

# Westminster Cathedral Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter

**Thursday 9th April**  
**Maundy Thursday**

**'Love one another as I have loved you'**  
**John 13:34**

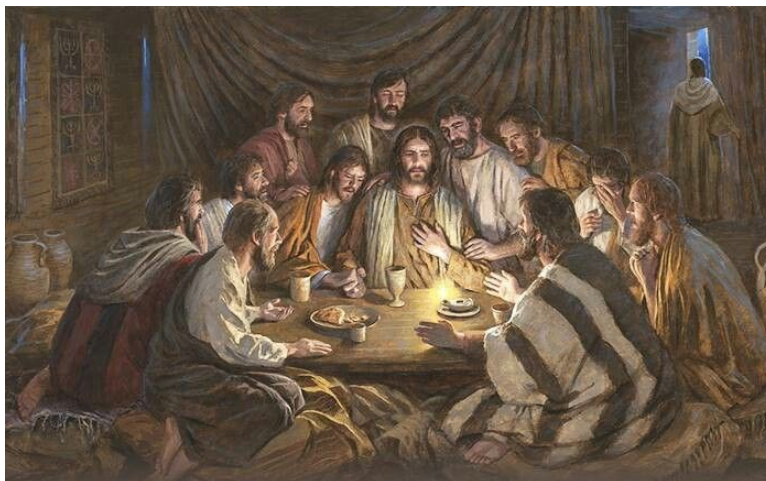
Dear parents and friends,

Today is Maundy Thursday and marks the beginning of the Easter triduum and this year we are doing it without the possibility of going to Church and re-enacting the story. It dawned on me this morning that as a school community we have not shared the Easter Story nor the Stations of the Cross. It is always a highlight of the school year being able to re-live and reflect on Jesus' Passion as he suffered and died on the cross for our sins.

We may not be able to be together in person but please join me by following Father Pat's services at Holy Apostles. Attached to this email are the order of services for the coming days as outlined below:

1. The Newsletter
2. The order of service for Holy Thursday....6.00pm
3. The order of service for Good Friday...3.00pm
4. The Passion according to St John – for Good Friday....3.00pm
5. The order of service for Holy Saturday Easter Vigil....8.30pm
6. The order of service for Easter Sunday Mass.....10.30am

For you to share it these services please go to [www.holyapostlespimlico.org/live-webcam/](http://www.holyapostlespimlico.org/live-webcam/)



## MAUNDY THURSDAY

"I give you a new commandment:  
Love one another as I have loved you."

- John 13:34

In today's Gospel according to John (John 13:1-15) Jesus says, "So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."

With this quote in mind, what should we be doing today for those who are affected by COVID-19 whether it is physically or emotionally or whether it is to do with the wellbeing of others or our own wellbeing. Having faith in God and talking to God through prayer is one way we can feel we are doing our bit. Setting an example to those around us and following the school mission statement—'To Love One Another as I have loved you' will help us remain focused on what is important to us.

I am sure you have come across this beautiful poem via social media. I think it clearly illustrates a way to look at this unprecedented time. Please share this poem with your family.

### **The Time We Spring-Cleaned the World: by Laura Gribbons**

The world it got so busy,  
There were people all around.  
They left their germs behind them;  
In the air and on the ground.

These germs grew bigger and stronger.  
They wanted to come and stay.  
They didn't want to hurt anyone -  
They just really wanted to play.

Sometimes they tried to hold your hand,  
Or tickled your throat or your nose.  
They could make you cough and sneeze  
And make your face as red as a rose.

And so these germs took over.  
They started to make people ill,  
And with every cough we coughed  
More and more germs would spill.

All the queens and kings had a meeting.  
"It's time to clean the world up!" they said.  
And so they had to close lots of fun stuff,  
Just so these germs couldn't spread.

We couldn't go to cinemas  
Or restaurants for our tea.  
There was no football or parties,  
The world got as quiet as can be.



The kids stopped going to school,  
The mums and dads went to work less.  
Then a great, big, giant scrubbing brush  
Cleaned the sky and the sea and the mess!

Dads started teaching the sums,  
Big brothers played with us more,  
Mums were in charge of homework  
And we read and played jigsaws galore!

The whole world was washing their hands  
And building super toilet roll forts!  
Outside was quiet and peaceful,  
Now home was the place for all sports.

So we played in the world that was home  
And our days filled up with fun and love,  
And the germs they grew smaller and smaller  
And the sun watched from up above.

Then one morning the sun woke up early,  
She smiled and stretched her beams wide.  
The world had been fully spring cleaned,  
It was time to go back outside!

We opened our doors oh so slowly  
And breathed in the clean and fresh air.  
We promised that forever and always  
Of this beautiful world we'd take care !

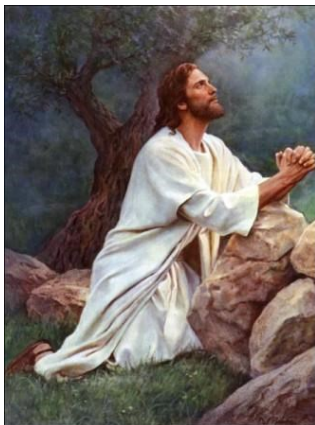
We pray that the day will come closer when we can 'open our doors, oh so slowly and breathe in the clear and fresh air.'



I highly recommend you look through this website to share with your family during the Easter Triduum.

It has a lovely powerpoint showing the stations of the cross for children.

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/school-closures-home-activities/>



Please pray for...

There are many people within our school community who are asking for our prayers. We pray for Chloe who started her second round of treatment at Great Ormond Street Hospital this week. We pray for Mr Beach who had surgery on his knee yesterday. There are many more people who are asking for our prayers.

Together we say, **'We adore you, O Christ and we bless you because by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.'**