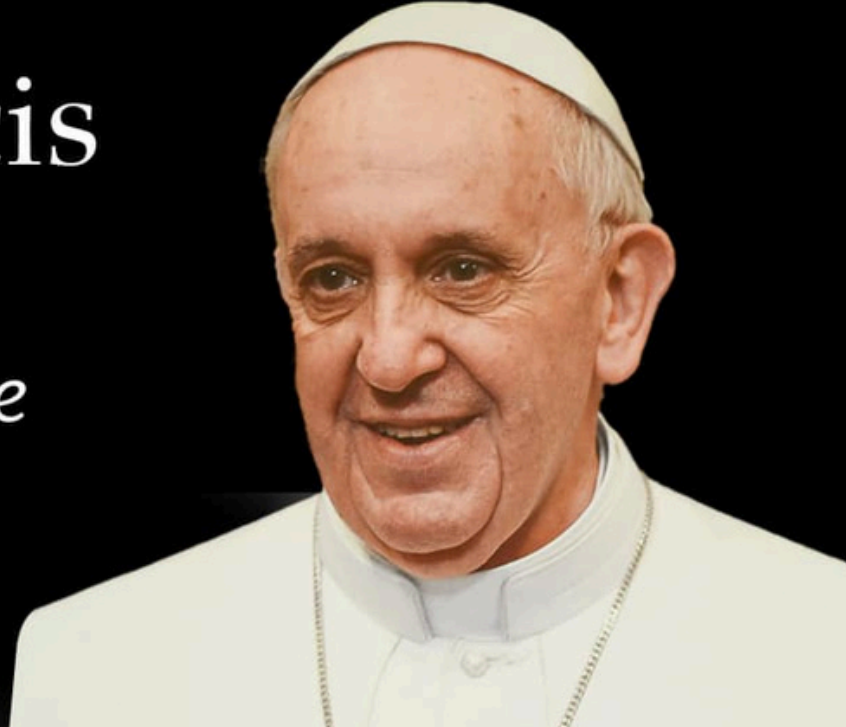


TOGETHER IN FAITH

Pope Francis

1936 - 2025

Requiescat in pace

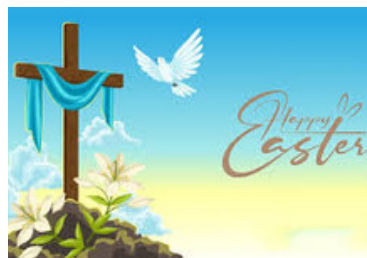
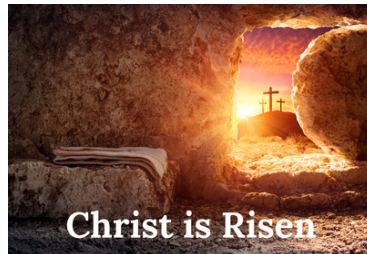


This month's special intention: Pope Francis

We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Pope Francis. As we enter this period of mourning, our school community will take part in nine days of prayer, reflection and acts of worship to remember our Holy Father.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.*

Amen



He is Risen! Alleluia!

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. Although the holiday is over, the season is not. The Easter season lasts for 50 days ending on Pentecost Sunday. The children will see white fabric, the Church's colour of celebration, on their holy tables for the next 50 days. During the Easter season, we will continue to focus on the resurrection and Christ's victory over death and sin.

An Easter Message from Fr. Martin

We celebrate with joy the central truth of our Faith—that Jesus, the Son of God, came to live among us as a human being, one like us in every way but sin; that he died for us all, but that by his power as God he defeated death and rose again from the grave. Today's Feast gives hope to us all in every trial. No illness, no force of nature, no act of terror can have the last word for those who hope in God. The Resurrection of Jesus is a pointer for us all, and a promise from the One who can never lie. We, too, with all our loved ones who have gone before us, can share, through Christ, in everlasting life. All we must do is accept God's free gift, in Faith, and allow the love of God to form and re-form us in the image and likeness of Himself—the true person we were made to be. Rejoice in the Lord!



Lent 2025 - Praying, Fasting and Giving



CARTIAS Award

Well done to the winners of this term's CARITAS Love in Action Award. The girls led our parish in 24 Hours with the Lord on Saturday 29th March and led our school's fundraising.



This Lent, we focused all of our efforts around the three pillars of Lent: giving, fasting and praying. The Chaplains made each class a Lenten calendar with a daily act to complete based around the 3 pillars of Lent.



Lenten Prayer Bags

Thank you for engaging with our Lenten Prayer Bags at home this Lent. We received brilliant responses and reflections from all families.



Stations of the Cross

Thank you to Fr. Martin for leading us in Stations of the Cross.



Fundraising for Mary's Meals

We would like to thank all of our families for their support with our Lenten fundraising. We raised over £500 for Mary's Meals - our parish charity. The Easter raffle led by our Chaplains raised over £400 and Years 5 and 6 raised £70 selling ice lollies.

Stay and Pray

Thank you to all our families who took part in EYFS' Lenten Stay and Pray.



CAFOD Big Lent Walk

WOW and THANK YOU! We raised £1370 on our CAFOD Big Lent Walk and walked over 500km as a school. We greatly appreciate all your generous sponsorship.

The Passion

Thank you to Year 4 for leading our school community in a brilliant performance of the Passion of our Lord.



We are Pilgrims of Hope: Jubilee 2025

We will continue our Jubilee journey this term as we strive to become Pilgrims of Hope. Jubilee events this term include:

- Pilgrimage Walk
- Jubilee Pledge Day
- Jubilee Craft Day
- Jubilee Prayer Stations

Take a look on Instagram to see our beautiful Jubilee displays!



Catholic Social Teaching

As Catholics, we are guided by the principles of Catholic Social teaching. Over the next term, the children will be introduced to a weekly principle which will be shared on Google Classroom. Please check Google Classroom and talk about these principles with your children.



Earth Day - Showing Stewardship

On Tuesday 22nd April, we took part in Earth Day reminding ourselves of Pope Francis' teachings on Laudato Si. We took part in activities demonstrating the Catholic Social Teaching principle of stewardship. Some examples include litter picking, planting and recycling.