



CATHOLIC LIFE AT ST ADRIAN'S



*'To learn, to love, to live as community of God with
Christ as our teacher'*

EASTER PREPARATION



As part of our Easter preparation, we held a reconciliation service in school for children in Years 1 to 6. Fr Michael and Fr John led the service and explained to the pupils about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and that through our confessions, we mend our friendship with God. The children listened very respectfully and reverently.



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Our Caritas Ambassadors led us in a very solemn and reflective service where they reenacted the Stations of the Cross and Christ's passion before his death. The children behaved very reverently as they retold the story. Thank you to those parents who came to share in this special reflection and well done to the Caritas Ambassadors who reminded us of the importance of Easter.

CLASS SAINTS

NURSERY - ST MARY

RECEPTION - ST ADRIAN

*YEAR 1 - ST FRANCIS OF
ASSISI*

*YEAR 2 - ST TERESA OF
CALCUTTA*

YEAR 3 - ST PETER

YEAR 4 - ST ALBAN

*YEAR 5 - ST JOSEPHINE
BAKHITA*

YEAR 6 - ST PAUL

CARITAS AMBASSADORS BINGO NIGHT

Our bingo night was a great success!! The children did all the calling and sorted the raffle as well. They also served tea and buns and the choir provided some entertainment. We were joined by residents from Vesta Lodge and members of the parish. Thank you so much to Ms Carey, Mrs Booth and Mrs Francis who helped organise donations of eggs and prizes from Dunelm for the raffle. I was bowled over by their generosity.

Thank you also to Mrs Fitzgerald for organising the choir who sang beautifully. Congratulations to our Caritas Ambassadors, you did a great job and should be very proud. All of the those who attended said they had a wonderful time. The children really lived out our Catholic Social Teaching Principle of community and participation.



EASTER ART COMPETITION

Thank you to all the fantastic entrants for the Easter art competition. The Caritas Ambassadors had the challenging job of choosing the winners. Well done to all our winners!





EARLY YEARS HOT CROSS BUN GATHERING

In Early Years, the children thought about Good Friday and the symbolism of the Hot Cross Bun. They thought about the good deed Jesus did for us by dying on the cross for our sins. Their families joined them and they did some lovely arts and crafts and ate hot cross buns.



We have been learning the 'Pilgrims Prayer of Hope' with the children. Please take time to think about and discuss the importance of this prayer and the special jubilee year ahead. Please pray the prayer of hope with the children.



A prayer of hope

God, our loving Father,
in this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love creation.
Help us to work together
to replant, repair, and renew.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Jesus, our light,
In this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love
our neighbours
and to set free those who suffer.
Help us to treat everyone with dignity;
to be fair, forgiving and kind.


**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Holy Spirit, our inspiration,
in this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our
call to grow in faith and love.
Help us to hear you in scripture, to see
Jesus in others,
and to be united as God's global family.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Amen

*Written in
collaboration with Missio.*



Catholic Social Teaching



Spring 2 half term focus is

COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION

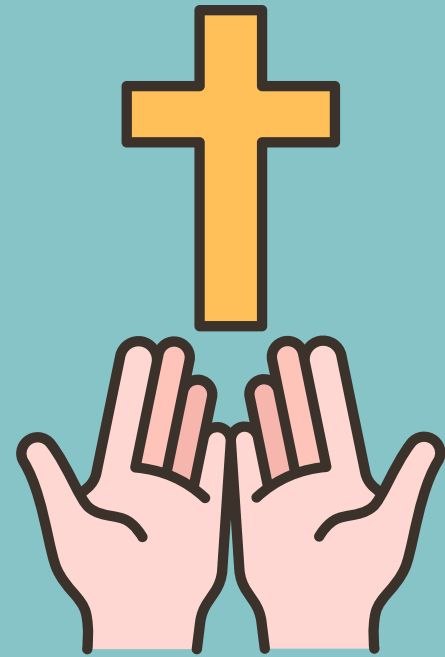
As human beings, we are called to live in community, with others, growing together and flourishing as a result. We are also called to get involved. At World Youth Day in 2013, Pope Francis challenged us: “Don’t be observers, but immerse yourself in the reality of life, as Jesus did.”

