



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

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Local Parish Mass Times	St Peter's	English Martyrs	St Augustine's
Saturday	6pm		6.30pm
Sunday	9am 10.30am 5.30pm	9am	11am

RE CURRICULUM

EYFS	I know that Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey
Y1	The Last Supper and the Crucifixion
Y2	The Last Supper and the Crucifixion
Y3	WALT - Understand what a sacrament is and what the Eucharist means
Y4	WALT Describe the work of organisations that help people today
Y5	WALT Describe the work of organisations that help people today
Y6	WALT Describe the work of organisations that help people today

Dear parents and carers,

We have been busy changing the banners and liturgical cloths to purple as we recently entered Lent. Mrs Desando kindly agreed to join me in leading our Gospel reading and reflection during our Celebration of the Word liturgy on Monday 10th March. We reflected on temptation and how Jesus teaches us to focus on doing good as this will bring us closer to God. The children were challenged to think about something which tempts them and consider how they might change this.

Going forward, we will be sharing the weekly Mission (sometimes referred to as the challenge) for children each week. We think this is a nice way of sharing the gospel messages with our parental community and the way in which we support our children to listen with love, speak with love and act with love.

The Parents and Friends Association (PFA) continue to be busy. It was a pleasure to attend the recent Annual General Meeting. The work they do to support our school is fantastic and it has a direct impact on the learning and experiences of so many of our children. We plan to share more information on the impact of this work in the future. If you may have some time available to support this great work, then please do let me know and I can introduce you to the relevant PFA committee members. On behalf of the children of our school, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supports the PFA.

I would like to politely remind parents and carers not to use mobile phones whilst on site. This has been introduced to further strengthen safeguarding. Agreeing to put your phone in your pocket for a few minutes at the beginning and end of the school day safeguards our children and also protects adults from potential allegations. Thank you for working with us to keep our children safe.

It was great to celebrate non-school uniform day on Friday. We reflected on Saints David and Patrick, the patron Saints of Wales and Ireland, respectively. We briefly explored their work in extending the Good News and developing Christianity in Wales and Ireland.

It has been another wonderful week of learning: Year 3 have been very busy, learning how the biceps and triceps muscles work together to move arms, and learning how to defend excellently and work as a team during tag rugby; Our Reception classes have enjoyed some wonderful learning in RE as they learnt more about Lent and what this means, including a Mardi Gras parade, making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and acting out the story of the Good Samaritan from Luke's gospel; Year 4 have been writing letters in role as warriors selected by Beowulf to sail to Denmark and face the fearsome monster Grendel. The children have amazed us with their emotive and creative writing; and Year 5 have been incredibly enthusiastic when learning about the solar system this week, creating mnemonics to learn the order and using enquiry skill of research to find facts about the composition and temperatures. These are only a few of the excellent examples of great learning at St. Peter's in the last few weeks. The children continue to work hard in all classes, their conduct is excellent, and they are motivated to learn more and understand more. It has been wonderful to see this as I move around the building. Well done to all of the children and to all of the dedicated staff who support them.

Finally, thank you to the parental community for your steadfast support. I hope you have a positive week.

Kind regards,

Mr. Kurt Doyle
Headteacher

SCHOOL GROUNDS

Our borders are beginning to spring into life with pretty daffodils and other flowering plants. Can we please ask that when you and your children are on site that you keep to the designated footpaths and don't let your children pick the lovely blooms! Thank you for your co-operation.





"Journeying together means walking side-by-side, without shoving or stepping on others, without envy or hypocrisy, without letting anyone be left behind or excluded."

Pope Francis' message for Lent 2025

Life is a Journey

Like the biblical Exodus, the Holy Father reminds us that our lives are a journey; a pilgrimage of constant conversation as we travel towards God.

Pope Francis urges Christians to examine their spiritual journey this Lent. Drawing a parallel between the Israelites' arduous path to freedom and the plight of modern migrants and refugees, he invites us to a Lenten examination of conscience comparing our daily life with that of a migrant to "learn how to sympathise with their experiences and in this way discover what God is asking of us so that we can better advance on our journey to the house of the Father".

Travelling Together

In the spirit of a synodal Church, Pope Francis invites us to journey together "attentive to one another in love and patience" and resisting self-absorption.

Holding onto Hope

The message urges us to examine our trust in God, reminding us that the great hope of Christians rests on the resurrection of Jesus. Pope Francis also emphasizes that our hope must be lived concretely in a commitment to justice, inclusion and care for our common home.

The message shares a prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila, encouraging us to remain watchful and trust that God's promises will be fulfilled. "Hope, O my soul, hope" Teresa wrote.

The Pontiff concludes by entrusting this journey of hope to the intercession of the Virgin Mary. "Mother of Hope", praying that she may accompany us throughout the season of Lent.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Can we remind parents that all school uniform needs to be named. We have a lot of unnamed uniform in school!



GPSFA PLATE CUP

We played two excellent teams, Calton and Kingsway. In our first game against Calton, it was a close game with great chances from both sides, however, the score ended 0-0. In our second game we faced Kingsway, Frankie and Kris set the goal up to win 1-0. Sadly, Calton won on points to go through to the next round. Well done to St Peter's for playing so well!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday, 10th April	Whole School	Non-Uniform Day—Lenten Colours	Wear Purple
Friday, 11th April	Whole School	FINISH AT 1.00pm	
Monday, 14th April	Whole School	Half Term	
Monday, 28th April	Whole School	Start of the new term	8.45am

DINNER MENU – w/c 17th March 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Roast Gammon	Chicken Tikka Masala	Fish Fingers & Chips
Caribbean Stew	Cheesy Pasta	Vegan Sausage	Mild Mexican Chilli	Cheese & Tomato Quiche
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

DINNER MENU – w/c 24th March 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni Cheese	Cowboy Casserole	Roast Turkey	Spaghetti Bolognese	Breaded Fish & Chips
Veggie Balls in To- mato Sauce	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Vegan Quorn	Chinese Vegetable Curry	Cheese & Red Pepper Frittata
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato