



1st April 2021

## Worship and Liturgy - Easter Triduum

Lent is ending and Catholics will enter the Easter Triduum today with Maundy Thursday Mass re-enacting the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples. Good Friday services will reflect the events leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus on the Cross before the glory of the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Easter is a story of hope. Easter tells us that, however bad our situation might appear to be, there is a way forward, even if we can't see it right now. With Easter comes new life, new hope and new beginnings. It's an opportunity to reflect on the positives that can come with each day. Let's use this time we have to take a real look at our lives and what matters. Let's start with today. Let's think of three sights, words and experiences that have brought us joy. They're worth sharing and pointing out to others so they can take joy in them too. We all have something to offer. Let that be the Easter message to our St. Joseph's family this year.

We are all unique.

We are all important.

We all have something to offer.

We are all loved.

## Veterans Easter Egg Competition



Once upon a time it was a tradition to have an Easter Egg decoration competition at St Joseph's and the imagination shown amongst the eggcellent entries was

astounding. Plymouth Veterans and Family Hub is holding a similar competition with a M&S hamper as the prize for the best entry. Details of how to enter can be seen through this link.

[Veterans' Easter Egg Comp](#)

## New Menu

After Easter Catered will be launching a new menu. Mr

Storey is very excited about this. Check it out here. [Summer Menu](#)



## Children's Easter Yoga

Try out these eggcellent Garden Yoga ideas for the Children this Easter. Works well inside too! Challenge each other to see who can hold the pose the longest.



### Pretend to be a tree

Tree Pose: Stand on one leg. Bend the other knee and place the sole of your foot on your inner thigh. Sway like a tree in the breeze. Now the other side.

### Pretend to be a frog

Squat Pose: Come down to a squat with your knees apart and arms resting between your knees. Touch your hands to the ground. Jump like a frog.

### Pretend to be a seed

Child's Pose: Sit back on your heels and bring your forehead down to rest on the floor. Pretend to be a seed in the garden.

### Pretend to be a butterfly

Cobbler's Pose: Sit on your buttocks with a tall spine. Bend your legs with the soles of your feet together. Flap your legs like the wings of a butterfly.

### Pretend to be a flower

Flower Pose: Lift your bent legs, balancing on your sitting bones. Weave your arms under your legs, palms up. Pretend to be a flower in bloom.



**Stations of the Cross** Due to Covid 19 regulations we were unable to enjoy our usual build up to Easter with Stations of the Cross in the Church. Instead the children have joined together for a video version.

[Click here to share this at home with your family.](#)

## Summer Uniform

Hopefully when we return to school on the 19th April the sun will be shining like it has been this week.

Children will have the option of wearing summer items of uniform. Blue and white gingham check dresses can be worn. The recent innovation of culotte / playsuit style gingham designs can be worn. If sandals are worn please ensure they are not going to be a trip hazard for your child. We have had falls as the result of open toed sandals before. We will continue to ask children to wear PE kit on days when they have PE. If trainers are worn on 'normal uniform' days they should be plain black without any coloured insignia or soles.





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## Traffic

We have had complaints from our neighbours on Raglan Road about inconsiderate parking by parents at the start or end of the school day. Please avoid parking in private bays. Ideally we would like fewer children to use cars as their transport to and from school. Try using this map [St Joseph's distances](#) to see how far your house is from St Joseph's can you walk rather than drive? If you need to drive Brickfields car park is just a two minute walk away and will avoid any inconvenience caused to our neighbours.



## Covid Risk Assessment

When we return to school on the 19th April we will still be keeping to our current risk assessment so staggered starts, regular hand washing, bubbles and face coverings for adults will still apply.

