

Our Lady's Primary School Newsletter

February 2026



Prayer and Reflection Corner

From next Wednesday, we will be in the liturgical season of Lent. During Lent, we pray 'The Stations of the Cross'.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

PRAYER BEFORE THE STATIONS

Jesus Christ, my Lord, with what great love you passed over the painful road which led you to death; and I, how often have I abandoned you. But now I love you with my whole soul, and because I love you, I am sincerely sorry for having offended you. My Jesus pardon me, and permit me to accompany you on this journey. You are going to die for love of me, and it is my wish dearest redeemer, to die for love of you. Jesus, in your love I wish to live, in your love I wish to die.

PRAYERS DURING THE STATIONS

We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

I love you Jesus, my love, above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended you.

Never permit me to separate myself from you again, Grant that I may love you always, then do with me what you will.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER THE STATIONS

Lord, Jesus Christ, you walked the way to Calvary to rescue us from our sin, but the father, pleased with your obedient submission to his will, glorified you in the resurrection. May we follow obediently in your footsteps so that one day we may share in the glory of your risen life. We make this prayer through you who lives with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

1st Station - Jesus is condemned to death.

Consider Jesus, scourged and crowned with thorns, being unjustly condemned by Pilate to die on the cross.

2nd Station - Jesus accepts His cross.

A heavy cross is laid upon the bruised shoulders of Jesus. He receives it with meekness for by the Holy Cross He will redeem the World.

3rd Station - Jesus falls for the first time.

Labouring under the weight of the cross, Jesus slowly sets

forth to Calvary. His strength fail Him; He fall to the ground under the cross.

4th Station - Jesus meets His afflicted Mother.

Consider the meeting of the Son and the Mother, which took place on this journey. A sword of anguish pierced His Mother's heart.

5th Station - Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross.

As the strength of Jesus fails, and He is unable to proceed, the executioners compel Simon of Cyrene to help carry his cross.

6th Station - Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

The holy woman, Veronica seeing Jesus with His face bathed in sweat and blood, presented Him her veil. He wiped His face, and left the imprint of His adorable countenance.

7th Station - Jesus falls the second time.

The pain of His wounds and the loss of His blood increasing at every step. His strength fails and Jesus falls to the ground a second time.

8th Station - Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem

Women went with compassion at the pitiful sight of Jesus walking along. He said to them. "Weep not so much for me, but rather for your children."

9th Station - Jesus falls for the third time.

Jesus falls for the third time. His weakness was extreme., they tried to hasten His steps when he hardly had strength to move.

10th Station - Jesus is stripped of His garments.

Recall how Jesus arrived at the place of His Crucifixion. The soldiers tore His clothes from His bleeding body.

11th Station - Jesus is nailed to the cross.

Jesus lies down upon His Cross, and extends His arms to offer up the sacrifice of His Life for our salvation. The soldiers nail Him, hands and feet.

12th Station - Jesus dies on the cross.

Recall how Jesus agonized for three hours, dying upon the Cross. Then, overcome, His Body sagged; and He breathed His last.

13th Station - Jesus is taken down from the cross.

Recall how two of His disciples, Joseph and Nicodemus, took Jesus' body down from His Cross and they laid Him in the arms of His stricken Mother.

14th Station - Jesus is laid in the sepulchre.

The Body of Her dearly beloved Son is laid in the tomb. The lifeless Body remains until the hour of its glorious Resurrection.

St David's Mass

Please note that St David's Mass is this **Friday 27th February**. Mass will be at St Anselm's Church and begins at 10am; all are welcome. Please remember that all St David's children can wear their own clothes for the whole day. Children who are in Brownies or Scouts can wear their uniform if they wish too.



Dates for Term 4

27th February – St David's Mass & House Party
27th February – Dr Do little Show for Whole School
5th March – Enrichment Classes Begin
5th March – World Book Day
11th March – Trip to Oxleas Woods for Reception, Year 1 & 2
17th March – St Patrick's Mass and House Party
20th March – Pre-loved Uniform Sale
23rd March – Easter Egg Hunt
25th March – Parents' Consultation – Face to Face
26th March – Enrichment Classes End for Term 4
27th March – Forest School Learning Ends for Term 4
28th March – Easter Fair 12pm-2pm
31st March – Woodlands Farm Visit for Years 4 & 5
1st April – Woodlands Farm Visit for Year 6
2nd April – End of Term 4 – EYFS/KS1 finish at 1.20pm & KS2 finish at 1.30pm

Sports Day

The date for Sports Day has now been confirmed as **Thursday 11th June** at Dartford Harriers Running Track. Further details will follow closer to this date.

Class Assemblies

During Term 4, we will be continuing with class assemblies for parents. These assemblies will usually be on a Friday at 9 am in the school hall. The assemblies normally last between 15-20 minutes. Here are the dates for the assemblies.

Friday 6th March – Year 1
Friday 13th March – Reception Class

Upcoming Parent Meetings

As part of our work on sharing how we approach learning at Our Lady's, there is a meeting for Reception Class. **Week beginning 5th May – CIA Workshops for parents in Reception Class.** These workshops will focus how your children learn through child-initiated activities

Forest School Inspired Learning

We are in the midst of winter and the weather will be cold and often wet. Please ensure that children are appropriately dressed and are warm. Pupils still need to come to school in their forest school uniform. **Please note that forest school inspired learning will recommence on week beginning Monday 2nd March.**

Parents' Consultations

Face to face parents' consultations are at the end of this term. **All year groups are on Wednesday 25th March from 1.30pm-7pm.** All meetings will be 10 minutes in length and teachers will be stopping after that time. Booking will open on **Monday 2nd March.** A letter and link will be sent out regarding this.

Enrichment Clubs

Please note that enrichment clubs for Term 4 will start on **Thursday 5th March** and finish on Thursday 26th March. Term 5 enrichment clubs will start on Thursday 30th April and finish on Thursday 21st May.