

## Holy Cross Catholic Primary School – Spring Term Chaplaincy Highlights



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CATHOLIC  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
*Living loving learning together.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring is a special time in the Church as we journey through Lent towards the joy of Easter. This term, our chaplaincy focuses on prayer, compassion, service and hope. Below are some key events, initiatives and ways your family can join in.

### Prayer and Liturgy Highlights

#### Epiphany & Baptism of the Lord (January):

Reflecting on Jesus as the light of the world and our call to follow Him.

#### Lent – Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving:

A time for children to grow closer to God through prayer, thoughtful choices and acts of kindness.

#### Stations of the Cross (Every Friday during Lent):

Prayerful reflections on Jesus' journey to the cross.

#### Holy Week and Easter:

Preparing our hearts for Easter and celebrating the Resurrection and new life.

#### Easter Assemblies – Parents Invited (WB 30th March):

Families are warmly invited to join us as children lead prayer, reflection and celebration.

*Families can find further prayers, reflections and liturgical information via the Prayer and Liturgy Newsletter and the school website.*

### Special Projects & Fundraising

#### CAFOD World Gifts – Christmas Impact:

Children reflect on how their pre-Christmas support helped communities worldwide.

#### Good Shepherd Appeal – Nugent Care (WB 9th March):

Our Lent fundraising focus, supporting Nugent Care and their work with vulnerable children, families and adults.

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

Ongoing support for local families through donations and shared care.

#### Lenten Fundraising & Acts of Kindness:

Simple class-based fundraising and service activities during Lent.

### Faith in Action & Leadership

#### Chaplaincy and Liturgy Leadership:

Worship Warriors and Year 6 pupils lead prayer and Gospel assemblies across the school.

### Lenten Fundraising Leaders:

Year 6 pupils help raise awareness of the Good Shepherd Appeal.

### Live Simply Award Projects:

Continuing work on sustainability, care for creation and social action.

### Social Justice & Awareness Projects:

Assemblies and learning focused on injustice and responding with Gospel values.

## Wellbeing & Support

### Wellbeing Ambassadors:

Pupils supporting peers and promoting kindness, empathy and inclusion across school.

## Ways to Join In at Home – Spring

- **Pray together during Lent:** Share a short prayer or reflection at home each day, or pray a decade of the Rosary as a family.
- **Acts of kindness:** Encourage children to perform small acts of service at home, such as helping around the house, writing thank-you notes, or supporting neighbours.
- **Support the Good Shepherd Appeal:** Talk with your child about how Nugent Care helps children and families, and encourage them to participate in fundraising activities at school.
- **Reflect on Jesus' journey to Easter:** Watch or read the story of Holy Week together and discuss what it teaches us about love, forgiveness and hope.
- **Care for creation:** Continue simple acts like recycling, conserving energy, or planting seeds, reflecting the values of the Live Simply Award.
- **Share Easter celebrations:** Attend Easter assemblies if possible, and at home, celebrate with prayer, reflection, or family traditions that honour the Resurrection.

## Key Dates – Spring Term

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

We look forward to a term of 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.

With blessings,

The Chaplaincy Team