

# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**09.04.20**

## **EASTER SEASON**

As we approach the most important period within the Christian calendar we find ourselves in a world that we scarcely recognise.

It will be an Easter like no other we have ever experienced. However, perhaps it will give us all chance to reflect on our many blessings and bring us the strength to hope and believe in the future.

The story of Holy Week is one of joy and salvation. Easter Sunday marks the resurrection of Jesus – it is a triumph of hope over despair.



### **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

The week leading up to Easter is known as Holy Week – it is the most solemn period in the church's year.

**PALM SUNDAY** – recalls seeing Jesus coming into Jerusalem with the crowds waving palms as a greeting.

**HOLY THURSDAY** – recalls Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. Jesus shows us that to be a follower we must serve others just as he washed the feet of the disciples.

**GOOD FRIDAY** – commemorates Jesus suffering and death on the cross.

**HOLY SATURDAY** – commemorates Jesus' lying in the tomb; it is a day of waiting.

**EASTER SUNDAY** – celebrates Jesus' glorious resurrection and triumph over death and evil.

**As we have not been able to reflect together during this week I ask that you take some time as a family to watch and reflect using the following link – it is a beautiful whirlwind tour of Holy Week, told ingeniously through 100 paintings by @ChristianArt**

<https://youtu.be/qTsGZ56otW0> via @YouTube

*It has been shared by the Catholic Bishops conference.*

#### **EASTER SERVICES:**

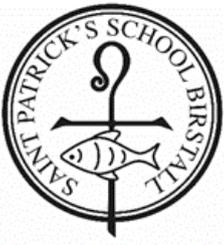
Easter services will be streamed from St Anne's Cathedral and although not the same as being part of the community gathering in Church, they do provide an opportunity to join in sharing and spiritual communion. The link is on the website

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/cessation-of-public-masses-in-the-diocese-of-leeds/>

Bishop Robert Barron is also posting his daily Mass and reflection over the Easter period which is beautiful and worth remembering, the link is: <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

There is a list of the Easter services that are available.





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PROTECT  
THE NHS  
SAVE LIVES

Anyone can spread Coronavirus.  
The only reasons to leave home are:

- ✓ To shop for basic necessities or pick up medicine
- ✓ To travel to work when you absolutely cannot work from home
- ✓ To exercise once a day, alone or with members of your household
- ✗ Do not meet others, even friends or family

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I hope everyone is well at this very difficult time and having the support they need – if I can be of support in anyway please do not hesitate to contact me:

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I can confirm that St Patrick's will be closing at the end of the day today for the Easter period until Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April when we will continue the support of key worker children. Kirklees are aware and have updated the schools list on their website. Over the closure period the caretaker and cleaners will be working very hard to complete a deep clean of all classrooms and areas within school.



We have contractors coming into school for one day – this is to complete some work we have been planning with the pupils over the term to further improve the environment. I really look forward to be able to share the results with you in my next newsletter.

The work will also begin outside on the development of the playground – we are building a fitness trail and outdoor theatre area in partnership with the PFA – what a great support the PFA are for the school in ensuring we can

provide the very best resources for our wonderful pupils. Thank You. Once this is complete I will again send you some images. (This will take a number of weeks but the above picture gives you some ideas!)

**Can I please take this opportunity to thank my wonderful team of staff - teachers, support staff, office staff, caretaker, kitchen staff and cleaners who have been amazing over the last term, especially during this very difficult time. I know you will all want to join with me in thanking them for their dedication, professionalism and care.**

I wish you all a safe and happy Easter time.

*Kind Regards Mrs C Moulding (Head Teacher)*

