

Spring Newsletter 2024



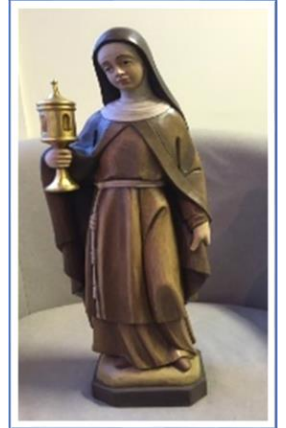
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'Transforming Lives, Transforming Communities'

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MISSION STATEMENT

We welcome everyone into our community in order to live, love and learn together in the light and example of the life of Christ.

Catholics have honored the last week of Jesus' life since the Apostles. **Holy Week**, stretching from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, is a time to reflect on all that Jesus suffered for us. It is a time to worship him as our king, and remember the light he brings to a dark world.

PALM SUNDAY		THE TRIDUUM		
The beginning of Holy Week. Throughout this week, the congregation plays the part of the people who welcomed Jesus as king, realized he wasn't the king they thought he would be, and crucified him.		One liturgical day in which we relive Christ's Passion and Resurrection. We observe three special liturgies:		
		MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (HOLY THURSDAY)	GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	MASS OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER)
WHAT JESUS DID	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling Old Testament propheciesEstablished himself as king. The people accepted this by waving palms and reciting Psalm 118, which they would do for a king 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Participated in the Passover/ Last Supper with his disciplesWashed the disciples' feet (again, not the king they expected)Instituted the Eucharist and new priesthoodWent to Gethsemane; experienced Agony in the gardenIs betrayed by Judas and arrestedHeals a slave	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Was betrayed and abandoned by his friends and followersWas scourged, crowned with thorns and mockingly hailed as a kingMade to carry his cross, with a little help from Simon of CyreneWas crucified under a plaque that read "King of the Jews"Darkness fell over JerusalemDied and descended into Hell	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Rose from the deadAppeared to Mary Magdalene and others
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Have a special reading about his entry into JerusalemWave palm frondsSing psalms and hymns about Christ the King 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">With a joyful Mass, with gratitude for the EucharistInstead of a final blessing, we have AdorationPriest strips and washes the altarAll decorations are removed or shroudedAll candles extinguished, symbolizing darknessWe have now moved from the Last Supper to sitting with Jesus during his Agony 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No sacraments, unless it's an emergencyEmpty tabernacle and undecorated ChurchCandles are only lit when the Eucharist is presentSilent and solemn procession for liturgyRead the Passion according to St. JohnPray for everyone through Solemn IntercessionsReceive the Eucharist, consecrated the day beforeVenerate the cross by kissing it, kneeling before it, etc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gather in the dark, symbolizing the darkness of the tomb and our sinPriest lights a fire and blesses it. We follow the candle, like the Israelites following the pillar of fireDeacon sings the Exultet prayer, which is structurally similar to what Jesus would have prayed at the Last SupperHave nine readings and eight Psalms, which show the story behind the Salvation Jesus won for usDuring the Gloria, lights come on and we decorate the Church to symbolize Jesus risingThose coming into the Church are Baptized and Confirmed. We all renew our Baptismal promises

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Dates for your diary

Thursday 28th March – break up for Easter holidays 1pm
Monday 8th April – Return to school for summer term 1
Monday 15th April – Reception place offer day.
Wednesday 17th April – Spring Fayre
Friday 26th April – YEAR 2 Assembly
Saturday 27th April – 10am – First Holy Communion
Monday 6th May – BANK HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL
Monday 13th May – Thursday 17th May – YEAR 6 SATs
Tuesday 21st May – Whole school sports day
Monday 27th May – Friday 7th June – HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 10th June - School open for summer term 2
Monday 10th June - Year 1 Phonics tests this week

Attendance and punctuality

Well done to the **32** children who earned their silver badge for 100% attendance
SINCE September and to the **40** children who earned their bronze badge for 100 attendance this term.



*Thank you (£214 raised)
to all the staff who donated Easter
eggs for our raffle and to Mrs
Rogers for organising it.*

Unfortunately, we had to send out 39 letters to children who don't get to school on time and are regularly late. Please work hard to improve this.



*Year 4 Beach ball team
Well done to all taking part.*

Easter Bonnet Parade

Thank you to all the families who got involved we had a lovely time viewing all the bonnets and the decorated eggs from Year 6.



Thank you to Mr Moffitt for organising our crisp packet blankets project. These blankets can be used to keep homeless people warm.



