



Maundy Thursday Flyer

Thursday 24th March 2016

Spring Term 11

Living, Loving and Learning Together in God's Way

LEARNING



100% Attendance Spring Term 2016

Congratulations to all who have been at school every day this term. We presented a total of **88** certificates at our celebrations Assembly last Friday, that's **43% of our children** have been here every day this term. **Well done to you all.**

FS2	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Whole school
12	13	12	13	9	13	16	88

LIVING



Walk a Mile

From the beginning of the summer term classes 3 and 4 will be walking a mile a day around the school grounds to make sure all children are getting enough exercise each day. We hope all parents are in support of this initiative. For further information please follow the link below:

<http://www.theguardian.com/education/2015/sep/28/daily-mile-school-st-ninians-stirling-scotland>

½ price Scholastic book fair

We are having a book fair from 13th – 19th April in the library from 3:15pm – 4:15pm where all books are half price so save you money from the holidays ready to buy some lovely new books when you come back.

A farewell and a welcome back

Mrs Halfyard will be leaving us today as Mrs Hancock returns from maternity leave after Easter. We wish Mrs Halfyard all the very best and say a huge thank you for all her hard work and stepping in to the role in the front office so brilliantly. We are sure to be calling on her services in the future. Mrs Hancock will be returning to the front office after the Easter holidays and we would like to welcome her back as we look forward to a busy summer term.

Easter Garden Competition For children aged 3 – 16

Completed gardens to be delivered to Our Lady & St Patrick's Church on Holy Saturday, 26th March, from 12 noon onwards. The winner will be announced on Easter Sunday morning after Mass.

1st prize - large Easter egg, 2nd prize - medium Easter egg, 3rd prize – small Easter egg

Cadbury's crème egg awarded to everyone who enters.

For further information, or a hand out on how to make an Easter Garden, please see the notes sent out with today's flyer or speak to Carole (from Carole's Cupcakes).

4th Teignmouth Scouts Rabbit Run

On Easter Monday 28th March the Scouts are holding their annual 2.5 km fun run starting at the pier at 11 am. It is a fun occasion where everyone gets to wear fancy dress or rabbit ears and all finishers receive a medal. It is in aid of a very good cause and we would love to see as many of you there as possible. More information can be found on the website

www.teignmouth-rabbit-run.webs.com

Family Quiz Night

With wine, cheese and nibbles at **St Agatha's Church Hall, Dawlish, Friday 1st April at 7:00pm**

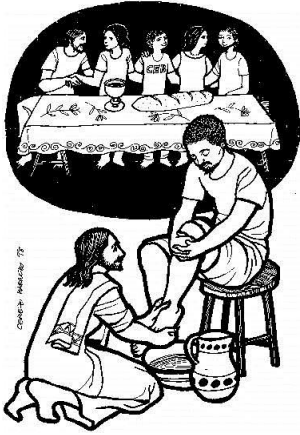
Everyone welcome to join in the fun! £5.00 each teams of four please – but we'll find you a friendly team to join if you come alone! We're raising funds for the CWL Services Committee which donates to Headley Court (the rehabilitation centre for injured members of the British Armed Forces) and assistance is given to enable injured ex-service personnel to join the International Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes – HCPT 507 Joint Services. The Committee also assists serving and retired military personnel, and receives referrals through SSAFA, Social Services and the Royal British Legion.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 24 th March 7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Mass at OLSP Church, Teignmouth
Thursday 24 th March	Last day of term
Monday 11 th April	Summer Term begins
Wednesday 13 th April – 19 th April	Scholastic Book Fair all books half price 3:15 – 4:15pm in the library
Friday 15 th April	Parish School 'Great Big Diocesan Curry and Quiz Night' in the school hall
Friday 15 th April	Last day to return CAFOD 'Make a Splash' donations
Monday 18 th April from 2pm	Road to Emmaus Liturgy led by Y3 and Y4 OLSP church parents and parishioners invited



LOVING



In the Catholic Church we often call this day Holy Thursday. This day marks the beginning of the solemn three days we call the Triduum (a Latin word which just means 'three days. The name 'Maundy' is Latin too; from 'mandatum', meaning 'commandment'.')

Maundy Thursday is incredibly rich in meaning and symbolism, layer upon layer. It's impossible to portray it all in one event.

We re-live the **Last Supper**, which is the first Mass, when our Lord gives the disciples, for the first time, his Body and Blood.

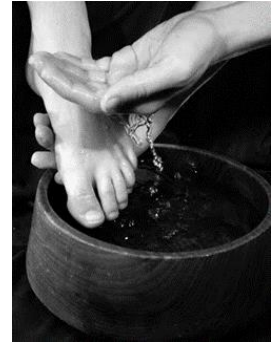
We celebrate the **washing of each other's feet**, and the commandment that we should love one another as Christ has loved us.

The framework of these events is the **Passover** - a past event made present for the Jewish people through the ritual of the Passover meal - when God parted the waters of the Red Sea, and the people of Israel passed through to freedom.

But we're also aware of a future event, made present through the ritual of the Mass - the **suffering and death of Jesus on the cross**, for our sake.

The final event of the day is the journey of Christ to the **Garden of Gethsemane**.

After the Holy Thursday Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession to a place in the church which symbolises the garden, and a vigil is kept there for some hours into the night.



The connections are so rich, and present in the liturgy of the Church not just on this one night, but throughout Holy Week and throughout the whole year. We thought it would be lovely this year and perhaps symbolic and memorable for children in Years 3 and 4 to wash each other's hands as a way of understanding the events of Holy Week. So we got a bowl and (lots of) towels, and let them wash each other's hands. Afterwards they shared bread together, just as Jesus did with his disciples. It was simply beautiful and the children engaged with it all so well. Thank you to all involved.



First Holy Communion

The next meeting will be a **Reconciliation Service** for children held tomorrow **Friday 18th March from 6pm at Our Lady & St Patrick's Church**. We really look forward to seeing you all there.

The Road to Emmaus Liturgy

A 'Road to Emmaus' liturgy will be taking place at OLSP church on Monday 18th April at 2pm for classes 3 and 4. Parents and parishioners are all invited.

Great Big Diocesan Curry Family Quiz Night 7pm Friday 15th April £5 a head or £15 for family of four

Tables of 4 to 6 per team please. Don't worry if there are only two of you, you can team up on the night, of course! There will be a variety of teas and coffees etc. available on the night and you are very welcome to BYO/bring your own drinks. A variety of curries will be available plus chilli for the non-curry eaters. We are looking forward to an evening of fun and laughter.

During the month of March, our Values Award was given to people who show how they listen to others or try to listen to what God wants from them.



In April our school value will be focusing on how we 'pray'. So... we would love you during the holidays to take a photograph of yourself praying somewhere unusual then bring it in to school for our display.

We wish you all a restful Easter. May the week unfold within us as well as before us.

We look forward to seeing you all again on **Monday 11th April** when we welcome Mrs Hancock back to our school office. Thank you to Mrs Halfyard for all her help and support during Mrs Hancock's maternity leave- we will miss you but wish you well.

Congratulations and our very best wishes to Miss Kennedy who gets married over Easter.



Mrs Sarah Barreto Head Teacher