



# CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS

2024-2025 Newsletter 28 (7th-11th April 2025)



## Catholic Life and Mission



Sunday is Palm Sunday which marks the beginning of Holy Week - the most sacred week in the Church's year.

When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, a very large crowd gathered to welcome him. Some of them spread their cloaks on the road for Jesus to ride on, while others cut branches from the palm trees and spread them on the road. That day, the people greeted Jesus as a King

### Mission

Today, Jesus still wants to be our King - and He will be if we will allow Him to come into our hearts. Let us lay down our cloak to greet Jesus our King as He comes to us in love.


Lord,  
Come into our lives and create in us a new heart.  
May we excitedly welcome you just like those people who awaited your arrival in Jerusalem that first Palm Sunday.  
Thank you for being with us always.  
Amen.

We would like to express our gratitude to all our families for your support for school this term. The pupils, governors and staff wish you all a happy, holy and peaceful Easter.




**Important Easter Dates**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April**  
Palm Sunday



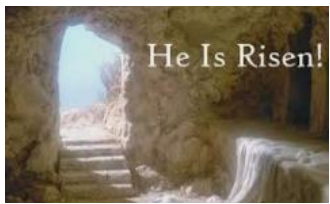
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April**  
Maundy Thursday



**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April**  
Good Friday



**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April**  
Easter Sunday



**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**  
8.40am -School gates open



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We want to say a huge thank you for all your support this Lent for our Lenten fundraising with your generous donations to our chosen causes. We have been overwhelmed with the support you have shown for the common good and would like to share with you how everyone has helped us to support those in need locally and globally.

## Locally

### **The Diocesan Good Shepherd Appeal**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Diocese of Leeds Good Shepherd Appeal through our class led fundraisers, school discos and the Easter egg raffle with all the eggs kindly donated by staff. We raised an amazing £700. This money will be presented to the Bishop at the Good Shepherd Mass on 21st May.



### **Local foodbanks**

Each class collected one item to represent the 40 days of Lent. These generously given staples will be shared with two local foodbanks.



## Globally

### **CAFOD World Gifts**

World Gifts are a range of charity gifts that help transform the lives of families and communities living in poverty. Each class chooses the gift they would like to give. This may be some chirpy chickens, some goats or pigs, seeds for a vegetable garden or a watering can.



### **TOILET TWINNING**

As a result of the school discos, we raised enough money to fund three toilets. By twinning these three toilets, we will help bring sustainable access to decent toilets and safe drinking water transforming the lives of a family or maybe even an entire village.

### **Important school dates for after the Easter Break**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**  
8.40am-School gates open

### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Swimming as usual for Year 4 and Year 4/5

### **3.30pm in school**

First of six sessions for children making their First Holy Communion in June.

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Remembering VE Day

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

KS2 SATs

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** **1.30pm at Corpus Christi Church**

Children who have prepared to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion



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Knowing, Loving  
and Serving Christ

*Wishing you all a very happy  
and blessed Easter from the  
Parish of St John Henry Newman*

*Canon Patrick Wall – Parish Priest*

*Fr Benjamin Hilton*

*Fr Rino John Varghese*



## Services and Mass in the Parish in Holy Week and Easter

**Confession: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>** 11am-12 noon at St Theresa's Church

**Maundy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April:** 7.30pm at St Gregory's- Mass of The Lord's Supper

**Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April:** 10.15am St Theresa's Church Hall- Walk of Witness

12 noon Stations of the Cross-St Gregory's Church

3.00pm Corpus Christi Church- The Passion of The Lord

7.00pm St Theresa's Church -Veneration of the Cross and  
Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April:** St Theresa's -8.00pm The Easter Vigil