We are called to be active members of society, our local and global community. Observing the reality of the world, remembering that first guideline of the dignity of all people, supporting one another and recognising how our gifts and talents could be used to the advantage of the wider community. We can’t just sit back and bemoan what’s happening, whether in our own parish and community, society, or the world. We are called to get our hands dirty, to get involved, to help build a better world. We’re all called to put love into action.

Summer 1 half term focus is

DIGNITY OF WORKERS

The Church has long been a supporter of the right of people to work. Work is more than simply being able to earn money. It is about being able to support oneself, and one’s family. It is about finding a role and place within society, finding fulfilment and a sense of purpose and worth. It is also about people being paid a just wage and having adequate facilities to do the work they are tasked with, which is why the Church supports both the Living Wage and Fair Trade movements. This unit aims to introduce the children to the concept of having dignity in one’s work – what that means and how it should be maintained. It is important that the children understand being treated with dignity at one’s place of work should be a universal constant across all industries and sectors; there is no ‘minimum threshold’ of responsibility or wage that ‘entitles’ one to dignity at work.



CATHERINE MC AULEY - FOUNDER OF THE SISTERS OF MERCY

29TH SEPT 1778
-11TH NOV 1841



There are many ways that you can help with prayer at home.

The Mark 10 Mission

The Mark 10 Mission produces weekly videos on the Sunday Gospel. These videos will help children to experience the Word of God through prayers and sings. You can access these on the link below:

<https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/>

THE MARK 10 *Mission*



The Wednesday Word

The Primary School Newsletter - Wednesday Word is an online resources that allows you to reflect on the weekly Gospel.

Click on the link and share God's word

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/serving?pid=MTA101634&v=148.2>



Class Prayer Bags

Each week, a child from the class will bring home the class prayer bag. Please take the time to sit with your child and pray with them. You may write a prayer together in the prayer book and take a picture of you altogether. Your child will then share the prayer they have written with their classmates the following week.

Monthly Devotions

March: St. Joseph

Major Feast: The Feast of St. Joseph (March 19)

April: The Blessed Sacrament

Major Feast: Holy Thursday



St Bartholomew's New Mass Times

Sat 6.00 pm

Sun 9.30am

Mon No Mass

Tue 12.00pm

Wed 12.00pm

Thu 12.00pm

Fri No Mass - At the Abbey 12pm

Saturday

4.45pm Exposition and
Confessions

5.30pm Benediction

6pm Vigil Mass for
Sunday

Monthly Devotions



March: St. Joseph

Major Feast: The Feast of St. Joseph (March 19)

Although not much is written in the Scriptures about the earthly father of Jesus and spouse of the Blessed Mother, we know that he was a holy and just man. He humbly accepts his role in salvation history and faithfully followed God's will for him and his family.

St. Alphonsus Liguori is one of many saints who encouraged devotion to this holy man. He said: "We should, indeed, honour St. Joseph, since the Son of God Himself was graciously pleased to honour him by calling him father...If, then, the King of Kings was pleased to raise Joseph to so high a dignity, it is right and obligatory on our part to endeavour to honour him as much as we can."

How to celebrate: [Pray the Litany of St. Joseph](#) and consider consecrating yourself to his care.



April: The Blessed Sacrament

Major Feast: Holy Thursday

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life; all of our works are oriented toward it.

Jesus' body, blood, soul, and divinity are truly present in a small host. When we receive the Blessed Sacrament we unite ourselves to God and receive the life and healing He longs to give us.

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta said: "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."

How to celebrate: Spend time in Adoration or attend another Mass during the week in addition to your Sunday obligation.

PRAYER FRIDAY

Our next prayer Friday for families will be Friday 16th May 2025

Wishing all of our families and the parishioners of St Barts a very happy and holy Easter. God Bless.

