



St Mary's Catholic School

Newsletter

29th March, 2018

Dear parents/carers

As the season of lent draws to a close and we remember the events of Holy Week It is an opportunity for us to take stock and reflect upon our actions. We have shared some very thoughtful assemblies and Experienced a very moving passion play by the children of Year fi . In all our gatherings the children have made very good contributions sharing their thoughts and feelings willingly. The term has been successful in many ways with the children showing an enthusiasm for their learning and growing as confident and responsible learners. Now though, in this Holy Week, we turn our thoughts to the events of Good Friday before celebrating the joy of Easter. We wish you all a restful break and look forward to seeing you next term.

Mr Keane

Catholic Social Teaching

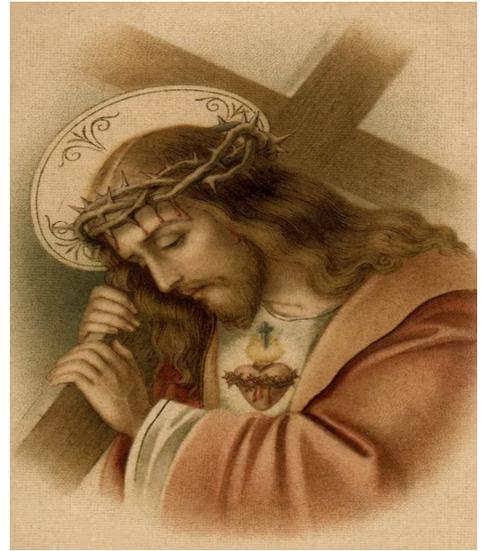
When we return to school after the Easter break our key principle of Catholic Social Teaching will be the *Promotion of Peace*. We will be reflecting upon our calling to forgive others. To reconcile ourselves we must work towards saying sorry for the wrongs we have done and change our behaviour to be more like the hands and face of Jesus. Jesus teaches us to be at peace with one another. This is not easy but we all need to work at promoting peace to have a just world. During the wonderful Passion Play performed by Year 5 we were reminded of the gift Jesus gave us at The Last Supper, **"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."** This was our gift to share with others.



The Way of the Cross

The Way of the Cross is usually observed during Lent, especially on Lenten Fridays and most importantly on Good Friday. It is one of the most popular devotions for Roman Catholics. The devotion consists of meditating on 14 events which form the 14 Stations of the Cross. The purpose of this devotion is to focus on the Passion of Jesus Christ.

Stations of the Cross are a series of things that happened during Jesus' time when he was getting crucified. Here they are:



First Station: Jesus is condemned to Death

Second Station: Jesus Carries His Cross

Third Station: Jesus Falls for the First Time

Fourth Station: Jesus Meets His Mother

Fifth Station: Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross

Sixth Station: Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

Seventh Station: Jesus Falls for the Second Time

Eighth Station: Jesus Consols the Women of Jerusalem

Ninth Station: Jesus Falls for the Third Time

Tenth Station: Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

Eleventh Station: Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

Twelfth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross

Thirteenth Station: Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross

Fourteenth Station: Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

For every station there is a certain prayer. It is a prayer that fits the station the best and describes what happened is that station.

By Year 6 Newsletter Team

Top Attendance

Congratulations to EYFS2 and 3Q for 100% attendance this week.

The overall winning class is 4G.

And to finish....

Please ensure you read the letters that went home for homework and the letter about reading. We look forward to seeing all the children back at school on **Monday 16th April.**