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Newsletter

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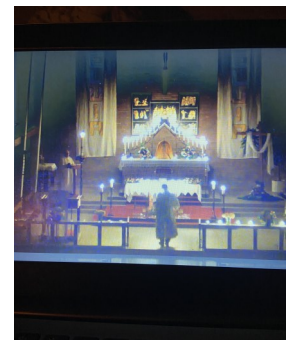
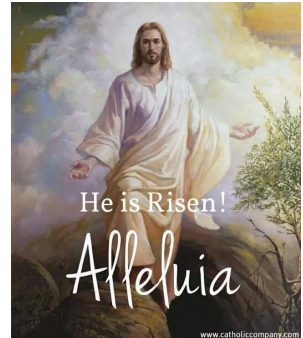
'Love one another as I have loved you'

John 13:34

Dear parents and friends,

The Lord is Risen, Alleluia. Happy Easter to you all.

I hope you had a blessed Easter. It was a rather unique Easter in my household—no rushing around ensuring we are arriving at Church on time. No making sure my bag is full of water, snacks and books for my daughter during Mass. No last minute cleaning or last minute buying Easter Eggs for the family who often come to our home on Easter Sunday. Instead we had a quiet, peaceful Easter. We participated in Holy Apostles' Services with Canon Pat, Father Charles and Patrick from the comfort of our home. We truly listened to each of the readings and reflected on each of the homilies. I feel, being in lockdown has allowed my ears to be opened. I hope you shared the same experience as us. Thank you Father Pat, Father Charles and Patrick for bringing the word of God and the message of Easter into our homes. If you were not able to, please take a look at the beauty of Holy Apostles by going on the Live Cam on the website or by looking at these photographs. The Church looks stunning with the flowers and the hope of Spring being represented within the Church. Father Pat's homily talked about the COVID-19 pandemic being like the darkness of Good Friday but we should have the hope of Easter in our hearts and focus our prayers on the world coming out of this darkness and into the light and hope of Easter.



Did you get a chance to see or hear other prominent speeches over Easter? The Pope called for global solidarity in his Easter message.

"This is not a time for indifference. Because the whole world is suffering and needs to be united."

Cardinal Vincent Nichols as part of his Easter message said, *"Here on this Easter Day, a new horizon opens for us and we try and live by that horizon. We try and live these moments, difficult, joyful, however they may be, against the horizon of an eternal life, which is the Risen Lord's gift to us. So we rejoice on this day. We give each other such warm Easter greetings, even if at a distance, and we renew in ourselves our faith in the Living Christ. Alleluia. He is risen. Give thanks to God. Amen."*

I would like to close this week's newsletter by sharing the words of our Queen's Easter message which I think reflects how the nation is feeling, *"This year, Easter will be different for many of us, but by keeping apart we keep others safe. But Easter isn't cancelled; indeed, we need Easter as much as ever. The discovery of the risen Christ on the first Easter Day gave his followers new hope and fresh purpose, and we can all take heart from this. We know that Coronavirus will not overcome us. As dark as death can be — particularly for those suffering with grief — light and life are greater. May the living flame of the Easter hope be a steady guide as we face the future."*

NOT EVERYTHING IS CANCELLED

sunshine is not cancelled
spring is not cancelled
love is not cancelled
relationships are not cancelled
reading is not cancelled
naps are not cancelled
devotion is not cancelled
music is not cancelled
dancing is not cancelled
imagination is not cancelled
kindness is not cancelled
conversations are not cancelled
hope is not cancelled



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Please pray for...

There are many people within our school community who are asking for our prayers. We continue to pray for Chloe and her family. We pray for Mr Beach whose surgery was successful on his knee and is now recuperating. We pray for Mr Connor. We pray for our Prime Minister that he continues on the road to recovery.

I ask that you pray for a friend of mine, Father Allan Von Kobs, a Franciscan friar who died last week in New York City from a pre-existing condition.

We also pray for all the NHS workers and carers—of which a number of our parents work for. We pray and thank you for your commitment and hard work.

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

Music at Westminster Cathedral Primary School.

Congratulations to these children who passed their music exams which took place at the beginning of March.

Congratulations to Aaron B, Julia, Akua and Edward all in Year 6 who passed their grade 2 violin.

Congratulations to Aaron M (Yr 6) for passing his grade 1 violin.

Congratulations to Aaron B who passed his grade 2 piano.



I have been in touch with Jan and Denis Cassidy and Doug regarding instrument lessons next term. If you have guitar lessons I hope you have received an email regarding these lessons.

Jan and Denis are able to continue to teach lessons via Sype. Please look out for an email with more information as to how this can take place. Thank you kindly.



Guidance for parents and carers: keeping children safe online

The Department for Education have updated their information for parents and carers to include a section on keeping children safe online. It provides links to online resources that will help support parents and carers in keeping their children safe online.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers

7.3 Where can I go to get support to help keep my child safe online?

There is support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:

[Thinkyouknow](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)

[Internet matters](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)

[Parent info](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)

[LGfL](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)

[Net-aware](#) (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)

[Let's Talk About It](#) (support for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation)

[UK Safer Internet Centre](#) (tips, advice, guides

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A website I recommend which has some interactive activities for you to do with your children teaching them about online safety is:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/support-tools/home-activity-worksheets?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=46e6250b3e-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_07_04_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-46e6250b3e-55358877

If you have 15 minutes to spare I recommend you take a look.