

# Holy Cross Catholic Primary School – Spring Term Chaplaincy Newsletter



**HOLY CROSS**  
CATHOLIC  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
*Living loving learning together.*

## Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Spring Term Chaplaincy Newsletter. As a school family, we continue to live out our mission: *"A family living, loving and learning together through the light of Christ."* This term offers rich opportunities for prayer and reflection, as well as chances for our children to lead our faith life, care for others and deepen their understanding of Catholic Social Teaching.

## Living, loving and learning together through the light of Christ

Our Worship Warriors and our Year 6 Faith In Action group continue to inspire us by leading prayer, liturgy and acts of service across the school. As we move through the Spring term, our focus turns towards compassion, service and hope as we journey through Lent and prepare for Easter. We hope this newsletter gives you a sense of the faith-filled opportunities your children will experience this term, and how families can join us in living out the Gospel together.

### 1. Prayer and Liturgy

This term, our collective worship and prayer will focus on key moments in the Church's liturgical year and the call to serve others:

#### Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord

At the start of term, children reflect on Jesus as the light of the world and our call to follow Him, guided by the example of the Magi and Jesus' baptism.

#### Lent – A Journey of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

Throughout Lent, children will be encouraged to grow closer to God through prayer, make thoughtful choices, and show love through acts of kindness and generosity.

#### Stations of the Cross

Children will reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross, helping them to understand sacrifice, forgiveness and love.

#### Holy Week and Easter

We will prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter, celebrating Jesus' Resurrection and the hope it brings to our lives and the world.

#### Easter Assemblies

Later in the term, families will be warmly invited to join us for our Easter assemblies led by the children, sharing prayer, reflection and celebration together (dates to be confirmed).

## **2. Special Projects & Campaigns**

Our pupils will continue to put faith into action through a range of charitable and awareness-raising projects:

### **CAFOD World Gifts – Christmas Impact**

Before Christmas, children thoughtfully supported CAFOD World Gifts, learning how small actions can make a big difference to communities around the world. We will continue to reflect on how these gifts support dignity, fairness and global solidarity.

### **Good Shepherd Appeal – Nugent Care (Lent Focus)**

During Lent, our main fundraising focus will be the **Good Shepherd Appeal**, supporting **Nugent Care** and their vital work with children, families and vulnerable adults in our local community. Pupils will learn about the importance of compassion, service and standing alongside those in need.

### **Holy Cross Helping Hands of Hope – School Food Bank**

Our school food bank continues to support families in our community. Children and families are always welcome to donate items or access support when needed, reminding us that we are one family in Christ.

### **Lenten Fundraising and Acts of Kindness**

Classes will take part in simple fundraising activities and acts of service, encouraging children to think about how they can be a sign of hope for others during Lent.

## **3. General Support & Wellbeing**

Our Wellbeing Ambassadors continue to play an important role in school life, helping to create a nurturing, inclusive and caring environment. Through kindness, empathy and listening, they live out Gospel values and support their peers each day.

## **4. Faith in Action & Leadership Opportunities**

Our Year 6 pupils continue to lead by example through faith-filled leadership roles:

### **Chaplaincy and Liturgy Leadership**

Year 6 children support prayer and worship across the school, helping to plan and lead assemblies and moments of reflection.

### **Lenten Fundraising Leaders**

Pupils will take an active role in promoting the Good Shepherd Appeal, raising awareness of Nugent Care's work and encouraging our community to support others.

### **Live Simply Award Journey**

Children continue to promote sustainability, care for creation and social action, building on the work of previous Year 6 pupils.

### **Social Justice and Awareness Projects**

Through assemblies, classroom learning and campaigns, pupils deepen their understanding of injustice and how faith calls us to respond with love and action.

## 5. Learning Catholic Social Teaching (CST)

Across RE lessons, collective worship and chaplaincy activities, children are developing a deeper understanding of Catholic Social Teaching, especially **solidarity**, **care for the vulnerable**, and **service to others**. Families can continue to access prayers, reflections and resources via our school website and the Prayer and Liturgy Newsletter.

### Key Dates – Spring Term

Date	Event
6th January	Epiphany of the Lord
11th January	Baptism of the Lord
18th February	Ash Wednesday
Every Friday	Stations of the Cross Prayers
WB 9th March	Good Shepherd Appeal Fundraising Week
WB 30th March	Easter Assemblies
3rd April	Good Friday
5th April	Easter Sunday

We look forward to a term rich in prayer, learning, service and celebration. Thank you for your continued support as your children grow in faith, develop as leaders and live out our school mission each day.

With blessings,  
**The Chaplaincy Team**