

St Elizabeth's School RE Newsletter

Easter 2020



“Christ, my hope, is risen!”

Pope Francis (Easter address 2020)

Dear Parents,

This Easter holiday was very different to previous ones. As the country endures and lives through this pandemic, our thoughts have turned to what is important in life: family, friendship, and the sacrifice of others as they work hard to help those in need.

On Easter Sunday Pope Francis highlighted the significance of the Easter message: “Jesus Christ is risen! – He is truly risen. This good news is a victory of God’s love over everything.”

The Easter message offers great hope to us all at this very difficult time. This message inspires us to continue to share Jesus’ mission through how we live and how we treat others.

30 Day School Challenge for the NHS

God’s spirit is active in every one of us. Therefore, in response to the pandemic, we have invited the children to join the staff in a 30 Day challenge to help raise money for the NHS at this crucial time. You will have received information about this in the weekly update and we look forward to hearing about the children’s challenges and sharing details of how they can start collecting sponsorship money next week.

Ideas for prayers in your families

Even though we cannot be together as a community we want children and families at St. Elizabeth’s to continue to grow in **faith, love, understanding** and **compassion**. Therefore we are pleased to share with you the latest collective worship resources for this week.

The interactive assembly video for home and the daily prayers can be shared with your families. Both the assembly and the daily prayers are rooted in and follow on from Sunday’s

Gospel.

Last Sunday, the Gospel told us how the disciples, afraid and alone, shut themselves in a room together. The risen Jesus came to them in their isolation and brought them peace, courage and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Please follow the links at the end of this email to access the resources.

Masses in our parishes

Mass can be accessed each Sunday via the links that were shared in the last RE newsletter or by visiting your parish website.

News from St Elizabeth's Parish

Father Stephen is going to be holding two virtual sessions on the theme of the Eucharist and all those who are interested in deepening their understanding of the Mass are invited to attend by Zoom. The first session will take place on Wednesday 29th April at 8pm, and the second session will take place on Wednesday the 6th of May also at 8pm.

In the first session Father will show the vestments and liturgical items that play a part in the celebration of the Eucharist and he will explain the meaning of them. In the second session he will guide participants through every part of the Holy Mass and will explain the significance of these as well as suggest ways to increase participation.

More details can be found on the parish website stelizabethschurch.org.uk and to access the sessions people should click on Services / Digital church (link inside called: 'Lift up your hearts').

Masses from our Catholic Cathedrals

There is a new initiative agreed by the Bishops in England and Wales that every **Thursday evening**, at **7pm**, a bishop, in turn, will celebrate Mass in his cathedral, live streamed, for all those frontline workers in the NHS and care homes, for the sick and their families. You can follow the links below to find the Masses each week.

30th April

Bishop Richard Moth

[Our Lady and St Philip Howard, Arundel](#)

[YouTube Channel](#)

7th May

Bishop Marcus Stock

[St Anne's Cathedral, Leeds](#)

[YouTube Channel](#)

14th May

Bishop Robert Byrne CO

[St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle](#)

[YouTube Channel](#)

21st May

Bishop Mark Davies

[Our Lady Help of Christians and Saint Peter of Alcantara, Shrewsbury](#)

28th May

Bishop Terence Drainey

[St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough](#)

[YouTube Channel](#)

I hope you find these resources useful and that they meet your varied needs at this time.

Best wishes,

Mrs Diver

RE and Catholic Life lead and Deputy Headteacher

1) **An Assembly Video for Home**, led by Ten Ten, to be shared with children

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/the-aha-moment>

2) **Sunday Liturgy for Families**

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/sunday-liturgy-for-families/>

3) **Daily Prayers for Home**

www.tentenresources.co.uk/daily-prayers-for-home