*Year 5 and 6 Holy Week assembly
Stations of the Cross*



*Happy Birthday
Fr Kelly*



*Celebration Assembly
Spring 2024.*

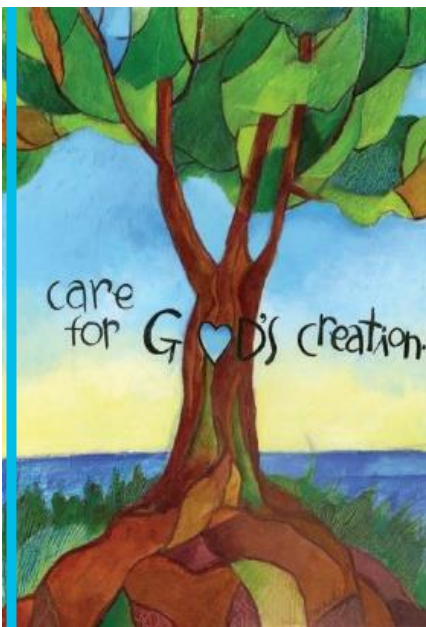
Summer Term 2024

During the spring term our whole school theme focuses on the Catholic Social Teaching – Stewardship (Care for God's Creation)

"On this earth there is room for everyone: here the entire human family must find the resources to live with dignity, through the help of nature itself—God's gift to his children—and through hard work and creativity. At the same time we must recognise our grave duty to hand the earth on to future generations in such a condition that they too can worthily inhabit it and continue to cultivate it."

—*Pope Benedict XVI, Charity in Truth (Caritas in Veritate), no. 50*

- How is the call to care for God's creation connected with our concern for the life and dignity of every person—both at home and around the world, now and in future generations?
- In your own community or globally, what examples have you encountered of environmental contamination or climate change affecting vulnerable persons?



Over a two year cycle the children and staff will focus on six of the seven themes for Catholic Social teaching. Each theme covers a term. Please see below for these themes. The seventh theme is Rights and Responsibilities and we teach this throughout the whole year.

[Catholic Social Teaching 101 Video](#)

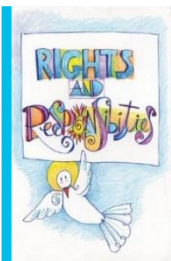
CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION

God made us to be part of communities, families and countries, so all people can share and help each other.



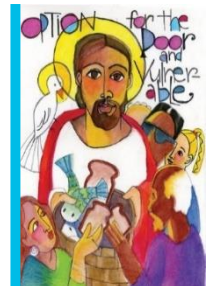
RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

God wants us to help make sure everyone is safe and healthy and can have a good life.



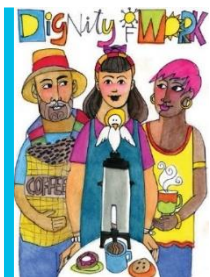
OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

God wants us to help people who are poor, who don't have enough food, a safe place to live, or a community.



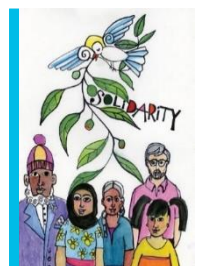
THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS

Work is important in God's plan for adults and their families, so jobs and pay should be fair.



SOLIDARITY

God made everyone, so we are all brothers and sisters in God's family wherever we live.



LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

God made each person, so every life is important and should be protected.



Spring Fayre

At St Clare's Catholic Primary School



Wednesday 17th April 2024

1.45pm – 3.45pm



Come and join us!

Bouncy castle, food, tabletop sale, mehndi
and much more!



Miss Mall, Mrs Kainth and Mrs Islam

Academic Year dates 2024-2025

Please note these dates are different from the Birmingham school dates so we can, as a Catholic school, be in for Holy Week. **There will be a 2 week half-term in May/June.**

15 weeks

14 weeks

10 weeks

Autumn Term 2024	Spring Term 2025	Summer Term 2025
Start	Start	Start
Tuesday 3 rd September – Selected EYFS and ALL Y1-Y6 pupils return (Monday 2nd September – closed staff training)	Tuesday 7 th January (Monday 6th January – closed staff training)	Monday 28 th April
To	To	To
Thursday 24 th October	Friday 14 th February	Friday 23 rd May
Half-term (26th Oct – 3rd Nov) (Friday 25th October –closed staff training)	Half-term (17th Feb – 23rd Feb)	Half-term (24th May – 8th June)
Monday 4 th November	Monday 24 th February	Monday 9 th June
To	To	To
Friday 20 th December @1:00pm	Thursday 17 th April – (In school for Holy Week) @1pm (Friday 28th March –closed staff training)	Friday 18th July 2025 @ 1:00pm Monday 21st July Closed - Staff Training)
Finish for Christmas Christmas Holiday (21st Dec – 5th Jan)	Finish for Easter Easter Holiday (18th April – 27th April)	Finish for Summer on Friday 18th July

Please note that the dates in Green are school holiday dates and holidays must not be booked outside of these dates.

Staff Training Days for 2024– 2025

- Monday 2nd September
- Fri 27th October
- Mon 6th January
- Friday 28th March
- Monday 21st July