

St Elizabeth's School RE Newsletter

Easter 2020



"We want to respond to the virus pandemic with the universality of prayer, compassion and tenderness. Let us stay united. "

Pope Francis, March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

At this unprecedented time we would like to share with you opportunities to pray together as a family, especially as we approach Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

In school the children are used to the routine of praying three times a day and joining in daily assemblies where we listen to the Gospel and stories from the Bible. They are also regularly involved in leading their own liturgies in class where they pray for their own needs and those of others.

While we cannot be together in school, we would like to encourage the children to continue praying and taking part in liturgies at home. Through prayer, children will often express their feelings and find comfort and strength in the knowledge of God's love. Taking part in liturgies can help them to feel connected to the wider Christian community.

You can encourage children to pray at home by:

1. Using the prayers/reflections which the classteachers have uploaded onto Google Classroom to start the day.
2. Visiting the CAFOD website to find ideas for prayers
<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-Calendar>
3. Saying the prayers we use at school

The Morning Offering

My God,
I offer up to thee,
My heart and soul thine own to be,
And all I do, or think, or say,
And all my work, and all my play.
Amen

The night Prayer

O my God,
I come to say,
Thank you for your love today.
Thank you for my family,
And all the friends you give to me.
Guard me through the dark of night,
And in the morning send your light.
Amen

4. Youtube is also a wonderful source of videos where children and adults can pray together. A search for The Rosary, Stations of the Cross, or Praying with Children all yield a large number of videos.

5. Going to a virtual Mass

While we cannot go to Mass in person Masses are being live-streamed in our local parishes.

Our Lady Queen of Peace

6pm on Saturday and 10:30 am on Sunday

<https://zoom.us/j/9418958305>

meeting ID: 941 895 8305

St. Elizabeth's of Portugal

Daily Masses and weekend Masses at St. Elizabeth's can be accessed from your television, computer, or mobile device.

Please see website for more information: www.stelizabethschurch.org.uk

St. Thomas Aquinas

You can listen to Mass live on the phone at 10 o'clock on these days:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday

Please see website for more information: <https://stthomasaquinasham.org>

A Sunday liturgy for families can be accessed via clicking the link below:

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

This Sunday is Palm Sunday



Families could put a branch either on their door or in their window to celebrate Palm Sunday.

This symbol shows that although we are physically separated at this time, we are united as a Christian community as Jesus is welcomed 'as the King'.

We hope this information helps you to access online liturgies and encourages families to pray for strength, courage and guidance.

Wishing you a Happy and Holy Easter from the staff at St Elizabeth's.