



*Ad Majorem Dei
Gloriam
To the Greater Glory
of God*

R.E. News At Loyola



Lent Term
2019

Dear Parents,

We would like to keep you informed of what we are covering in school and also how we can support each other on our faith journey. There will be a termly newsletter for you to read and this will help you discuss the topics and answer some of the questions that may be asked in school.



For the rest of this term we are focusing on:

Class	Topic	Your help
EYFS (Lower / Upper Kindergarten & Reception)	Growing – Looking forward to Easter	<i>Our big question – How and why do things grow? Plants, flowering bulbs, outside or inside – can we look after them and monitor their growth over time?</i>
Pre Prep 1	Change – Lent a time for change	<i>Suggestions for home activities</i> <i>As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to charity. If you have an older child (Pre Prep 2 upwards) provide him with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.</i>
Pre Prep 2	Opportunities – Lent: an opportunity to start anew	
Prep	Giving All – Lent: remembering Jesus’ total giving	
Elements	Self-Discipline – celebrating growth to new life	
Figures	Sacrifice – Lent: a time with aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus	
Rudiments	Death & New Life: Celebrating Jesus’ death and resurrection	

We are coming up to the most Holy time of the Catholic Church’s calendar where we are preparing for Easter. Here are some important dates for you to know:

6th March – Ash Wednesday

19th March – St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin

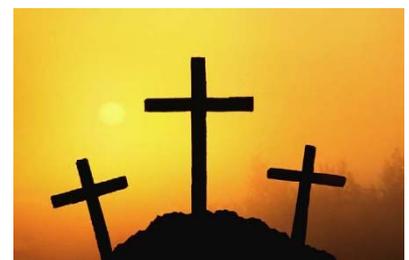
25th March – The Annunciation of the Lord

14th April – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

18th April – Maundy Thursday

19th April – Good Friday

21st April – Easter Sunday





The School Mass

Loyola is proud of how the boys participate and lead in our whole school Masses. Each class leads Mass at different points of the school year with Reception having their first Mass in the Whitsun Term and PP1 in the Lent Term. Dates and times are circulated at the beginning of the term and in the weekly newsletter.



In preparation for a class Mass the class teacher will ask / support pupils to write some of their own bidding prayers as a way of giving the boys a sense of responsibility.

We would also like to invite a parent to read a bidding prayer at their son's class Mass too. It may seem daunting to read in front of an audience but this is what we expect of the boys so let's lead the way and be a role model for them. Of course the class teacher will support you in this!

A request is also made for one person in the class to bring a small bunch of flowers on the Tuesday as part of the celebration. Class reps will liaise with parents of the class on these matters.



Following on from our success with the Harvest Collection and Crisis fundraising we would like the boys in each class to donate one food item as part of the offertory. This class collection will be taken to Epping Forest Food Bank each week as a reminder of how we can help others in the community.

Mass is a very special Holy time that we share with God. We ask the boys to be respectful and reverent during Mass by being quiet and focused, joining in with the responses and singing. We need your help to do this.

We welcome family members and friends to our Masses and the children look forward to seeing you there. We politely ask everyone to respect the prayer that is the Mass and that you do not bring food or drink into the hall.

Phones should be switched to silent and put away for the time you are in Mass. No photographs are allowed to be taken during the Mass either. Thank you.

