

Liturgical Prayer Newsletter. Spring 1.

Happy New Year and welcome back.

We began the new Liturgical Year in Advent, moving into the cycle of readings for **Year B – Mark’s Gospel**. See the link for resources to support Matthew’s Gospel. <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/education/posters-for-schools/>.

2025 “Pilgrims of Hope” Jubilee – Pope Francis is seeking to usher in a new era of hope as he invites the faithful across the world to participate in the 2025 “Pilgrims of Hope” Jubilee. Further information about jubilee years can be found [here](#).

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](#). Resources will be developed and shared with schools over the coming year.

January:

The 12 days of Christmas are from the Christmas Vigil until 6th January – the feast of the Epiphany. The feast of Christmas ends with the feast of Baptism of the Lord on the first Sunday after the Epiphany. In many European countries Christians of all denominations follow the annual tradition of chalking the door. On the eve of the Epiphany 20+C+M+B+24 is written. First and two last numbers show the year 2024C+M+B stand for the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat* meaning may Christ bless this house.

Pope Francis’ prayer intention for January – **For the gift of diversity in the Church**. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

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

Resources:

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/what-is-epiphany/> - Information about the celebration of the Epiphany.

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/month/january/> - Resources for January.

<https://www.looktohimandberadiant.com/2020/12/epiphany-home-blessing-kits-update-for.html> - Epiphany Home Blessing kits.

<https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-education/primary-schools/new-year/> Resource to help children make simple resolutions that can change their world – home, school, locality for the better.

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/year-of-prayer> Cafod resources to support the year of prayer.

Music Resources:

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xV8lYsCFpw4> - We three kings – Epiphany

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uJJVrZKqKNE> – Matt Maher Come to the Water – Baptism of the Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THOFsZIIQV4> – God is Still Speaking_Year of the Word (Sunday 21st Jan – Sunday of the Word of God)
also on CJM How Can we Keep from Singing 3?

	Sundays and Themes.	Feast Days	Special Events / Days	Links
7 th January	Epiphany Matthew 2:1-12	Baptism of the Lord (Mark 1:7-11)	Big Schools Bird Watch. Month of January Veganuary	https://cafod.org.uk/education/primary-teaching-resources/celebration-of-the-word-primary/epiphany-resources https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/epiphany/ https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/get-ready-for-big-schools-birdwatch
14 th January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Peace Sunday John 1:29-34	19 th St Wulstan, Bishop	15 th Martin Luther King Day 18 th – 25 th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	https://www.cbcew.org.uk/peace-sunday-2024/ https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday/ https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday/
21 st January	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday of the Word of God. Matthew 4:12-23	24 th St Francis de Sales; Our Lady of Peace 25 th Conversion of St Paul, Apostle 26 th Ss Timothy and Titus	27 th Holocaust Memorial Day Fragility of Freedom	https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Home-Celebration-2-The-God-who-speaks-to-us-through-His-Word-2.pdf https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/conversion-of-st-paul/

				https://www.hmd.org.uk/take-part-in-holocaust-memorial-day/schools/
28 th January	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Caritas Sunday. Mark1:21-28	31 st St John Bosco 2nd Feb. The Presentation of the Lord. (Luke 2:22-40) 3 rd St Blaise	27 th National storytelling week. 2 nd World Wetlands Day	https://cafod.org.uk/education/secondary-and-youth-resources/prayers-for-young-people/saints-prayer-cards https://www.worldwetlandsday.org/

February:

Forty days after Christmas, on 2nd February, the church celebrates the Presentation of the Lord. Mary and Joseph, according to Jewish custom, bring their son Jesus to the temple where they encounter Simeon and Anna, who realise the child is special, praising the little child as the Redeemer of Israel. In some churches today the annual blessing of candles takes place reminding us that Jesus is the Light of the World.

*Pope Francis' prayer intention for February – **for the terminally ill.*** February's prayer intention is that the sick, "who are in the final stages of life, and their families receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment."

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

Resources:

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/month/february/> – Resources for February.

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/posters-for-schools/> – Information about Anna and Simeon (Candlemas)

<https://cafod.org.uk/education/primary-teaching-resources/lent-resources-for-children/big-lent-walk-resources-for-schools-> Cafod
Lent Resources

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/lent/> – Mission Together Lent Resources.

Music Resources:

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFxGX9M9VIA> – Eugene O'Reilly – We are Children of the light.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMkfKXLcm5Q> – Bernadette Farrell – Christ be Our Light.

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4 th February	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 1: 29-39	8 th St Josephine Bakhita <i>Day for Victims of Trafficking</i> 10 th St Scholastica	5th – 11th Children's Mental Health Week – My Voice Matters 6 th Safer Internet Day	https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/schools-and-youth-groups/ https://cafod.org.uk/education/secondary-and-youth-

				resources/prayers-for-young-people/saints-prayer-cards https://www.saferinternetday.org/
11 th February	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of Prayer for the Sick Mark 1:40-45	14th Ash Wednesday St Valentine		https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/world-day-for-the-sick/ Ash Wednesday- https://assets.ctfassets.net/vy3axnuecuwj/7eCTKgCTyO1xQvWlf4gPAL/90e197b451da026e14dae5ce3aa0344a/Lent_2024_Celebration_of_the_Word.pdf https://cafod.org.uk/education/primary-teaching-resources/primary-school-assemblies

Other Resources:



HOPE
IN THE FUTURE

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/>



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

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>