## **Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April Morning Masses:**

8.15am-St Theresa's

9.00am - St Gregory's

10.15am - St Theresa's

**10.30am- Corpus Christi**

6.00pm St Theresa's







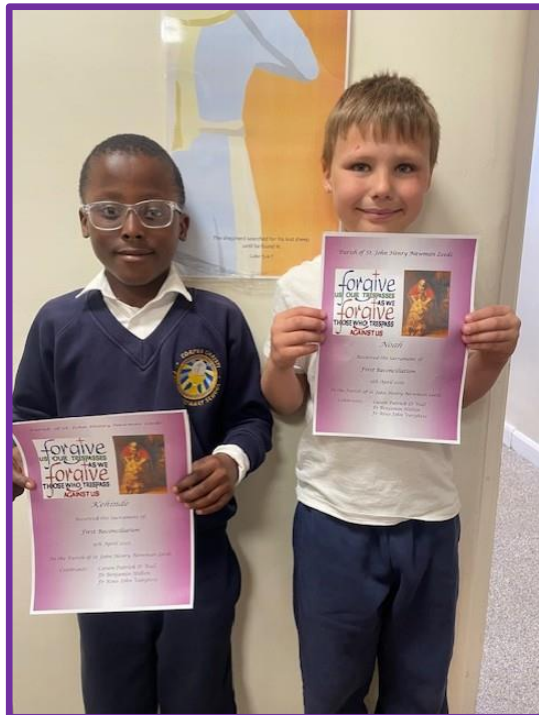
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**Key Stage Two** children celebrated their last Adoration in Lent with the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal and Canon Pat.



*Congratulations to Noah and Kehinde who celebrated their first Sacrament of Reconciliation in St Gregory's Church last Saturday.*



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St. John Henry Newman  
Leeds



Service for First Reconciliation

**Oh my God,  
Because You are so good,  
I am very sorry that I have sinned  
against you,  
And by the help of Your Grace,  
I will not sin again.**





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Year 5/6 planned, prepared and led the whole school and parish in our Lent Mass. All the children read and sang beautifully. Well done and thank you everyone!



*Children from the Chaplaincy Team along with members of the School Council set up the Stations of the Cross outside on the school field for all classes to be able to pay a visit.*



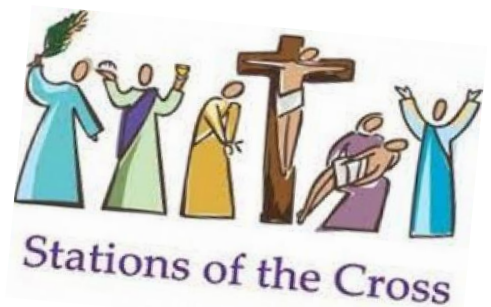


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This week all the children across school took part in a range of activities linked to Holy Week. Outside the children prayerfully participated in the event that lies at the heart of Christianity – Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection through the Stations of the Cross. They also visited sensory prayer stations set out in the hall which explained the events of Holy Week and the first Easter Sunday. The sensory prayer stations began with Palm Sunday, then went on to see the depiction of the Last Supper where the children were able to share Jesus’ words “This is my body, do this in memory of me’ and ‘ This is my Blood, do this in memory of me’ linking these words with the Last Supper and the Eucharist in Mass. They were reverent when listening to how Jesus was put to death on the cross and were able to say that He died to save us. They joined in prayer when they reached the final station of the Empty Tomb and were delighted to know that this meant that Jesus had risen!

Reception and Reception/Year 1



Year 1

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Year 2



The children prayed the Stations of the Cross. Each of the 14 Stations retell part of Jesus' Passion (his suffering and death) through images and words. These Stations of the Cross introduce children to Jesus' Passion, breaking it down into stages that they can reflect on and remember.



Year 3







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Year 3



The sensory Holy Week prayer stations helped the children engage with the events of Holy Week through their senses. By using sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell, these stations created a more immersive and meaningful experience of Jesus' last week.



Year 4







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*'To experience Holy Week is to enter more and more into God's love and self-giving.'*  
Pope Francis

**Year 4/5** prayed the Stations of the Cross and then enjoyed their time of reflection and prayer as they visited the Holy Week sensory stations. They reflected on the importance of Holy Week and what they can learn from Jesus. Then they spent some time in both silent and communal prayer.



