

Confirmation

Congratulations to our Year Six children who were Confirmed in February. The mass was celebrated by Bishop Stephen who also spent the afternoon in school.]



Sacramental Preparation

Following making their First Confession a few weeks ago, our children in Year Three have continued to prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Thank you to Mrs Davies - the parish catechist - who has led these sessions with the children.



Parishioner Day

Following the introduction of Parish Prayer Partners last term, we invited some of our parishioners into school. The children led talks and presentations on many aspects of life at St. Mary's including RE lessons, the Catholic lens through which the curriculum is taught and the opportunities that the children have to 'make a difference'.



Easter

We wish all of our St. Mary families a happy and holy Easter. Please refer to the school website for all the mass times for at Holy Trinity for Holy Week.



St. Mary's Catholic Life Newsletter



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It has been another busy term at St. Mary's and the children have continued to play an active role in growing the Catholic life of our school.

Prayer Bags

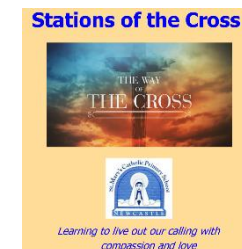
Our class prayer bags have continued to be a success this term. Many of the children have led liturgies for their families at home. Thank you to all those who have shared their prayer spaces from home.

'Children are not just the Church of tomorrow but the Church of today also.'



Station of the Cross

Some of our Year Six children led us in our Stations of the Cross liturgy earlier this week. We came together as a whole school to reflect on Jesus' final hours whilst praying for those in need in our world at this time.



Catholic Life Pledges



Aspire
not to
have more
but to **be**
more

Our children have continued to live out their faith and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching this term. Once again, each year group has chosen a Catholic Life Pledge in an effort to make a positive difference to society.

'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'



Some of the pledges this term have included recycling champions, eco planters for the local residential home, Go Green environment walk, food bank donations and an initiative to preserve local animal habitats.

Laudato Si

Thank you to Mr Mayland (CAFOD) for coming into school to talk to our Laudato Si leadership group about the work that the parish is doing and what Pope Francis teaches us about stewardship and preserving our common home.



Intercultural Mass

Thank you to the children who served for Bishop Stephen at the Intercultural mass a few weekends ago.



What is the chalk?

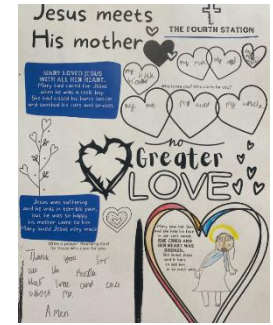
Our Catholic Life Leaders carried out the chalking of the door following the blessing of chalk at the Epiphany mass. It is a daily reminder that we all belong to Christ.



One Life Music

We had a wonderful Lenten retreat earlier this week led by Dan and Emily from One Life Music. As usual, the retreat provided some much needed quiet reflection time in the busy school calendar. The retreat was titled, 'No Greater Love' and focussed on the Stations of the Cross.

Scan the code to watch the children taking part.



Lenten Stay & Pray

Thank you to the children who have led our stay & pray sessions after school. It has been lovely to welcome families to see the children and their families join members of staff for these liturgies each week.



Parent Liturgies

Each class invited their parents to join them for one of their class liturgies recently. These were well supported. Thank you to everyone who joined us. We will be holding more of these in the summer term.

