



## St. Clare's Catholic Primary School

*'Transforming Lives, Transforming Communities'*

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### MISSION STATEMENT

We welcome everyone into our community in order to live, love and learn together in the light and example of the life of Christ.

During April Catholics honored the last week of Jesus' life with his Apostles. **Holy Week**, stretching from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, is a time to reflect on all that Jesus suffered for us. It was a time to worship him as our king, and remember the light he brings to a dark world.

PALM SUNDAY		THE TRIDUUM		
<p>The beginning of Holy Week. Throughout this week, the congregation plays the part of the people who welcomed Jesus as king, realized he wasn't the king they thought he would be, and crucified him.</p>		<p>One liturgical day in which we relive Christ's Passion and Resurrection. We observe three special liturgies:</p>		
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (HOLY THURSDAY)		GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	MASS OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER)	
WHAT JESUS DID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling Old Testament prophecies</li> <li>Established himself as king. The people accepted this by waving palms and reciting Psalm 118, which they would do for a king</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in the Passover/ Last Supper with his disciples</li> <li>Washed the disciples' feet (again, not the king they expected)</li> <li>Instituted the Eucharist and new priesthood</li> <li>Went to Gethsemane; experienced Agony in the garden</li> <li>Is betrayed by Judas and arrested</li> <li>Heals a slave</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Was betrayed and abandoned by his friends and followers</li> <li>Was scourged, crowned with thorns and mockingly hailed as a king</li> <li>Made to carry his cross, with a little help from Simon of Cyrene</li> <li>Was crucified under a plaque that read "King of the Jews"</li> <li>Darkness fell over Jerusalem</li> <li>Died and descended into Hell</li> </ul> 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rose from the dead</li> <li>Appeared to Mary Magdalene and others</li> </ul>
	<p>HOW WE HONOR IT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a special reading about his entry into Jerusalem</li> <li>Wave palm fronds</li> <li>Sing psalms and hymns about Christ the King</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With a joyful Mass, with gratitude for the Eucharist</li> <li>Instead of a final blessing, we have Adoration</li> <li>Priest strips and washes the altar</li> <li>All decorations are removed or shrouded</li> <li>All candles extinguished, symbolizing darkness</li> <li>We have now moved from the Last Supper to sitting with Jesus during his Agony</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sacraments, unless it's an emergency</li> <li>Empty tabernacle and undecorated Church</li> <li>Candles are only lit when the Eucharist is present</li> <li>Silent and solemn procession for liturgy</li> <li>Read the Passion according to St. John</li> <li>Pray for everyone through Solemn Intercessions</li> <li>Receive the Eucharist, consecrated the day before</li> <li>Venerate the cross by kissing it, kneeling before it, etc</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gather in the dark, symbolizing the darkness of the tomb and our sin</li> <li>Priest lights a fire and blesses it. We follow the candle, like the Israelites following the pillar of fire</li> <li>Deacon sings the Exultet prayer, which is structurally similar to what Jesus would have prayed at the Last Supper</li> <li>Have nine readings and eight Psalms, which show the story behind the Salvation Jesus won for us</li> <li>During the Gloria, lights come on and we decorate the Church to symbolize Jesus rising</li> <li>Those coming into the Church are Baptized and Confirmed. We all renew our Baptismal promises</li> </ul>



## Thank you

*to all the staff who donated Easter eggs  
for our raffle and to Mrs Rogers for  
organising it.*



## Year 1 and 2 Palm Sunday



## Goodbye

Last term we said goodbye to  
Miss Gaynor - we wish her well  
for the future and thank her for  
the time she has spent at St  
Clare's.



## Summer Term 2023

### During the spring term our whole school theme focuses on the Catholic Social Teaching – Solidarity

“The solidarity which binds all people together as members of a common family makes it impossible for wealthy nations to look with indifference upon the hunger, misery and poverty of other nations whose citizens are unable to enjoy even elementary human rights. The nations of the world are becoming more and more dependent on one another and it will not be possible to preserve a lasting peace so long as glaring economic and social imbalances persist.” St. John XXIII

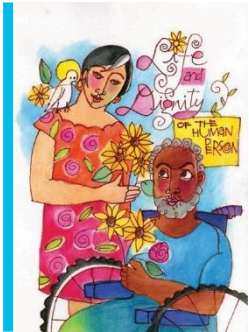
■ Do you believe that “we are all really responsible for all”? If so, how does this challenge you?

■ How can you join with others to take concrete steps—big or small—to help build a society of solidarity?

Please watch the video below to support your understanding.

<https://www.crs.org/resource-center/CST-101?tab=solidarity>

Over a two year cycle the children and staff will focus on 6 of the seven themes for Catholic Social teaching. Each theme covers a term. Please see below for these themes. The seventh theme is Rights and Responsibilities and we teach this throughout the whole year.

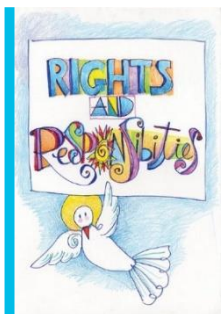
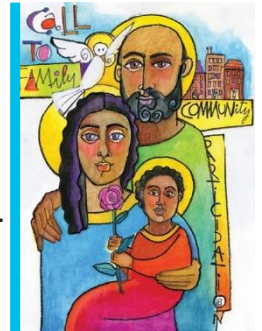


### **LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON**

God made each person, so every life is important and should be protected.

### **CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION**

God made us to be part of communities, families and countries, so all people can share and help each other.

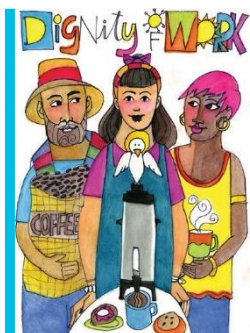
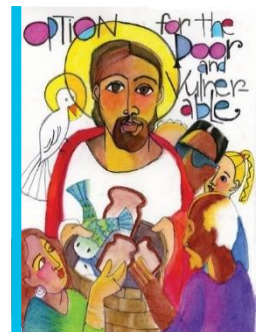


### **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

God wants us to help make sure everyone is safe and healthy and can have a respect for each other.

### **OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE**

God wants us to help people who are poor, who don't have enough food, a safe place to live, or a community.

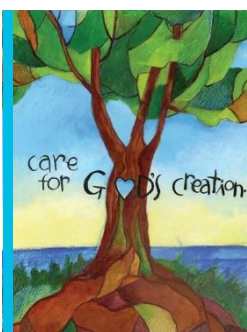
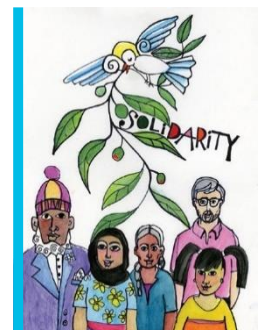


### **THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS**

Work is important in God's plan for adults and their families, so jobs and pay should be fair.

### **SOLIDARITY**

God made everyone, so we are all brothers and sisters in God's family wherever we live.



### **CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION (STEWARDSHIP)**

The world was made by God, so we take care of all creation.