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*'The Church is born from Jesus' supreme act of love on the Cross' Pope Francis*



Stations of the Cross

**Year 6** prayed The Stations of the Cross in Corpus Christi Church. They also took part in listening to important events of Holy Week at the sensory prayer stations in the hall. They reflected on what happened to Jesus and the messages from each station and how this would impact on their actions in their daily lives.







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## Year 4 and Year 4/5 Easter Production

Special thanks to the children in the Year 4 and Year 4/5 classes for sharing their wonderful retelling of the Easter Story to an audience of pupils, parents, governors and visitors. They shared the events of Holy Week and Easter to conclude our pilgrimage through Lent. The children read their lines clearly and sang beautifully. They did a wonderful job, and their singing and acting were West End worthy. Thank you to all the children, Miss McBride, Mr Goodall, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Hamzaj, Miss Durkan and Mrs Reaney for preparing us for the events of Holy Week and the joy of Easter Sunday.

We are so proud of you all!



Amazing performance by all the children. What a great way to tell the Easter story!

*Parent comment*



You all did a great job, the singing was beautiful and clear and you all looked great in your costumes.

*The Franciscan Sisters*



Wow! What a performance by all. A well told reenactment of the Resurrection of Jesus. The children did the school proud.

*Parent comment*







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**Year 4 and Year 4/5  
Easter Production**



Thank you for helping us to get ready for Holy Week and Easter. Well done!

*Parent comment*



Well done to all the children – very inspiring.

*Parent comment*



Fantastic performance. Very impressed

*Parent comment*





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In recognition of Jesus' *40 days* in the desert each class was set the Lenten challenge of bringing in 40 non-perishable items such as dried pasta, tinned items, shower gel, toothpaste and toothbrushes into school to share with the local food bank and the parish food bank. Thank you to all parents and staff who contributed to this Lenten challenge.



**Reception and Reception/Year 1** brought in 40 tins of beans.

A great big THANK YOU to all parents of **Year 1** and **Year 2** classes who have contributed to our Lenten collection of toothbrushes and toothpaste. You have been very generous and your donations will be split between two local food banks. Thank you

**YEAR 1 COLLECTED 40 TOOTHBRUSHES**



**All our children** are wonderful representatives of our Catholic Faith showing how to share with all.



**YEAR 2 COLLECTED 40 TUBES OF TOOTHPASTE**





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**Year 2/3** with their collection of 40 different packets of rice.

Thank you everyone!



This is **Year 4** displaying their 40 items- 40 tins of soup. Thank you to all parents and staff who made the food contributions.





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**Year 4/5** collected 40 bottles of juice for their 40 days of Lent collection.



**Year 5/6** collected 40 shower gels.

Whilst  
**Year 6**  
collected  
40  
packets  
of pasta.



Thank you to all the pupils, parents and staff who made the food contributions. It will make such a difference!





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## Reception and Reception/Year 1

hosted bingo for all classes this week as part of their Lenten fundraising. The children greeted the bingo players as they arrived and supported staff to organise each session. There was lots of excitement as the numbers were called as each child was hoping to win. It was lovely to see such a gracious audience as they clapped and celebrated the winners. Thank you to parents for supporting this enjoyable fundraising event and helping us to raise £105!



In **Year 1** their fundraising event was 'Guess the Sweets in the Jar' and here is their winner Lucas displaying the jar of sweets he won – well done Lucas! Thank you Year 1.







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Easter Bonnet/ Easter Garden and Egg Decoration Frenzy!







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Reception have been looking after five caterpillars this half term. They have watched them grow bigger and bigger each week and two weeks ago they went into their chrysalis before undergoing metamorphosis to transform into a beautiful butterflies.



This week three of our lovely caterpillars hatched from their chrysalis and **Reception** and **Reception/Year 1** were greeted by lovely butterflies. We then took them outside and released them into nature. They children were so happy to see them flying free.







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## Easter Egg Raffle Winners!







