



School to Parish Newsletter



Spring 2025

Greetings to all in the St Francis and St Peter's community, we hope that this letter finds you well. Throughout 2025 and into to the start of Lent we have been focusing as a school upon how we can be Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee year, spreading God's love to all in our community. Please see the following items for your attention.

Nursery Places 2025-26

We are now accepting applications for Nursery places for the academic year 2025-26. Children are eligible to begin Nursery the term after their third birthday, full days or half days are available. Our school's Catholic values are at the heart of our Nursery provision with the children saying prayers, hearing scripture and taking part in acts of worship daily.

For further information on applications or to arrange a visit to the school please see our school website or contact the school office on: **01302 344678**
<https://www.xavier.doncaster.sch.uk/>



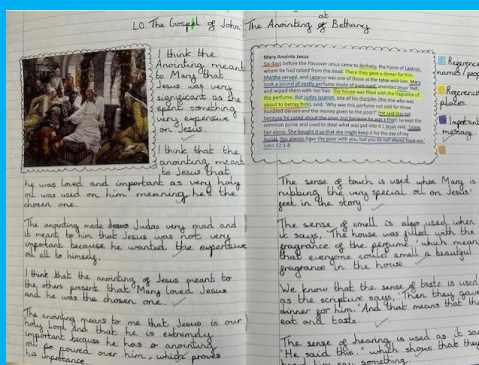
Ash Wednesday

A special thank you to Fr Darren and our school chaplaincy team for leading a beautiful Ash Wednesday liturgy to mark the start of Lent. Ashes were distributed to all pupils and staff and all had the opportunity to reflect upon their Lenten Promise for 2025.



From Desert to Garden

This half-term all classes are studying the topic 'From Desert to Garden' learning about Jesus' ministry from his temptation in the desert all the up to his resurrection at Easter.



Eco-Warriors

Our eco-warriors have been hard at work this Lent fulfilling their roles as a Stewards of God's Earth by helping to clean up our local community.



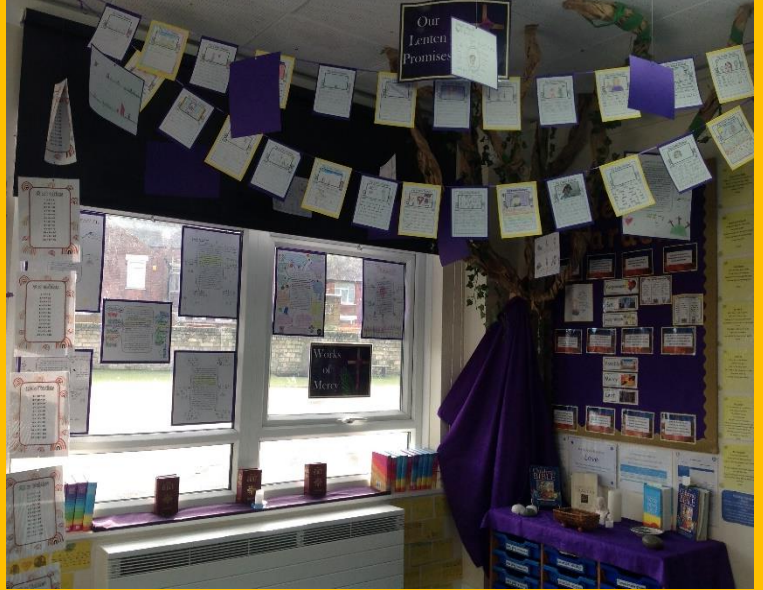
Our Lenten Promises

This Lent, our school community is focusing on how we can develop ourselves in order to become closer God by following Pope Francis' call to fast from negative behaviour and instead to spread love through our actions.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis:

Fast from hurting words ... say kind words.
Fast from sadness ... be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism ... be filled with hope.
Fast from worries ... trust in God.
Fast from complaints ... contemplate simplicity.
Fast from bitterness ... fill your heart with joy.
Fast from pressures ... be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness ... fill your heart with joy.
Fast from selfishness ... be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges ... be reconciled.
Fast from words ... be silent so you can listen.



Y5 Gospel Assembly

For our first Gospel assembly of Lent Y5 led us in a thoughtful reflection upon the previous Sunday's Gospel. Thank you to all the families that joined this special celebration.



Holy Week

This year, Holy week begins on Sunday 13th April. We are in school during Holy Week. During Holy Week, the children will take part in a series of special liturgies linked to Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday & the events of Good Friday including the Stations of the Cross. As a school community we shall come together to reflect upon the final days and hours of Jesus' life.



Dates for the Diary

Parishioners are welcome to attend key school events and liturgies. All events take place in school unless otherwise stated – please contact the school office in advance if you wish to attend.

Monday 14th April 2:00pm – Palm Sunday Liturgy

Wednesday 16th April 2:30pm – Maundy Thursday Liturgy

Thursday 17th April – 2:00pm – The Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 22nd April – 2:30pm – Easter Celebration Liturgy