



# St Alban's

Catholic Primary and Nursery School

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Let God's love shine in our lives as we grow and learn together

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## Monday Messages!

Spring Term 2024 – Edition 18 – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Gospel:** Mark 1:12-15

At once the Spirit made [Jesus] go into the desert, where he stayed forty days, being tempted by Satan. Wild animals were there also, but angels came and helped him.



After John had been put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee and preached the Good News from God. "The right time has come," he said, "and the Kingdom of God is near! Turn away from your sins and believe the Good News!"

Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent in school

To mark Ash Wednesday in school, we held a liturgy today and children received ashes. The children learned about how God knows when we fast, when we pray, when we give alms and that during Lent, it is a time to carry out these acts in good faith. We reflected on how Lent is a time to repent, to seek forgiveness, knowing that God is "all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in graciousness and ready to relent."

**Phrase of the week:**

Justice



**Virtue of the week:**



How can we be just and fair?

**Scripture of the week:** The Lord gives his advice for the honest. a shield to those who walk in integrity; guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints. Proverbs 2:6-7

**'Tweet Time' question we're discussing:**



**Our prayer this week:**

Loving God, may we draw closer to you this Lent. Show us how to follow you and help us to be there for one another. Teach us to share whatever we have fairly so that we, and our whole global family, may look to the future with hope. Amen.

This week...

### EYFS & KS1 Gold Award for Art and design:

Easby Class – Ella and Leon  
Rosedale Class – Charlie, Kyran and Pippa  
Roche Class – Penny  
Selby Class – Nate and Olivia

### KS2 Gold Award for Art and design:

Whitby Class – Alfie S and Jonah  
Fountains Class –  
Kirkstall Class – Martyn and Sofie  
Rievaulx Class – Ewan and Harry

Lenten News...Please support our children and school at this important time in our liturgical year.

Once again at St Alban's, we will be carrying out our Lenten learning and almsgiving to raise money for the Good Shepherd Appeal which will be donated to Caritas Hallam Caring Service whose services benefit many within our St Alban's school community.

The Good Shepherd theme this year is 'Every Day Miracles' which you can find out more about at <https://hallam-diocese.com/caritas/good-shepherd/>

#### DAY 1 – WHAT IS AN EVERYDAY MIRACLE? – Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> March

Children will learn about everyday miracles that have been carried out by people such as Mother Theresa. They will learn that God gave certain individuals the eyes to see, the ears to hear, and the heart to care...

#### DAY 2 – ADORATION – Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> March

Children will learn about Adoration. Our world is busy. It's noisy and chaotic. Adoration gives us all a chance to be silent – to just sit, be and contemplate. The children will be making prayer cards that you will be sold by Mini Vinnies and Faith in Action Leaders on the school playground for £1, for yourselves, children or wider family members at 8.40 am and 3.15pm each day Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

#### DAY 3 – GIVING Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> March

##### SPONSORED SPELL

We will not be asking for donations for World Book Day but will launch our Sponsored Spell which was a huge success last time! All children will bring home their spelling list and a sponsor sheet on World Book Day 7<sup>th</sup> March for the sponsored spell which will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. More information will be sent nearer the time.



Our CAFOD Club are leading the Big Lent Walk by joining other schools around the country to help fight poverty around the world and support hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia to feed his family for good. To raise money, we're aiming to walk 200km as a school around our active mile track on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. You can scan the QR code to take you to the Just Giving page set up for our school to make your donation to the CAFOD Big Lent Walk.



There will be more – keep your eyes open for a further 'eggs'travaganza this Lent!!  
HOLY WEEK – Stations of the Cross Service in Church on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March @ 9.30 am.