

Liturgical Prayer Newsletter. Spring 2. 2024.

We begin the season of Lent in this half term: the forty-day preparation for Easter. The God Who Speaks have created new posters for schools on the themes of Ash Wednesday, Lent and Easter - godwhospeaks.uk/lent-and-eastertide-resources/posters

On March 20th, we celebrate the Feast of St Joseph, 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/> Click on the Saint button.

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](#).

March / April:

Ash Wednesday marks the start of the Lenten season. Lent is traditionally a 40-day fast — a reference to the time Jesus spent being tempted in the desert. It is a time when we can prepare our hearts for the solemn remembrance of Jesus' death.

It concludes and is followed by the Easter Sunday celebration of the resurrection of Christ. The six-week period (excluding Sundays) is dedicated to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for the great celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery in the Easter Triduum.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for March – For victims of abuse - We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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

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.

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Resources:

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

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

CAFOD resources help young people to pray, learn and fundraise in Lent. For both primary and secondary, there is a Lent liturgy, an interactive Lent calendar, a Stations of the Cross PowerPoint and information on their latest campaign The Big Lent Walk.

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/lent-and-eastertide-resources/> Lent resources for schools including the Easter Donkey resource.

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/collections/easter-resources/> A selection of free Lent and Eastertide resources for you to use at home, school or parish.

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/lent/> Mission Together produces new yearly resources to help children journey through the season of Lent. Their Lent liturgies (for each week of Lent), activities, and popular classroom calendar highlight each Sunday's Gospel reading and invite children to reflect on Jesus's words and actions.

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/holy-week-easter/> – Mission Together have produced liturgies and activities to help children journey through to the highest liturgical point in the Church calendar – the Paschal Triduum of Our Lord. There are resources for EYFS, KS1 and KS2.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/activities-and-resources/lenten-activities-for-children/>

<https://acnuk.org/resource/lent-2024/> - Lent resources for 2024 from Aid to the Church in Need. Prayers, resources to help the people of Nigeria.

<https://www.looktohimandberadiant.com/2021/02/ideas-for-lenten-season.html> - Ideas to mark Lent.

<https://bustedhalo.com/video/watch-lent-3-minutes> - Lent in Three Minutes

<https://bustedhalo.com/video/watch-holy-week-in-three-minutes> - Holy Week in Three Minutes.

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=NoarjlpPkI4> At the Cross – Hillsong.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DwudqCO7mSQ&list=RDDwudqCO7mSQ&start_radio=1&rv=DwudqCO7mSQ&t=4

Change my Heart – Vineyard

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ylqmh_Dlu5k Once Again – Matt Redman

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2FRM4imMA78> Mary did you Know? Hayley Westerna.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C4FtZ9XzZag> The Servant King (From Heaven You Came) – Graham Kendrick with Nicki Rogers – Lyric Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zktivORaeJA> Stay with me – Taize.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RuPcxLjVxtg> – O Lord Hear my Prayer – Taize

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X48-qJsTF2g> – My Soul is Sad – Joseph McGuiness

	Sundays and Themes.	Feast Days	Special Events / Days	Links
25 th February	Second Sunday of Lent. Mark 9: 2-10	27 th St Gabriel 28 th St Oswald 1st St David's Day – <i>Patron Saint of Wales.</i>		https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/School-Caritas-SJP-Lenten-liturgical-prayer-slides-2.pdf https://cafod.org.uk/education/secondary-and-youth-resources/prayers-for-young-people/saints-prayer-cards https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/national-assemblies
3 rd March	Third Sunday of Lent John 2:13-15		3 rd World Wildlife day 7 th March World Book Day 8 th International Women's Day.	https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-wildlife-day https://www.internationalwomensday.com/
10 th March	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mother's day). John 3:14-21		8 th – 17 th British Science Week: Smashing Stereotypes# 13 th Commonwealth day	https://www.britishscienceweek.org/

17 th March	Fifth Sunday of Lent John 12: 20-33	17th St Patrick – Patron Saint of Ireland 20th St Joseph.	21 st World Poetry Day 21 st International Day of Forests. 22 nd World Water day – Water for Peace 23 rd Earth Hour	https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/feast-of-st-joseph/ https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/resource-centre/education/collective-worship/collectiveworship-stjoseph/ https://www.fao.org/international-day-of-forests/en/ http://www.fao.org/3/a-i6207e.pdf https://www.worldwaterday.org/ https://www.earthhour.org/
24 th March	Palm Sunday Mark 14:1, 15:47		28th Holy Thursday 29th Good Friday.	https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/holy-week-easter/ https://cafod.org.uk/education/primary-teaching-resources/lent-resources-for-children

Other Resources:



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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 with Fr Gabriel CFR. 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/primary-teaching-resources/celebration-of-the-word-primary>

<https://cafod.org.uk/education/secondary-and-youth-resources>



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 at this time. <http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>