

Lent to Easter

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

Topic Theme: Lent and the Passion of Jesus

Children will explore the season of Lent as a time of thoughtfulness (penance), prayer and generosity (almsgiving). The season of Lent officially ends on Holy Thursday when the Triduum, the three days – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, occur. This unit looks only at the Passion of Jesus, not the Resurrection. The Resurrection, post Resurrection experiences and Pentecost are covered in the next topic.

The word 'Easter' actually refers to the Sunday of the season, the day of the Resurrection and the season that follows it to Pentecost.

Key Dates

- ST DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES - 1 March
- ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - 19 March
- PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - 25 March
- MAUNDY THURSDAY - 29 March
- GOOD FRIDAY - 30 March
- EASTER SUNDAY - 1 April
- THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD - 9 April (moved from 25 March)

Learning opportunities include:

- Hearing the story of Easter
- Coming to know that God loves each one always and at all times
- Experiencing that a Church is a special place where God's people gather to pray.
- Experiencing liturgical celebrations in a variety of simple settings.
- Experiencing and recognise prayer is talking and listening to God
- Considering ways in which a Christian family and parish share and celebrate life, and show care for one another.

Monitoring opportunities:

Student's development will be monitored through observation and the collection of work samples for their portfolio.

Affective and Spiritual Dispositions

It is hoped that pupils will develop:

- An awareness of the events of the Passion
- A sense of prayerfulness
- A openness to God's love

Activities to try at home

You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much higher if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs. Help your child by trying one or more of these activities while this unit is being taught:

- Mark the season of Lent with appropriate activities or symbols: purple decorations on the table, Lenten prayer, charitable practises.
- Celebrate the Passion of Jesus in the liturgical life of the Parish.

An idea for prayer at home



Prayer Activity

Pray with your children at meals.

Loving God, in Jesus you often sat at the table with your friends and told stories to remind them of how much God loved them. May the stories we tell at this table remind us that we too are loved by you, and be a sign of the love and care we have for one another this Lent.

Amen

