



The Prayer

Blessings to you all on the Feast of St. Joseph
St. Joseph, teach us to listen to the voice of God
in our lives
and to always welcome his love into our hearts.
Amen.



'Well Done'

*to the following pupils who received
special awards this week:*

Reception – Amelia, Arthur, Noor

Year 1 – Oscar A, Dylan, Lily-Mae

Year 2 – Georgia, Nancy, Jasper

Year 3 – Isis, Frankie, Freddie

Year 4 – Freddie, Hartley, Anais, Edie

Year 5 – Georgia, Ethan, Ryan

Year 6 – Olivia S, Finley, Freddie



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Pope Francis has declared December 2002 - December 2021 as the year of St. Joseph. His first feast day is today, Friday 19th March. Attached is a document containing information about the 'Year of St. Joseph' as well as a range of prayers, scripture readings, reflections, activities and useful websites to find additional ideas to celebrate this anniversary year.

Next week, on Tuesday 23rd March, there is a National Day of Reflection & Prayer. This day is an opportunity for the country to take time to reflect and pray for all those victims of the pandemic, those who grieve and mourn for them and for those who have cared for them.

This week Year 2 have celebrated St Patrick's Day in style, they performed their assembly virtually to parents and all dressed in green for the day.

Today we have had Red Nose Day and it was lovely to see all the children in their red clothes. Donations for this amazing cause can be made via Parentpay.

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming our Year 4 and 6 children back. So far, we haven't had any additional cases, which is such good news. Please could I ask if your child is unwell that you do not bring them to school. Normal drop off and pick up times will resume next week; please do not to arrive too early as it is causing congestion outside of school and is stopping the general public passing safely by. If you do have to wait, please could you to wait on the grass, socially distancing to keep everyone safe.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



St Patrick's Day



Red Nose Day





Pope Francis has proclaimed the year from 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021 to be the "Year of St. Joseph." This is to mark the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph in the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart") as Patron of the Universal Church.

This year we are invited to follow St. Joseph's example, pray with him and entrust our work to him as the patron saint of workers.

St. Joseph may not have been Jesus' actual father but he was a father in every other sense of the word. He was entrusted by God to care for His Son on Earth and would have taught his son to read the sacred scriptures as well as to learn the skills of the carpentry trade.

Across the Archdiocese, we have 21 primary schools under the patronage of St. Joseph.

St Joseph is the patron saint of the Catholic Church, fathers, unborn children, travellers, immigrants, workers and carpenters.

St Joseph's Feast Days are 19th March and 1st May.

Ideas and resources to celebrate the Year of St Joseph

♦ Read scripture passages from the Bible about St. Joseph including:

- Matthew 13:55- Reference to Jesus being a carpenter's son. (& Mark 6:3)
- Matthew 1:18-25- Joseph, the just man, is told in a dream to take Mary as his wife

♦ Pray with St. Joseph including:

- The Sleeping St. Joseph Devotion
- <https://www.looktohimandberadiant.com/2017/03/sleeping-st-joseph.html> (prayer and activities)
- The Litany of St Joseph
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VYmHOTagYJLq0Lz6sItEVNSQVZ9PQFnE/view>
- A Novena plus additional prayers for the Year of St Joseph
<https://yearofstjoseph.org/devotions/prayers/>
- St Joseph is the patron saint of the Catholic Church, fathers, unborn children, travellers, immigrants, workers and carpenters. Write and share prayers for all of these intentions.
- You could also try using Lectio Divina or Praying in Colour methods:
<https://www.looktohimandberadiant.com/2020/02/lectio-divina-with-kids-printable.html>
- <https://www.saintanneshelper.com/prayer-to-st-joseph.html>

♦ Religious artwork of St. Joseph

Study a range of religious artwork and images of St Joseph from different times in history (traditional e.g. Renaissance and contemporary) as well as from other cultures:

Below are two examples:



- Find something puzzling, surprising and interesting about the two paintings.

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/philippe-de-champaigne-the-dream-of-saint-joseph>

<https://melaniejeanjuneau.blog/2015/05/01/st-joseph-art-reveals-a-remarkable-saint/>

♦ Symbols of St. Joseph including white lilies

- Research the symbols of St. Joseph to discover why blossoming white lilies are associated with St. Joseph and create your own St Joseph's Flowering Staff:
<http://www.catholicinspired.com/2011/03/st-joseph-feast-day-flowering-staff.html>
- Prayer petitions to St. Joseph could be attached to a wooden staff.

♦ St Joseph the Carpenter

- Create a craft from wood (links to Forest Schools)

♦ St Joseph hymns and songs

- Learn some hymns and songs dedicated to St Joseph including:
- St. Joseph was a Carpenter
- St. Joseph, God has chosen you
- Joseph's Lullaby
- As Joseph went a walking

♦ Video

The story of Saint Joseph explaining his two feast days:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4NBV840xTc>

♦ Mission Together

Mission Together are inviting schools to join a Week of Prayer, leading up to Friday 19 March (St Joseph's feast day). They have also produced a St. Joseph Five Fact Assembly.

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/feast-of-st-joseph/>

♦ CAFOD

Pray to St. Joseph the Worker using the prayers of CAFOD found in the Catholic Social Teaching Principle of The Dignity of Work

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Catholic-social-teaching>

♦ Loyola Press

Find out more about the feast of St Joseph as well as find links to other useful resources, activities and information on St Joseph the Worker, participate in 3-minute retreats and reflections and watch some videos.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-activities/resource-collections/year-of-st-joseph/>

♦ Challenge: How can you be more like St. Joseph?

- What virtues did St. Joseph display?

Additional St. Joseph feast day activities can be found here:

<https://teachingcatholickids.com/st-joseph-saints-for-kids/>

<https://www.catholicicing.com/st-josephs-feast-day-fun/>

Please share your Year of St. Joseph celebrations with us on Twitter:

@BhamDES #YearofStJoseph

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for Spring Term

Tuesday 30 th March	PTA Easter Egg Raffle
Friday 26 th March	PTA Virtual Family Quiz Night
Wednesday 31 st March	School Closes for Easter at 12.05pm
Monday 19 th April	Return to School
Monday 17 th May	Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Checks

HOLY TRINITY PTA PRESENTS

VIRTUAL

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

**EASTER EGGS FOR
THE WINNING FAMILY!**

FRIDAY 26TH MARCH 2021
£7.50 PER FAMILY - STARTING AT 6.30^{PM}

EMAIL cnholytrinitypta@gmail.com **TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM**
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