

# St Mary's New Mills Catholic Life and Mission



## NEWSLETTER

LENT 1 2024

### Easter Reflection from Dan

#### He is Risen

As we enter Eastertide, which is 50 days so longer than Lent, we have the chance to celebrate after 40 days of hardship and trials. As Catholics we remember that we are Easter people, we love to celebrate the Risen Lord as this is the cornerstone of our faith. Jesus who died on the Cross for us on Good Friday conquered death and rose again to lead us on the path to his Kingdom in Heaven. We use this time to celebrate but also to pray that we can use the example of the first disciples and go out to proclaim the Good News.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and Holy Easter and a very joyful Eastertide. "Alleluia! Christ is Risen for us!"



### What's In This Terms Issue?

- Mini Vinnies
- Bible Study with Year 6
- Stations of the Cross
- Adoration with Class 3
- Easter Reflection
- Class 2 Lenten Promises
- Choir Singing in community



### Mini Vinnies



Class 3 have continued their excellent year by turning their focus to the local community and those struggling due to the financial crisis and cost of living change. The children decided that they wanted to support the New Mills Community Pantry and have already been down with numerous donations from school, including school uniform and books. They also took the opportunity to give out jigsaw pieces to members of our community to show that we are all part of one big picture!





## Stations of the Cross Year 6

Year 6 have continued Bible study group on Thursday mornings with Dan. They have continued to work through parts of the Old Testament but have also spent time this half term looking at the Stations of the Cross. They have been reflecting on the Stations of the Cross from the point of view of Mary. We have taken the time to record a video journey through the stations from the Our Lady's point of view to share with the school community during Holy Week.



## CLASS 3 AND 4 RECONCILIATION SERVICE

On Thursday 21st March Class 3 and 4 went to Church for their Lenten Reconciliation service with Fr Emmanuel. They thought about how Lent is a time of reflecting on our own behaviour and how to get closer to Jesus. The children were so reverent and respectful when bringing up the sins, that they had written on wet wipes, to wash them away with water. This symbolic cleansing of sins gave the children the opportunity to consider how they can become more like Jesus.



"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven." *St Rose of Lima*



## CLASS 3 ADORATION

Class 3 had the chance for the first time to experience Adoration after Mass on Thursday 14th March. They were amazing and spent 15 minutes in front of the Blessed Sacrament after parish Mass. They led some beautiful singing at the beginning and the end of Adoration and a Scripture reading. We hope to build on this in the coming months for the Children to have a personal encounter with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.



## CLASS 3 STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Class three have been looking at the Stations of the Cross with a focus on praying for refugees. This links with the work that they have done as Mini Vinnies in the Advent Term supporting those that have had to flee due to conflict in their home lands.

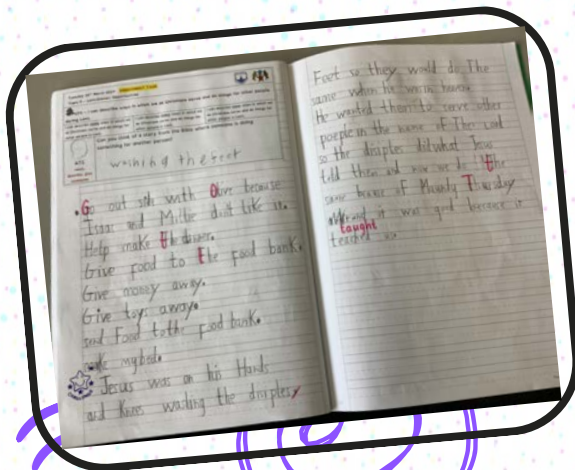
"As Lent is the time for greater love listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' " *St Teresa of Calcutta*





## CLASS 2 MAKING THEIR LENTEN PROMISES

Class 2 have been thinking about what they want to do this Lent to challenge themselves. They decorated crosses with their Lenten promises, focusing on the three pillars of Lent; prayer, fasting and giving. These are now on display in our classroom so that they can see how they are getting on.

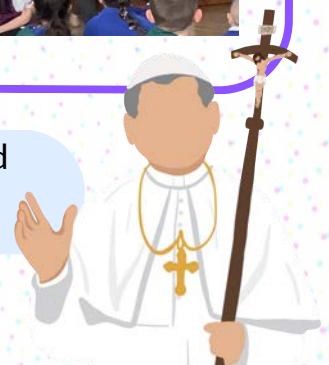


## CLASS 2 LEARNING ABOUT HOLY WEEK

Class 2 have been looking at the key events of Holy Week in particular the Last Supper and Jesus washing the feet of his disciples showing them how to serve the people of God.

## HOLY WEEK CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

On Thursday 28th March the children walked their parents through a very prayerful and emotive portrayal of key events in Holy Week. Class 1 started by sharing the joy of Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Class 2 and Class 3 led us through the Last Supper and the Garden of Gethsemane and Class 4 left us with Peter's denial of Jesus three times. As a school community we prepared ourselves for the sadness of Good Friday but look forward to the joy that will come at Easter. We will be celebrating this after the Holidays



"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." St Pope John Paul II



## CLASS 1 CELEBRATIONS OF THE WORD WITH DAN

Dan has joined Class 1 for a couple of their recent Celebrations of the Word. He was amazed at the children's knowledge and reverence. He hopes to be able to continue working with them during the Pentecost term, if they will have him.



## CHOIR SINGING IN THE COMMUNITY

Our choir went to Jubilee Day Centre on Thursday 14th March to sing and spread some love and joy to our community, this is a great way that we can live out our Catholic Social Teaching Family and Community principal. Well done to our school choir.

"May He make us children of God, He who for our sakes wished to become a Child of man." *St. Augustine Hippo*







## HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

- Thu 28th 20:00 MB Lord's Supper Mass
- Fri 29th Good Friday 10:00 NM Stations
- Fri 29th Good Friday 15:00 NM Passion service
- & Good Friday collection for Holy Places
- Sat 30th 20:00 NM Easter Vigil Mass
- Sun 31st Easter Day mass 09:30 NM 11:30 MB



## Easter and Holy Week Liturgies from home

If you are looking for a way to spend some time in prayer with your family this Eastertide. The Mark Ten Mission produce some lovely resources and prayers for you to follow at home. The website is, <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/>

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Wishing you a happy and Holy Easter from all of us at St Mary's!

"All I want to know is Christ and the power flowing from His Resurrection!" St. Francis of Assisi

