



St Mary's Primary School LENT 2026

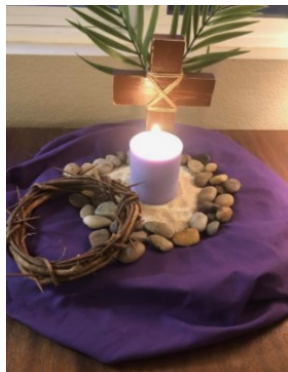


'Living and Learning through Faith'

During Lent, the children at St Mary's will be learning about, and reflecting upon, this season of repentance in a number of ways. Here is an overview of how the children will be getting ready for Easter, and how families can join the preparations.

During Lent, each classroom altar will feature a purple cloth, symbolising penance and helping to create a reflective space. These altars will act as key focal points for prayer, liturgy and RE sessions, supporting the children as they think about the different stages of the Lenten journey—such as Reconciliation, Giving, and personal Transformation. Our KS2 Worship Council members have taken wonderful ownership of their class Holy Tables and have done a tremendous job refreshing and updating them for Lent.

As part of their prayer and liturgy work, children will also be creating their own Lenten Promises, which will be displayed in their classrooms. When writing these promises, they will reflect on small but meaningful ways they can deepen their relationship with Jesus as they prepare for Easter—choosing actions that help them turn away from unkind or harmful behaviour and turn their hearts back towards God.



Lenten Service

On 26h February at 9am we have our Lenten service for children in Years 1, 2 and 3.

Parents are warmly invited to attend this service in the school hall.



Reconciliation

For years 3 to 6 will be on 19th March. Children learn to think about the consequences of their actions and how this affects their relationship with God. Together we will celebrate God's forgiveness and love.



Our Young Leaders in Worship

Year 6 pupils led a Candlemas liturgy for the whole school, while Year 5 pupils guided a reflective Lenten worship assembly.

CAFOD - Big Lent Walk

Our Mini Vinnie group will be organising this event.

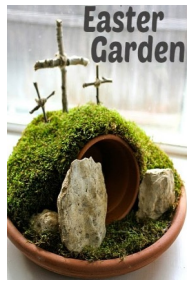
CAFOD believes that a green and just world, free from poverty, is possible and we invite you to join us in putting your faith into action this Lent.

The money you raise by taking part in the Big Lent Walk will enable CAFOD to continue fighting global poverty and working through expert local partners to bring real change to communities.



Easter Liturgy

We will end the term with our Easter Liturgy in St Mary's Church at 9am on Friday 27th March. All parents are warmly invited to join this celebration.



Upcoming Events

Parish Mass

12th March—Year 3 and 4

26th March—Year 5 and 6

In March, children in Years 3-6 will be meditating and praying the **Stations of the Cross**.



<https://cafod.org.uk/education/primary-teaching-resources/lent-resources-for-children>

Follow the link above to visit the CAFOD website which has a Lent Calendar with daily prayers and reflections.

BIG LENT WALK Lent calendar 2026

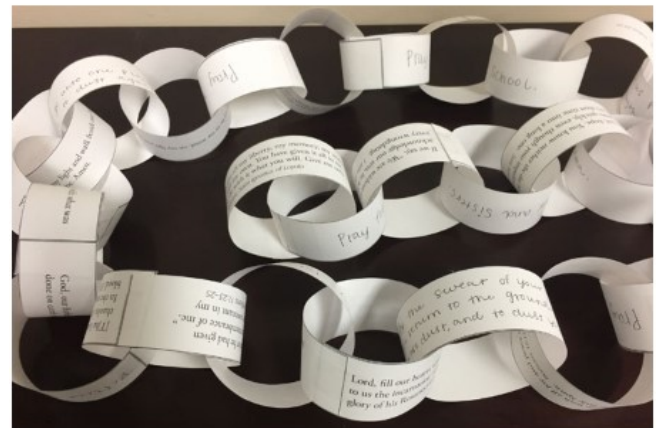
Week:	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
	23 February	2 March	9 March	16 March	23 March	30 March
	24 February	3 March	10 March	17 March	24 March	31 March
Ash Wednesday	25 February	4 March	11 March	18 March	25 March	1 April
	19 February	26 February	5 March	12 March	19 March	Maundy Thursday
	20 February	CAFOD Fast Day	6 March	13 March	20 March	Good Friday
					Easter Saturday	Easter Sunday

Worship Council

Worship council will be leading prayer-based activities at lunchtimes during Lent. They have thought of activities which help us to think about others and encourage good deeds.



A Lenten Chain



- You'll need purple construction paper, scissors, and tape.
- Cut the purple construction paper into one-inch strips (horizontally, with the paper in the "portrait" position).
- You'll need seven strips for each of the young people in your group.
- Once a week during Lent, give each of the young people a purple strip of paper and invite them to write down their Lenten goal for the week: a prayer they plan to say each day, a sacrifice they plan to commit to, a work of mercy they plan to perform, etc.
- When they have all finished writing out their Lenten goals for the week, invite them to come forward and loop their strips around one another, taping them together to form a chain.
- Display the Lenten Chain prominently and watch it grow during Lent as the young people strive to grow closer to Jesus.

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ONE GOOD
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-POPE FRANCIS