



THE ROCK

"AND ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH"

Catholic Life & Chaplaincy Newsletter



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APR 2025

Liturgical Season

LENT -
EASTERTIDE



Monthly Devotion

THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT



Bishop's Theme

DISCIPLESHIP



Pope's Intention
FOR USE OF NEW
TECHNOLOGIES



Holy Week 2025 - An invitation to Watch & Pray

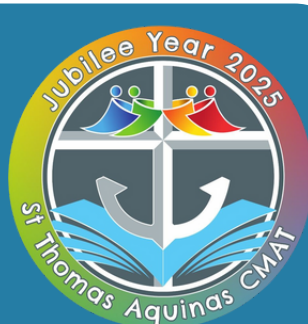
As the quiet hours of Maundy Thursday unfold into the deep stillness of night, the Watch begins—a solemn vigil kept in remembrance of Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. It is a time unlike any other in the Christian calendar: deeply intimate, profoundly vulnerable, and unshakably human. After the foot washing and the breaking of bread, Jesus retreats into the garden with his closest friends. But while he prays in anguish, they sleep. The Watch is our opportunity to stay awake—if only for an hour—where they could not. It is our time to draw near to Christ in his loneliness, his fear, his sorrow, and ultimately, his surrender.

The silence during the Watch is not empty. It is rich with the weight of love. This is love not in its glory, but in its grief—when staying becomes costly and presence feels like a sacrifice. In keeping watch, we are not only remembering an event but participating in it. We sit with Jesus in the garden. We watch the shadows lengthen. We hear the distant sounds of betrayal. And in the stillness, we are reminded of our own places of fear, our own moments of surrender, our own desire to flee.

To keep watch on Maundy Thursday is to say to Jesus: "You are not alone". And in that act, we discover that neither are we.

LOOKING
BACKWARDS

WHAT HAPPENED IN
MARCH



AROUND SCHOOL

In March students in Y5 visited Saint Martins for their '24 Hours for the Lord' event. Joining in activities with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Many Classes have completed challenges for CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. We will be continuing this after the holidays with a Big Easter Walk.

Classes visited the Jumbulance at St Peters Church, this is used every year to take sick pilgrims to the holy site of Lourdes in France, where many miracles of healing have happened.

Classes have gone into Church and prayed the Stations of the cross as a class with the beautiful depictions spaced around St Peters.

Y3 had an impromptu Q&A with Fr Michael at St Peters where he showed us the altar stone in our church and where the relic of a saint is kept.

LITURGY GROUP

...have Led 2 Celebrations of the Word so far this year. They have also been leading lunch time prayer room.

WELCOME GROUP

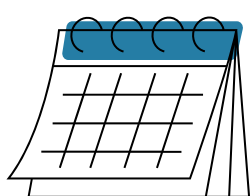
...have shown lots of families around our school and are currently working on exciting plans for our transition day.

MONITORING GROUP

Have evaluated many celebrations of Prayer and Liturgy and are currently in planning for how we can improve the prayer areas at school

PASTORAL GROUP

Are going to help plan some activities for our July transition day when all the classes get to meet their new teacher and classroom!



STATES FOR
THE DIARY
M A Y

9TH

Year 3 CoSW

School Hall

22ND

Year 3 Mass

St Peters Church

23RD

Year 1 CoSW

School Hall

TRUST JUBILEE PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
We ask for your blessings as we journey together
as 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

We ask for your guidance in the storms of our
lives; that when those storms blow, you are the
anchor which keeps us steady.

Help us to follow in your footsteps, Lord, to be
kind, to be loving, to show forgiveness and to
serve those in need.

We pray that this Jubilee brings our schools, our
communities and our trust joy, peace and hope.
Amen.