



# St Martin de Porres Primary School

## Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> April 2020

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Dear parents/carers.

I hope you are enjoying the sunshine and are managing to get outside for your daily exercise.

### Class Dojo

It is great to see that so many of the children are accessing Class Dojo. We know that many children have been accessing the dance sessions provided by Lauren, our dance coach. The videos from last week seem very well received: KS1 - 160 views and KS2 - 193 views, which is excellent!

Teachers have been adding lots of resources and links to websites on Class Dojo, but here are selection to support further learning opportunities:

Young Voices have just uploaded a free set of singing and dancing resources, including a link to daily dance and motivation sessions at 11am with Andy Instone, a great street dance coach:

‘Just to let you know we have freshened up the homepage of our website [youngvoices.co.uk](http://youngvoices.co.uk), and have added [YV at HOME](#) and [YV Stories](#). YV at HOME is where we will bring you lots of fun music and movement sessions all for free, that your children, parents and teachers can access and enjoy from your safe place.’

STEM Learning (Science, Maths, Computing, D&T)

<https://www.stem.org.uk/home-learning/primary>

David Walliams Elevenses

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>

Phonics Play

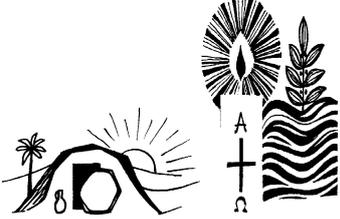
<https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Your child should be accessing Class Dojo daily and carrying out at least one task. Please monitor your child's use of Class Dojo and make sure that they are not posting anything that is inappropriate.

### Easter

I have included the ways in which you may like to celebrate the mysteries of Easter together as a family, as we are not able to come together at this Holy time. Alternatively, look at the powerpoints that have been posted on the School Story page of Class Dojo.

<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	- a piece of red cloth
<b>Day of Fast and Abstinence</b>	- use two pieces of wood as a cross without the figure

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- other signs of the Passion : crown of thorns, purple gown, hammer, nails, the sponge on a stick</li> <li>- the Passion story from John - John 18:1-19:42</li> <li>- the intentions of the Universal Prayer and the new additional prayer for CoVid19</li> </ul>
<p><b>HOLY SATURDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a piece of gold/yellow/white cloth,</li> <li>- a new candle if possible, some flowers</li> <li>- the blessing prayer – light the candle – and candles for all</li> <li>- the proclamation of Easter : <i>Exultet</i> : <i>Rejoice heavenly powers</i></li> <li>- sing <i>Alleluia</i> for the first time since Lent began</li> <li>- Vigil gospel – Matthew 28:1-10</li> <li>- some water and renew your baptism promises</li> </ul>
<p><b>EASTER SUNDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a piece of gold/yellow/white cloth,</li> <li>- your Easter candle, some flowers</li> <li>- Alleluia</li> <li>- Easter morning gospel : John 10:1-9</li> <li>- some water and renew your baptism promises</li> </ul>

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

#### **Prayer of the Day**

O God, who by the Passion of Christ your Son, our Lord, abolished the death inherited from ancient sin by every succeeding generation, grant that just as, being conformed to him, we have borne by the law of nature the image of the man of earth, so by the sanctification of grace we may bear the image of the Man of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. AMEN

#### **The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John**

*This is an abbreviated text. You will find the longer text in the missal or in John 18:1-19:42  
It can be read by several people : N=Narrator, ✠ = Jesus, C/O=Other people*

**N.** They then took charge of Jesus, and carrying his own cross he went out of the city to the place of the skull or, as it was called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified him with two others, one on either side with Jesus in the middle. Pilate wrote out a notice and had it fixed to the cross; it ran: 'Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews.' This notice was read by many of the Jews, because the place where Jesus was crucified was not far from the city, and the writing was in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. So the Jewish chief priests said to Pilate,

**C.** You should not write 'King of the Jews,' but 'This man said: "I am King of the Jews."'

**N.** Pilate answered,

**O.** What I have written, I have written.

**N.** When the soldiers had finished crucifying Jesus they took his clothing and divided it into four shares, one for each soldier. His undergarment was seamless, woven in one piece from neck to hem; so they said to one another,

**C.** Instead of tearing it, let's throw dice to decide who is to have it.

**N.** In this way the words of scripture were fulfilled:

They shared out my clothing among them. They cast lots for my clothes.

This is exactly what the soldiers did.

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother,

✠ Woman, this is your son.

N. Then to the disciple he said,

✠ This is your mother.

N. And from that moment the disciple made a place for her in his home.

After this, Jesus knew that everything had now been completed, and to fulfil the scripture perfectly he said:

✠ I am thirsty.

N. A jar full of vinegar stood there, so putting a sponge soaked in the vinegar on a hyssop stick they held it up to his mouth. After Jesus had taken the vinegar he said,

✠ It is accomplished;

N. and bowing his head he gave up his spirit.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

It was Preparation Day, and to prevent the bodies remaining on the cross during the sabbath – since that sabbath was a day of special solemnity – the Jews asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken away. Consequently the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with him and then of the other. When they came to Jesus, they found he was already dead, and so instead of breaking his legs one of the soldiers pierced his side with a lance; and immediately there came out blood and water. This is the evidence of one who saw it – trustworthy evidence, and he knows he speaks the truth – and he gives it so that you may believe as well. Because all this happened to fulfil the words of scripture:

Not one bone of his will be broken;

and again, in another place scripture says:

They will look on the one whom they have pierced.

