

Prayer and Liturgy Newsletter. Summer 1 2024

Happy Easter! The darkness of death is broken by light: Christ is risen!

Welcome back, this half term we celebrate the 50 days of Easter, the greatest of all Christian celebrations. We also have the Feast of the Ascension (40 days after Easter). The Liturgical colour for the season of Easter is white or gold. We celebrate the Feast of Pentecost this half term– the birthday of the Church!

On May 1st we mark the second feast day for St Joseph – St Joseph the Worker, it is a good opportunity to revisit the resources produced to mark the Year of St Joseph. <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/resource-centre/education/collective-worship/collectiveworship-stjoseph/>

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/the-in-between-time/> The Bible Society have produced a selection of resources to mark the time between Easter and Pentecost.

2024 Year of Prayer – In preparation for the 2025 “Pilgrims of Hope” Jubilee, Pope Francis has designated 2024 as a **Year of Prayer**. During this year, we are encouraged to deepen our commitment to prayer and to accompany others in their own prayer life, as well as going back to basics to reflect on how and why we pray. The year will have a special focus on the Our Father. Ideas on how schools can be involved can be found at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/> The Jubilee Prayer can be found [here](#). CAFOD’s Prayer for the Year of Prayer can be found [here](#). Resources being produced for schools can be found <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/resource-centre/education/collective-worship/jubilee-2025/>

April: Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Christian celebrations. The darkness of death is broken by light: Christ is risen! Alleluia! All through Easter week the double ‘Alleluia’ at the end of mass is a symbol of Easter joy. Throughout the Easter season we hear about the appearances of the risen Christ. Every Sunday is a feast of the resurrection, and a kind of “mini-Easter.”

Pope Francis’ prayer intention for April – For the role of women – We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Watch the ‘Pope Videos’ for April : <https://thepopevideo.org/>

Resources:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Easter-prayers> – Easter prayers.

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/holy-week-easter/> Easter Resources

<https://www.looktohimandberadiant.com/2021/04/50-ways-to-celebrate-50-days-of-easter.html> – 50 ways to celebrate 50 days

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/the-in-between-time/>

https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/content/resources/easter/2022_the_in_between_time/activity_resource_01.pdf Selection of resources aimed at primary aged pupils focusing on the weeks between Easter Sunday and Pentecost.

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-easter-story-in-plain-english/> – The Easter Story in plain English.

<https://bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources/signs-symbols-easter> The Signs and symbols of Easter.

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/holiday-club/> – Aimed at KS1.

<http://request.org.uk/restart/2017/02/23/make-an-easter-garden/> Ideas for Primary aged pupils.

Music Resources:

These are YouTube clips, so please check before using with a class that the link has not changed and that there may be advertisements at the start.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIqmh_Dlu5k – Once Again – Matt Redman

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXEE_ScAcf0 Bernadette Farrell – Christ be our Light Easter Text

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WIHUKY3jBv0> – Chris Tomlin – I Will Rise

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENTL_li4GbE – In Christ Alone

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWxbYZAUYP> – Hidden In My Heart Volume I – "I Will Never Leave You" by Scripture Lullabies

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBvU7arNhQs&list=RDPBvU7arNhQs&start_radio=1&rv=PBvU7arNhQs&t=0

– Matt Maher – Because He Lives.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wuf0eeb_2Xw – Alleluia, Sing to Jesus.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZQ1AGH_aIE&list=RDUZQ1AGH_aIE&start_radio=1&t=23 by Bernadette Farrell and Owen Alstott

Alleluia, raise the Gospel

	Sundays and Themes.	Feast Days	Special Events / Days	Links
7 th April	Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday Jn20:19-31	8 th Annunciation of the Lord		https://cafod.org.uk/education/primary-teaching-resources/annunciation-resources
14 th April	Third Sunday of Easter Luke 24:35 -48	16 th St Bernadette		
21 st April	Fourth Sunday World Day of Prayer for Vocations John 10: 11-18	23 rd St George 25 th St Mark the Evangelist. 29 th St Catherine of Siena	22nd World Earth Day 22 nd Passover Begins 24 th Stop Food Waste Day	https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-schools/ https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/celebrations/article/earth-day https://www.stopfoodwasteday.com/en/index.html?gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAj

May:

Watch the 'Pope Videos' for May : <https://thepopevideo.org/>

Resources:

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/marian-and-mission-rosary/> Resources to support schools as they journey through the Marian months of May and October.

<https://www.looktohimandberadiant.com/2018/04/honoring-our-mother-mary-ideas-for-may.html> Look to Him and Be Radiant.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-activities/resource-collections/marian-resources/> Resources from Loyola Press.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PglEF7mTf2E> – Fischerman (UK) Music_– Signing Hail Mary

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kBicrhrcf8>– CJM Hail Mary

Ascension

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wUbxOli4HcI> – Christ Has No Body

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5 th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter Jn 15: 9-17	9th Ascension of the Lord. Holy Day of Obligation Jn 16:12-15	May – National Walking Month. Local and Community History Month.	https://cafod.org.uk/education/primary-teaching-resources/celebration-of-the-word-primary/ascension-celebration-of-the-word https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/get-involved/national-walking-month/ https://www.history.org.uk/historian/resource/1567/local-and-community-history-month https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/feast-of-our-lady-of-fatima/
12 th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter World Communication Day Jn 17:11-19	13 th Our Lady of Fatima 19 th St Dunstan	Christian Aid Week National Vegetarian Week 15 th International Day of Families. 21 st World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.	https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/schools https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-of-families https://www.un.org/en/observances/cultural-diversity-day
19 th May	Pentecost Sunday Jn 20:19-23	25 th Bede the Venerable	Laudato Si Week – Seeds of Hope Walk to school week 20 th World Bee Day	https://laudatosiweek.org/ https://cafod.org.uk/education/laudato-si-for-schools https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/primary-schools/walk-to-school-week/ https://www.un.org/en/observances/bee-day

				https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/resources-for-pentecost/
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Other Resources:



Selection of resources to help develop home, school and parish links and support collective worship in school.

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/hope/home-school-parish/>

Home, School, Parish resource for schools - <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Hope-in-the-Future-Home-School-Parish-Resources-for-Schools-2022.pdf>



The Bible Society have produced 12 Collective Worship session plans (plus handouts) to help engage primary school children with the Scriptures. There are a range of posters

<http://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/education/primary-schools/primary-collective-worship-resources/>

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/posters-for-schools/>



Salford Youth Ministry have a number of resources to support prayer and liturgy. Each Sunday, their One Minute Word videos gives us a message to reflect upon from the Sunday reading see <https://www.instagram.com/salfordyouth/>

For further information / resources: <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/youth/resources-links/>



The Mark 10 Mission, in partnership with The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, continue to create brand new and completely free content for schools. The team have been working hard filming and editing virtual collective worship assemblies that present the Sunday Gospel, a reflection, a time of guided prayer and a live recorded worship song Their 'Little Liturgies' are created for Early Years, Foundation Stage and KS1 children. These liturgies are shorter than our main liturgy with an abridged Gospel and simpler message.

<https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/>



Liturgy resources around the Sunday Gospel that can support teachers in planning prayer and worship in their own classroom, these have now been made into PowerPoints that can be adapted and shared with classes.

<https://cafod.org.uk/education/children-s-liturgy>

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-and-youth-resources/Prayers-for-young-people>



The Primary School Wednesday Word is an outreach which shares Sunday's Gospel with all school families, in a unique way. Wednesday Word are offering free-of-charge 'online' editions. (This information was correct at the time of writing and may change within the next few weeks). <http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>