

# Westminster Cathedral Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter



**Friday 10th April**  
**Good Friday**

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

Dear parents and friends,

Today is Good Friday, the day we remember Jesus' death on the cross which fulfilled the scriptures. Even during Jesus' suffering on the cross he showed comfort and compassion to others, Jesus comforted the penitent thief who was assured by Jesus of a place in paradise. He said whilst on the cross, 'Father forgive them, they do not know what they are doing' and in today's Gospel reading, John 19: 25-42, Jesus comforts his mother and John his disciple by saying, 'here is your mother.....here is your son.' During this time of the Coronavirus and the lock down we should turn to Jesus through prayer to ask for reassurance and comfort. Do we know anyone who needs our prayers, our reassurances, or comfort?

I hope you were able to join me yesterday watching the Maundy Service Mass via video link from Holy Apostles. I managed to stay awake and joined Father Pat online for the night prayers. At the end of the prayers Father Pat, Father Charles and Patrick stripped the altar representing Jesus' arrest and crucifixion.

Please try to join Father Pat, Father Charles and Patrick for the Good Friday Service at 3pm today via video link. Please follow this link: <https://www.holyapostlespimlico.org/live-webcam/>



*When Jesus was in the garden praying, Judas entered with the soldiers. They arrested Jesus and took him to the High Priest's house. The High Priest and Temple leaders wanted to put Jesus to death because he had said that God was his Father. But they needed permission from the Romans.*

*So the soldiers led Jesus to the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate. But Pilate could not find any fault with Jesus. Instead he had him flogged, the soldiers placed a crown of thorns on his head and they mocked him.*

*But the crowd persisted, shouting at Pilate, "Crucify him". Finally, Pilate gave in. Bloodied and tired, Jesus took up the heavy wooden cross and carried it to a hill called Golgotha. Here, soldiers nailed Jesus' hands and feet to the cross.*

*As Jesus hung there, he prayed to God, "Father, forgive them. They do not know what they are doing." Later that afternoon, Jesus cried out, "It is finished." He hung his head and died.*

Easter Joy by Joanna Fuchs

Jesus came to earth,  
To show us how to live,  
How to put others first,  
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,  
That God sent Him to do;  
He took our punishment on Himself;  
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,  
Calling angels from above,  
But He chose to pay our price for sin;  
He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good  
Friday,  
But the cross did not  
destroy  
His resurrection on  
Easter morn  
That fills our hearts  
with joy.



Now we know our earthly death,  
Like His, is just a rest.  
We'll be forever with Him  
In heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus,  
Think of Him in all we do.  
Thank you Saviour; Thank you Lord.  
Help us love like you!



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. 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.'**