## Celebrations this week

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| <b>Whole School Attendance</b><br>93.2%  | <b>Top Class Attendance</b><br>Foundation Class - 98.5 % |
| <b>Crew Member of the Week</b><br>F Eva-Captain Cain for her fabulous effort in RWINc sessions.<br>1 Vanessa- Captain Cain for persevering in every subject and challenging herself.<br>2 Brantly - Sailor Sam for perseverance in reading<br>3. Zofia- Captain Cain for her outstanding effort writing.<br>4 Tommy - Captain Cain for excellent effort and improvement in his writing.<br>5 Rebecca - Sailor sam for perseverance in Maths and all round positive attitude<br>6 Dawid - Lieutenant Louise for learning from mathematical errors |  |
| <b>Witness of Peace</b><br>F Beau<br>1 Layton and Marina<br>2 Rose<br>3. Annalee<br>4 Ollie and Angel<br>5 Hollie, Lola, Zak and Otylia<br>6 Evie  |  |



April 1st



Can you notice the pattern in St Joseph's newsletter articles close to this date in previous years?

### April 1st 2009

Children have been searching the school today for an important document that has been lost. It is an A4 sheet entitled "The Fooday Pillars." At the time of writing it has not been found and it's possible that it might have got mixed up with other letters, slipped into somebody's book bag and been taken out at home. If you find it could you please return it to school.

### March 31st 2010

As a special treat tomorrow we will have a visit from Daisy Fallorop who apparently is going to be the next big teenybopper pop star being billed as "The UK's Hannah Montana." She will perform her new single "What a Fool am I," for the children just before noon tomorrow.

### March 31st 2011

Tomorrow morning we will have some special visitors in school named

**RALF, DAISY, POLO**

They visit schools just once each year and so we are very lucky to have them tomorrow. They are spelling experts and do special tricks with mixing up letters and rearranging them again. If your child would like to make up an anagram for Ralf, Daisy or Polo to try to see if they could unjumble it then please encourage them to bring it in tomorrow.

### March 27th 2012

Some parents have been a bit worried that the date of the Mothers' Day Lunch (1st April) could result in them being the victims of an April Fool's prank. Would I do such a thing! Let me assure you that the lunch is real and I will refrain from any attempts at tricking people for April Fools Day this year. However Mandy, the cook, has been caught short after a run of baked potato orders this week and her supplier cannot provide her with more in time for Friday's lunch. If you have ordered a baked potato we will give you a £1 refund on the price of your meal if you bring your own potato in the morning giving Mandy enough time to then cook it for you for your lunch.



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## St George's Day

The Friday of the week that we return to school is St George's Day. St George is the patron saint of England and so it is a day that should be celebrated. Even if your origins mean that you might support another country in sporting fixtures, celebrating the diverse nature of our society that makes England the country that it is nowadays, is something that we all can join in. If children wish to wear clothes / headbands etc on Friday April 23rd which celebrate England and the flag of St George they are free to do so.



**\*\* This is not an April Fool Trick \*\***

on the school mobile number 07422938855 or email to [giilb@st-josephs.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:giilb@st-josephs.plymouth.sch.uk). The school will need to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school."

"Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours since being in school**, (later than 3.30pm on Saturday) the school **should not be contacted**. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace."

Please continue to be vigilant over Covid safety measures. If you do need to inform me of a positive case please entitle the email **Positive Covid Case** and it will get my attention as I won't be opening all of the multitudes of other emails I am likely to get during the holidays. I will stop monitoring emails at 3.30pm on Thursday 8th April.

## Easter Holidays

Just in case you were not aware the school is now closed and will not reopen until Monday 19th April. No home learning will be set. We hope you can enjoy having your children at home without any home learning pressures. Have a happy and Holy Easter. The children have been reminded today about the need to play safely now that the evenings are lighter. A particular danger is near roads. In recent weeks we have had reports of two near miss incidents where children were not paying attention to road traffic. Please remind your children to use road crossings and to use them safely. We want to see everybody back ready to learn next term where things may begin to get back to normal.



## Covid Update

As we enter a school holiday period it is time to repeat the guidance on the situation if there is a positive test, for pupils or staff members, following symptoms developed within 48 hours of attending school.



"For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**, (ie before 3.30pm on Saturday 3rd) contact the school either