



# St Elizabeth's RE Newsletter

March 2021

## Welcome

We are the School Chaplains and we have decided to create a monthly newsletter to share and communicate with you some of the initiatives we are carrying out in school.

## What do Chaplain's do?

As chaplains we have many roles within school-to support and lead the school in living out the Gospel values and to support and lead liturgy, prayer and the spiritual life within St. Elizabeth's. In addition, we lead fundraising activities to support people, vulnerable groups and charities who are in need.

## The Year of Saint Joseph

Pope Francis has declared 2021 the Year of Saint Joseph the worker. This week, the Chaplains led a reflection about Saint Joseph for the whole school to watch in their classrooms. The children discussed how Joseph lived his life and thought about how they can live more like Joseph.

## Lent

One of the initiatives at the moment at St Elizabeth's is our 'Pray and Be a Good Samaritan' challenge during Lent.

Through assemblies, we have been asked to pray more.

## Have you managed to pray in the morning or in the evening with your families?

We have been asked to carry out acts of kindness and service to help others at home and in our community.

## Have you been completing acts of kindness on your Lenten calendar?

In school, these acts of kindness have been celebrated in class and in school assemblies.

**Please can you send in photographs of these acts of kindness via your child's Google classroom? The photos may be displayed in school or on our website.**

We want to ask you to support our new initiative. Next week, from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, please can you give up and sacrifice one treat a day for a whole week and give the cost of the treats to benefit our school Lenten Charity- 'The Catholic Children Society'.

## St Elizabeth's Food Bank

As a school community, we are collecting food each morning at the school gate for Richmond Food Bank.

This collection will continue until the end of term.

## Important Dates

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – St Patrick's Day

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March – The Feast day of Saint Joseph the worker

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Please bring in money for our 'give up' challenge

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March – The last day to collect money for the 'give up' challenge

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Service of Reconciliation

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Virtual School Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace

<https://sites.google.com/site/ourladyqueenofpeacechurch/>

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March – The last day to donate to the Food Bank this month

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Maundy Thursday

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Good Friday

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday