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LEEDS IRISH CENTRE  
*At the heart of the Irish Community*



A huge thank you to Leeds Irish Centre who kindly donated fifty Easter Eggs to school. The Irish Centre are always so generous at special times of the year so we owe them a huge thank you.



*Congratulations to our talented Bella who is proudly displaying her gymnastics badge and certificate she achieved last week. Well done Bella!*

I LOVE  
GYMNASTICS





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## Attendance

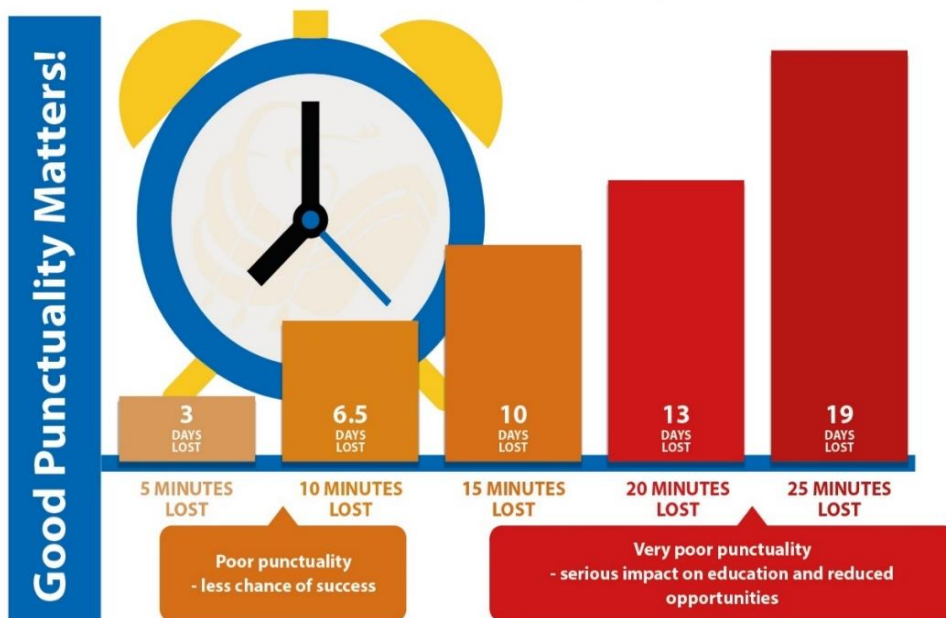
**EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!**  
**Our attendance target is 97%**  
 Every pupil, on time, every day.

**GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS**  
**Every Minute in School Counts**

### Attendance (7th – 11th April 2025)

Our school target this year is <b>97%</b>	Class	This week	Since 3.9.2024		This week	Since 3.9.2024
		Reception 1	95.4%	96.7%	Year 3	95.6%
Reception/Yr 1		95.4%	96.2%	Year 4	97.8%	96%
Year 1		97.8%	96.2%	Year 4/5	91.5%	95.3%
Year 2		98.9%	96.4%	Year 5/6	92.1%	96.4%
Year 2/3		98.4%	96.7%	Year 6	91.9%	98%
This week's whole school attendance					95.5%	

Good time keeping at Corpus Christi Primary means being in school...ON TIME...And ready to learn. Gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.55am!



**Please make punctuality a priority!**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

If you are 15 minutes late each day, you will have missed 2 full weeks of learning in one year.





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## Easter Activities Information From TNCP

Please follow the link for information about the events and act might like to know about this Easter.

<https://wearechildfriendlyleeds.com/2025/03/24/the-events-and-activities-you-need-to-know-about-this-easter/>