From Mrs Porter and all the staff of St Adrian's.

EASTER PRAYER

Thank you for the gift of new life

Lord God,

We bless your holy name for the love
you've shown us

We bless the name of our Lord, Jesus
Christ,

Who was crucified for our sake

Today, as we celebrate his resurrection,

We are more than grateful to know such
love

Thank you for the gift of new life through
his resurrection

Thank you for the privilege to come close
to you through your son

Fill our hearts with joy on this day and all
the days of our lives

Amen

MASSES / LITURGY DATES AND CELEBRATIONS FOR 2024 - 2025

- Monday 9th September - Catholic Social Teaching Principles Assembly - Theme 1 - Care of Creation
- Monday 23rd September 9.15am Whole School Mercy Mass in school - Blessing of our Head boy, girl and deputies as well as our new Caritas Ambassadors
- Friday 25th October 9.00am - Harvest Celebration assembly in school
- Monday 4th November - Catholic Social Teaching Principles Assembly - Theme 2 - Option for the poor
- Friday 8th November - 9.00am - Remembrance Assembly led by our Caritas Ambassadors
- Thursday 28th November - Choir visit St Albans Cathedral for the Christmas carol service
w/c 18th November - Prayer focus week
- Friday 29th November - 9.00am - Dressing of the tree and Advent service
Advent- Begin the season of the Pilgrims of Hope - Jubilee celebration
- Wednesday 4th December - Caritas Ambassadors visit Westminster Cathedral for the diocesan carol service
- Change of date - KS2 Carol Concert - Thursday 5th December at 6.30pm
- Wednesday 11th December - EYFS Nativity
- Thursday 12th December - KS1 Nativity
- Monday 16th December - Grandparents tea
- Wednesday 18th December - Grandparents tea
- Tuesday 7th December - Celebration of the Epiphany assembly & Catholic Social Teaching Principles Assembly - Theme 3 - Solidarity
- Wednesday 8th January @9.00am - Mass for the start of the new year and the feast of St Adrian.
- Monday 24th February - Catholic Social Teaching Principles Assembly - Theme 4- Community and Participation
- Wednesday 5th March- St Adrian's to attend Ash Wednesday Mass at St Barts.
(Years 1-6) 9.30am start.
- Wednesday 19th March - Year 5 Mass in school 9.00am (children only)
- Tuesday 25th March or Wednesday 26th March - 1.15pm - Reconciliation service (Years 1-6 with Years 4-6 doing reconciliations - Fr Michael for help)
- Friday 28th March - 9.00am - Mothers' Day celebration service
- Monday 31st March - 9.30am- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Year 1 and 2 at St Barts
- Wednesday 2nd April - Chaplaincy Team lead the Stations of the Cross reflection 9.00am in school
- Thursday 3rd April - Easter parade and celebration
- Wednesday 30th April - 11.00am - Year 4 Mass in school (children only)
- Wednesday 23rd April - Catholic Social Teaching Principles Assembly - Theme 5 - Dignity of Workers
- Wednesday 30th April - Year 4 class Mass (children only)
- Friday 2nd May -9.00am Crowning of Mary assembly
- Monday 2nd June - Catholic Social Teaching Principles Assembly - Theme 6 - Human Dignity
- Friday 6th June - EYFS Pentecost celebration
- Wednesday 11th June - 1 pm. First Holy Mass then celebration. Children have early lunch and get dressed ready for Mass at 1.00pm followed by a party in class. (children only)
- Friday 13th June - 9.00am - Fathers' Day celebration service
- Friday 27th June - Year 2 Liturgy in school 11.00am - 11.45am (Feast of St Peter and Paul - children only)
- Monday 30th June - 9.15-10.00am Year 1 Liturgy in school (Feast of St Peter and Paul - children only)
- Wednesday 16th July - Year 6 Leavers' Mass in St Adrian's at 6.30pm