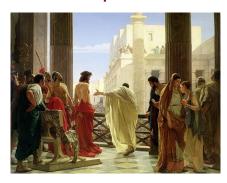
# St Joseph's Journal



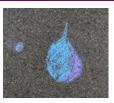
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### **Holy Week**



Holy Week begins this weekend on Palm Sunday, which is the most important week for the Church. During this week, we spend time reflecting on the suffering and death of Jesus. Pope Francis has suggested it might be helpful, as we relive the events of Holy Week, to ask ourselves: Who am I? Who am I, before the Lord? Am I like Pilate? When I see a situation that is difficult, do I wash my hands and dodge my responsibility? Am I like that crowd which viewed the trial of Jesus as a circus and chose Barabbas? For them it was more entertaining to humiliate Jesus. Am I like the Cyrenean, who was returning from work, weary, yet was good enough to help Jesus carry his cross? Am I like the fearless women, and the mother of Jesus, who were there, and who suffered in silence? As we travel through the week, we can refer back to this question. Where is my heart? Which of these persons am I like?







# National Day of Reflection and Prayer

On Tuesday of this week, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, our school stood with the nation to remember those who have lost their lives in the pandemic. The children placed intentions under the recently blessed Sleeping St Joseph statues and following a whole school assembly, chalked 'teardrops' onto the yard, representing the grief that many have endured but with the understanding that these tears will be washed away as we surround ourselves in God's love.



British Summer Time begins this Sunday, 28th March

Don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour!



As a school, we would like to thank everyone who supported our Walk for Water collection this Monday on World Water Day. This Lent, CAFOD have invited families, schools and communities to walk for water. Through this challenge, CAFOD are drawing attention to the fact that 1 in every 3 people in the world do not have access to safe drinking water. CAFOD shared the story of Abdella, who has to walk ten hours every day for

water. During Lent, we have reflected, thought and prayed for people like Abdella who are constantly worried about water. We are planning to put the money raised to buying safe water for a school. The children in Oak Class have also completed some writing in the role of Abdella. Below are some extracts from their writing:

I have left my donkeys behind as I continue up the mountain. They could not navigate this terrain or the imposing boulders. I continue the journey alone. Well, not quite alone. The word water is constantly replaying itself in my mind, like it is on a loop. The word never leaves me. It becomes both a word of torture and motivation.

With the sun growing in power, I reach my goal. I look down into the puddle of water and see my reflection. Life and hope have drained from my face just like the barren land that surrounds my village. I wonder if my life will improve. But I cannot wonder for long – my family needs water.





Beech Subahaan, Exploring of colours & super attitude

Cedar Pippa, Always trying really hard all of the time

Elm Eden, Great contribution in phonics work

Larch Stanley, for great perseverance in understanding equivalent fractions

Oak Rose, Improved presentation work

Freddy Fit is hoping to join us to work outside (weather permitting) in our first week of the new term.



Don't forget your PE Kits (Reception—Y6) on Tuesday 20th April.



# **Walsden Cricket Club Junior Training**

## FROM FRIDAY 2ND OF APRIL

**Soft Ball Beginner Groups** 5-8s 4:30-5:15pm 9-11s 5:15-6pm £2 per session New children all welcome!

u9s/u11s/u13s 6-7:30pm

Contact: Matt Dawson 07775614370 / matt@thecricketasylum.co.uk











Beech Cassius, For his Oscar Romero discussion

Cedar Zayne, Super work in phonics &reading

Elm Eden, Ryley, Cole & Myles & Tanzela, The Robobug

**Larch** Jayden, for two weeks in a row of full marks spellings tests

Oak Caitlin, Writing in her English work



Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March marked the Feast Day of our patron for our Trust of Schools, St Oscar Romero. As the Archbishop of San Salvador, Blessed Romero, spoke out about injustice, violence and poverty. He was tragically martyred for his belief in sharing the truth. St Oscar Romero earned great respect from communities that were disadvantaged and vulnerable because of his compassion and

courage. We are inspired daily by his words, 'Aspire not to have more but to be more' and use them as a focus in many aspects of our school life. Children have created their own El Salvador Crosses this week and reflected on the words of this quote.

# **EGGciting times!!**

Finally the draw is close at hand – The tickets have now all been sold and the draw will take place next Wednesday afternoon. All proceeds are going to CAFOD as part of our Lenten projects.



Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April Maundy Thursday Break up for Easter

Friday 2nd April Good Friday

Sunday 4th April Easter Sunday

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April Summer Term begins Same start and finish times as currently in use

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Bank Holiday School Closed

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> & Weds 5<sup>th</sup> May Parents' consultations – letters to follow

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May Polling Day School Closed