



St Joseph's and St Edward's Chaplaincy Team Newsletter

Lent Term 2026

We love because God first loved us.

Mrs Heritage, Mrs Derby, Mrs Fahey, Miss Renaud, Mr Osborne & Mr Grexhammer

New Joint Mission Statement and Headteacher Induction

This term we announced our new joint Mission Statement (see below) and Mrs Heritage was officially inducted into the St Thomas Multi-Academy Trust, family of schools, during a Mass in her honour.

'We love because God first loved us' 1 John 4:19

We...

Love and Respect

Open our minds and hearts

Value everyone equally

Encourage peace.

New Term Mass at St. Joseph's

On Thursday 9th January, Fr Jais helped us celebrate the beginning of our Lent term by saying Mass at school. He blessed us all and prayed over our new year blessings. This was Mrs Finn's last Mass leading the singing; we are very grateful for all she has done for us, during her many years of service.

'Love' Prayer Space at St Joseph's

The children at St Joseph's took part in an interactive prayer space in the Library, based on the theme of Love (to tie in with the discussion about what our new Mission Statement should be). They enjoyed this way of praying very much.

CAFOD Big Lent Walk

Each Thursday and Friday mornings, during Lent, we completed a sponsored walk around the outside of the school. Families were invited to join the walk and to donate via our JustGiving page. We raised £109 towards our target of £200 and walked about 50km.

CAFOD Inter-school Big Lent Relay

On Friday 20th March, staff and pupils from St Joseph's, St Edward's, St Louis and St Michael's, walked around their own field (year by year) and then a select group from each school, walked from St Louis' School to St Clare's church.

NSPCC Number Day

Children and staff were dressed up as numbers, on Friday 6th February to raise money for the NSPCC. The children also took part in hands on Maths activities during the day. £186.37 was raised which will be used to help protect children from harm.

Prayer Club

Pupils in Y1 and Y2 have been attending Prayer Club, at St Joseph's, after school on a Thursday. We have been praying through drawing; drawing our favourite meal or car, for example, and thanking God for what each part of the meal or car, gives us.



**Induction and Mission Statement
Launch**



Big Lent Relay



Prayer Club

Mission Team

The team were involved during Assemblies and each school Mass and other events (see below). The Oratory has been opened and well attended for private prayer and reflection, during some lunch times during Lent.

Very Mini-Vinnies (St Joseph's)

Each Friday lunch time, The Very Mini-Vinnies (Y1 and Y2), went to a different location at St Joseph's to "Be more like Jesus by helping others". So far, we have sharpened pencils and heard readers in Reception and helped clear up, at Lunch time in the hall.

Mini-Vinnies (St Edward's)

Mr Osborne and Mr Grexhammer met with the Mini-Vinnies (Mini Vincent De Paul members) to discuss the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and promote our new Mission Statement and our Big Lent Walk. They encouraged children during the walk, verbally and by giving out stickers. We also made a booklet, all about how to help others, at school and at home.

Families and Staff Quiz Night

Thank you to all those that came to our family and staff quiz night. There were various rounds including, for example; name that Hymn and Disney Pixar characters. There was tea, coffee, squash, cake and biscuits for sale (donations will be used by our schools). There was 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes and fun was had by all. Why not join us next year?

St Joseph's Feast Day

We had a St Joseph's Day Mass at the beginning of the day and then the children took part in a reading and craft activity to help them understand who St Joseph was and what he was like. His attributes tied in with our new Mission statement.

Stations of the Cross

The Mission Team led Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 through the Stations of the Cross, outside. Y2 prayed at the stations inside our Oratory. Parents were invited to walk with their children and it was great to see them join in with their children.



Very Mini-Vinnies



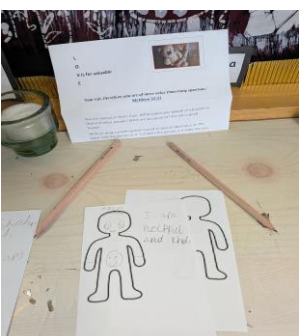
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