After this, Joseph of Arimathaea, who was a disciple of Jesus – though a secret one because he was afraid of the Jews – asked Pilate to let him remove the body of Jesus. Pilate gave permission, so they came and took it away. Nicodemus came as well – the same one who had first come to Jesus at night-time – and he brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, following the Jewish burial custom. At the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in this garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been buried. Since it was the Jewish Day of Preparation and the tomb was near at hand, they laid Jesus there.

### **The Solemn Intercessions**

*The full text is in the missal : here you can just take a moment to think about each intention*

*The full text of the new prayer for this time of pandemic is given*

We pray for :

For the Holy Church of God

For the Pope, Francis, Bishop of Rome

For our Bishop N, for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons of the Church for the whole of the faithful people.

For catechumens – those to be baptised this year

For the unity of Christians

For the Jewish people

For those who do not believe in Christ

For those who do not believe in God

For those in public office

For those in tribulation

*For the afflicted in time of pandemic [This text is for this specific crises]*

Let us pray also for all those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic, that God the Father may grant health to the sick, strength to those who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died.

*Prayer in silence.*

Almighty ever-living God,

only support of our human weakness,

look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition of your children  
who suffer because of this pandemic;  
relieve the pain of the sick,  
give strength to those who care for them,  
welcome into your peace those who have died  
and, throughout this time of tribulation,  
grant that we may all find comfort in your merciful love.  
Through Christ our Lord. AMEN

### **The Adoration of the Holy Cross**

*in whatever way is best – hold up a cross/crucifix – for adoration*

Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world.  
COME, LET US ADORE.

### **Antiphon**

We adore your Cross, O Lord,  
we praise and glorify your holy Resurrection,  
for behold, because of the wood of the tree joy has come to the whole world.  
May God have mercy on us and bless us;  
may he let his face shed its light upon us and have mercy on us.  
We adore your Cross, O Lord,  
we praise and glorify your holy Resurrection,  
for behold, because of the wood of the tree joy has come to the whole world.

### **HOLY SATURDAY**

*The texts are abbreviated and adapted from the Easter Vigil and should be used as is felt appropriate*

*You need a new candle if possible, and all can have their own candle if appropriate.*

### **The Easter Candle**

On this most sacred night,  
in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life,  
the Church calls us to come together to watch and pray.  
We shall have the sure hope of sharing Christ's triumph over death and living with him in God.

*These signs can be made on the candle as a priest does at the Easter Vigil*

*First you make the sign of the Cross on the candle. [It could be traced with a knife or a candle pain]*

Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End,  
the Alpha, and the Omega.

*Secondly you trace the date of this year – 2020*

All time belongs to him; and all the ages.

To him be glory and power through every age and for ever. Amen.

*You light your Easter Candle saying:*

May the light of Christ rising in glory  
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The Light of Christ. THANKS BE TO GOD.

*If others have a candle/night light you now light them.*

### **The Easter Proclamation (Exsultet) –**

*This is much abbreviated. You could look at the full text or sing a Resurrection hymn in its place.*

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult,

let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!

Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King,

let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness.

O truly blessed night, worthy alone to know the time and hour  
when Christ rose from the underworld!

Therefore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle,

may persevere undimmed, to overcome the darkness of this night.  
May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star:  
the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ your Son,  
who, coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity,  
and lives and reigns for ever and ever. AMEN

**The Easter Gospel** – *we greet this by singing Alleluia for the first time since Lent began*  
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [28:1-10] - GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

*He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you into Galilee*

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, "There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

The Gospel of the Lord - PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

**Remembering our Baptism**

*There can be a bowl of water if it is appropriate*

Through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism,  
so that we may walk with him in newness of life.

And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy  
Baptism,  
by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy  
Catholic Church.

And so I ask you:

Do you renounce sin,  
so as to live in the freedom of the children of God? **I do.**

Do you renounce the lure of evil,  
so that sin may have no mastery over you? **I do.**

Do you renounce Satan,  
the author and prince of sin? **I do.**

Do you believe in God,  
the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? **I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered death and was buried,  
rose again from the dead  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father? **I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting? **I do.**

May almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit  
and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins,  
keep us by his grace,  
in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. AMEN

### **The Easter Blessing**

May almighty God bless us  
through today's Easter Solemnity  
and, in his compassion, defend us from every assault of sin. AMEN

And may he, who restores us to eternal life in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten,  
endow us with the prize of immortality. AMEN

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close,  
may we who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast  
come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit,  
to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy. AMEN

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on us and remain with us for ever. AMEN

You can watch all of the Easter services through the Northampton Diocese website at:  
<https://northamptondiocese.org/live/>

The Vatican will also be streaming live services for Holy Week from their website at:  
Vatican News or Vatican live.

Fr Simon is putting reflective messages on line and has asked that if you would like to  
be included in receiving these, please contact him with your email address  
alternatively contact the admin address at  
[admin.stmartindepordes@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:admin.stmartindepordes@northamptondiocese.org)  
[priest.stmartindepordes@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:priest.stmartindepordes@northamptondiocese.org)

The school office will be open between 8am and 4pm each day or use  
[help@smdpluton.co.uk](mailto:help@smdpluton.co.uk). This new email address is for enquiries and for parents who are  
critical care workers who need to contact us about childcare arrangements. Please do  
not use the admin address for any correspondence.

Wishing you a very peaceful and holy Easter,

*N. J. Morgan.*

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Head Teacher

