



CATHOLIC LIFE & MISSION

LENT 2023 - VOLUME 7



HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

We have come to the end of a very busy term, which began with the joyful feast of Epiphany: welcoming the Christ Child into our homes and remembering the visit of the Magi.

In contrast, we conclude this term with the reading of the Passion Narrative according to St John's Gospel.

It is important as a community that we remind ourselves of the life of Christ, born into wooden manger and eventually journeying to the wooden cross on Calvary.

The mystery of the incarnation, life, death and resurrection of Our Lord is our 'reason for being' as All Saints Catholic School. We are called to unite ourselves with Christ through this mystery, so that we can be made holy; so that we too can be saints!

We would really encourage you and your families to walk closely with Jesus next week. Every parish will observe the Paschal Triduum, which takes place from next Thursday to Saturday (6th - 8th April) and comprises of;

- The Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
- The Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

We have tried to list some of the local Mass times so that you can participate in these liturgies. They really are a brilliant way to help children understand what Easter is really all about.

Year 11 Mass and Blessing

We were joined by our good friend Father Tuohy on Thursday 16th March for the celebration of Holy Mass and the blessing of our Year 11 students before their GCSE exams.

Each student was presented with a miraculous medal, reminding them of the love and comfort of Our Blessed Mother, who is there for us at any time of worry or distress.



Lent Activities Report



Stations of the Cross

Our students did a brilliant job leading the stations of the cross in the main RE corridor on Wednesday.

This was a wonderful way to publicly witness their faith, and as we moved through the stations, more and more students began to gather and pray with us.

Lent Walks and Liturgies for CAFOD

Years 7, 8 and 9 did a fantastic job leading morning and midday prayer in the Chapel. We learned about the Liturgy of the Hours as the office of prayer for the Church and read the psalms in a call and response format, just as they would do in the monasteries! Students were very eager to take reading responsibilities, which they did reverently and eloquently.



Then we made the most of a break in the clouds and a few rays of sunshine to walk in solidarity with those in need, supported by the charity CAFOD.

Students donated any small change they had, and together **we raised £106** to support the work CAFOD do.

THE TRIDUUM AND EASTER IN OUR LOCAL PARISHES

Holy Family Dagenham

Maundy Thursday 6th April - Mass of the Lord's Supper

8.00pm

After Mass - The watch to midnight with Night Prayer of the Church 11.45pm

Good Friday 7th April - The Passion of the Lord

3.00pm

Holy Saturday 8th April - Easter Vigil

8.00pm

Easter Sunday 9th April - Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

9.00am Mass

11.00am Mass

St Vincent, Becontree

Maundy Thursday 6th April - Mass of the Lord's Supper

7.30pm

Good Friday 7th April - The Passion of the Lord

3.00pm

Stations of the Cross 7pm

Holy Saturday 8th April - Easter Vigil

8.00pm

Easter Sunday 9th April - Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

9.00am Mass

12.00pm Mass

Prayer for Good Friday

Jesus, you are my Lord and my God,
you endured such pain and suffering for me,
you died for love of me.

I kneel beneath your cross
and beg for mercy.

Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

O blood and water flowing from your side,
sanctify and cleanse me.

Lord, I love you with all my heart
and place all my trust in you.

Amen.