**CFL's Easter guide**  
FREE / LOW COST\* ACTIVITIES HAPPENING ACROSS LEEDS

**Leeds City Council** **we are child friendly Leeds**

**week 1**  
5 to 12 April

- 5 - 17 Medieval Easter!**  
Royal Armories, LS10, open 10:00 to 17:00, booking required
- 7 El Family Rave with Boomchikkaboom\***  
Project House, LS12, 14:00 to 15:30
- 7 - 11 Lego, Duplo, crafts, colouring**  
Leeds Kirkgate Markets, LS2, 11:00 to 15:00
- 9 Ancient Roman/Chocolate coins workshop!**  
Leeds Discovery Centre, LS10, 10:00 to 12:00 & 13:00 to 15:00
- 8 - 10 Den building**  
Leeds Kirkgate Markets, LS2, 11:00 to 15:00
- 8 - 10 Miffy Crafts**  
Leeds City Museum, LS2, 10:00 to 12:00 & 13:00 to 15:00
- 8 - 10 LEGO - Build the Change**  
Leeds Industrial Museum, LS12, 10:30 to 12:00 & 12:30 to 14:00

**week 2**  
13 to 21 April

- 8 - 13 Drop in the Ocean VR experience (ages 7+)**  
Leeds City Museum, LS2, 20 min slots from 10:00, book on arrival
- 9 Freedom4Girls Reusable pads sewing workshop (ages 14+)**  
Leeds Central Library, LS1, 13:00 to 15:00
- 9 Bluey & Bingo story time**  
Merrion Centre, LS2, 30 min sessions at 11:00, 12:00, 13:00, 14:00 & 15:00
- 11 Facepainting, arts & crafts**  
Extra Motorway Services, LS9, 11:00 to 15:00
- 11 National Board Games Day!**  
Activities in Leeds Libraries across the city!
- 12 Willy Wonka (U)\***  
Hyde Park Picture House, LS6, 11:00 to 13:00, pay what you can
- 12 Play with Paint!**  
Seagulls, LS11, 13:00 to 16:00
- 12 - 13 CANVAS: The Play Tent**  
Wellington Place, LS1, 10:00 to 14:00, booking required

**13 Sloth Lane (U) - Autism friendly film showing\***  
Hyde Park Picture House, LS6, 11:00, pay what you can

**13 Railway Children Return (PG)\***  
Leeds Industrial Museum, LS12, 14:30 to 16:00, prices in blog (deal for Armley residents)

**14 - 19 Lego, Duplo, crafts, colouring**  
Leeds Kirkgate Markets, LS2, 11:00 to 15:00

**15 - 16 Movie Club : Film tricks & edits (ages 7 to 12)\***  
Carriageworks, LS2, 4 times available per day

**15 - 17 LEGO - Build the Change**  
Leeds Industrial Museum, LS12, 10:30 to 12:00 & 12:30 to 14:00

**16 Make it Move - animation workshop**  
Leeds Discovery Centre, LS10, 10:00 to 12:00 & 13:00 to 15:00

**16 - 19 Leeds Film Festival Short films**  
Leeds Kirkgate Markets, LS2, 11:30 to 14:30, 83 mins runtime

**17 Facepainting, arts & crafts**  
Extra Motorway Services, LS9, 11:00 to 15:00

**18 Easter Egg Hunt\***  
Skelton Grange, LS10, 11:00 to 14:00

**19 - 20 CANVAS: The Play Tent**  
Wellington Place, LS1, 10:00 to 14:00, booking required

**20 Sylvanian Families (U) - Autism friendly film showing\***  
Hyde Park Picture House, LS6, 11:00, pay what you can

**21 Crafts sessions for ages 3+**  
John Lewis, LS2, 11:00, 12:30 or 14:00

**Don't miss Leeds Young Film Festival!**

**Studio 12 is a free-to-access music studio for 16 to 30 year olds**

**Miffy's 70th birthday free exhibition is still at Leeds City Museum!**

**Kids eat free at Ninja Warrior Leeds 5 - 27 April with booking code KIDSEASTER**

**The 'Safe Places' app shows registered safe locations near you**

**Register with Healthy Holidays for FREE activities and a healthy meal from 71 providers across Leeds for children eligible for free school meals**

**SEE ALL THE DETAILS...**

<https://wearechildfriendlyleeds.com/category/holidays/>





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**Thank you for your continued support.**

Have a wonderful holiday  
and Easter Blessings!

From Mrs Walsh  
and the team at  
Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

