

Remote Learning: Journey to the Cross (Lent)

Information for Parents



As many of you will know, Ash Wednesday falls during half term this year. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. During this time Christians try to make changes to their lives in order to become more like Jesus and to prepare for Easter. At St Aloysius, children are encouraged to reflect on how they can live like Jesus through their actions and words. Our Lent/Easter topic will begin in school next half term. In the meantime, we ask that you talk to the children so that they realise the changing of the liturgical season and the significance of Ash Wednesday.

Mrs Balfour



Lenten Calendar 2021

Mission Together Lenten Calendar 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
15 FEBRUARY Decide as a class on your mission this Lent.	16 Shrove Tuesday Pancake day! Pray for us we make pancakes today!	17 Ash Wednesday Find out why ashes are given to us on Ash Wednesday.	18 Write a Lent prayer. Include the words: pray, share, help, listen, Jesus.	19 With your class, pray and reflect on the first two Stations of the Cross.*	20 As a family, pray the Our Father for children in need of help. What also can you do to help?	21 Why does the Church use the colour purple in Lent?
22 Sunday's Gospel! Read it as a class. What did Jesus say was new?	23 Find out about Mission Together and how you can share God's love with children everywhere!	24 Say the Mission Together prayer as a class. Read it as a class. Over time, when friends are lost in the chaos of God's love, rise and forever Amen!	25 What can you share with someone today? Ask God to help.	26 With your class, pray and reflect on the 3rd and 4th Stations of the Cross.*	27 Share with a family member. How are things going? Have you heard about Lent?	28 Share any stories you have with Jesus. How did you feel? How did you feel?
MARCH Sunday's Gospel Read it as a class. What does God tell us to do?	1 Yesterday was the Feast of St David. What does David's story mean for someone today?	2 Find out what the word 'saviour' means. Then consider what you could do for someone today.	3 Centuries ago Lent used to be the season for 'spring'. Look out for signs of spring today.	4 With your class, pray and reflect on the 5th and 6th Stations of the Cross.*	5 As a family, pray for those in need this Lent and think of ways you can help them.	6 Find a quiet place to be and say a prayer for those who are sick, sad or lonely.
8 Sunday's Gospel Read it as a class. Why was Jesus angry?	9 Keep an eye out for someone who needs help today.	10 Visit the Mission Together website. Choose a country to visit and pray for the children there.*	11 Eggs are a symbol of new life. How does this link to Easter?	12 With your class, pray and reflect on the 7th and 8th Stations of the Cross.*	13 Lent is a special time for us every year. What are you grateful for? How can you be strong for the Lenten season?	14 Mothering Sunday Ask God to bless all mums and grandmas.
15 Sunday's Gospel Read it as a class. Who did God send into the world?	16 Make someone smile today and share God's love with them.	17 Feast of St Patrick Find out why St Patrick went to share God's love.	18 Someone is the Feast of St Joseph. Find out why he is an important saint.*	19 With your class, pray and reflect on the 9th and 10th Stations of the Cross.*	20 Tell a family member about the Stations of the Cross and why we pray them in Lent.	21 Thank God for all the beautiful things he has created. Pray that you may care for them all.
22 Sunday's Gospel Read it as a class. What does Jesus promise?	23 Make a small sacrifice this week and put a coin in your Little Red Box.	24 Feast of St Oscar Romero Find out why St Oscar was made a saint.*	25 Feast of the Annunciation How did Mary's 'yes' change the world?*	26 With your class pray and reflect on the 11th and 12th Stations of the Cross.*	27 Ask a family member to help you discover why palm was given out at church last year.	28 Palm Sunday What did the crowd say when Jesus entered Jerusalem?
29 Sunday's Gospel Read it as a class. What does it say about hope?	10 Today we remember how Jesus made a hard decision. Ask God to help you make good choices this week.	11 Today Jesus promised to be with us. Thank God for your love and pray for children who are hungry.	12 APRIL Maundy Thursday Why does the Pope wash the feet of others today?*	13 Good Friday Say quietly, be still, and thank Jesus for showing us how to love.	14 Holy Saturday Today we wait as Jesus lies in the tomb. Tomorrow we celebrate as Jesus rises to new life.	15 Easter Sunday What did the crowd say when Jesus entered Jerusalem?

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Scripture says:

'For everything, there is a season, A time for every matter under heaven: A time to be born and a time to die; A time to weep and a time to laugh A time to be sad and a time to dance A time to speak and a time to keep silence.'

During Lent we begin a time of thinking.

We will not proclaim 'Alleluia' again Until we celebrate the risen Lord at Easter.

Useful websites:

- <https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/resources-for-lent-2021/>
- <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Lent-resources-for-children>

Home Activities

- Create a Lenten Promise. Think of an action that children can carry out to show that they are living like Jesus.
- Make an Easter Garden
- Write a prayer of thanks.
- Use the Mission Together Lenten Calendar.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

ASH WEDNESDAY
17 February

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
19 March

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
25 March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
28 March

MAUNDY THURSDAY
1 April

GOOD FRIDAY
2 April

EASTER SUNDAY
4 April



Dear Lord,

As we begin this season of Lent,

We ask you to remind us of what is important

And what is not.

Of what we need to change

And of what we need to work harder at

So, that by the time Easter comes we will be renewed and strengthened.

Amen

