



*A community of learners,
believers and friends*




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WB 3rd March Collective Worship

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another*
1 John 1:7



Events this week



This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the chapel will be open for all at lunch who wish to receive ashes



All are welcome in the chapel:

Wednesday morning
8:20-8:30 – prayers for
community

KS3 – Friday lunchtime
Social time



In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit



What is repentance?

Why is it important?



GOSPEL VALUES



But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin

1 John 1:7



LORD, make me a better person, more considerate to others, more honest with myself, more faithful to you.

Make me generous enough to want sincerely to do your will whatever it may be.

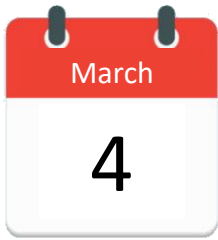
Help me to find my true vocation in life, and grant that through it I may find happiness myself and bring happiness to others. Amen

St Joseph – Pray for us

St Teresa – Pray for us



How can we be better this week?



In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit



“You remind me that I’m a child of God, regardless of the things I’ve done.”

Reflect on the words of the song, thinking about forgiveness and repentance



How can we continue to
make a fresh start?





Ash Wednesday



As we gather today, we replace our green cloth for purples
as we enter the season of Lent.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. A day when we say
sorry to God and think about our lives.

Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and
pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.





Thank you, Lord, that you love us and hear us when we pray
We are sorry for things we have done that have hurt you and others.

We have not helped others as Jesus helped us

Lord, we are sorry

We have been jealous of others

Lord, we are sorry

We have told lies

Lord, we are sorry

We have forgotten to pray

Lord, we are sorry

Hear us and help us, Lord

Work through us so that we can share your goodness and love in the world



On our Lenten journey you might like to pray your journey to Easter on a Lenten Calendar.

Using a calendar template is a simple, daily, and playful (but serious) practice. Each day, choose a word to ponder or a person to pray for. Write the word or name in the allotted space with a pen and draw or doodle around it. Ask God to be with you in this time.

Drawing/doodling invites the body into the prayer, gives the eyes and hand something to do, and helps to focus attention on the word or person.

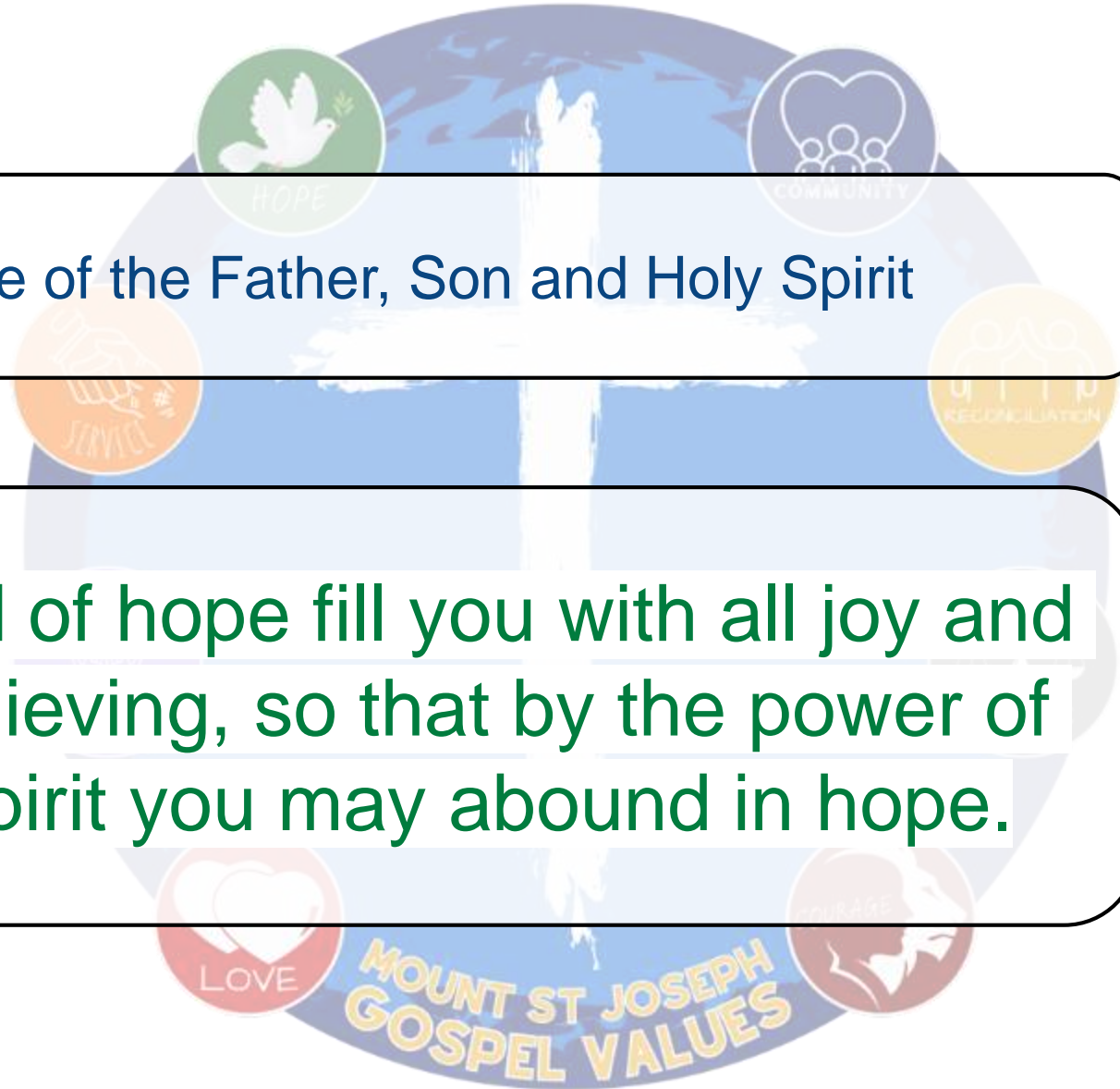
On Ash Wednesday Catholics receive ashes as a sign of repentance and to mark the start of the season of Lent where we try to focus our lives on God.

The Chapel will be open all lunchtime with Father David available to distribute ashes. All are welcome to receive, whether or not you are Catholic



In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.





[*Stillness Script – Click here*](#)

BE STILL

Spend a couple of minutes in silent reflection, thinking about our lives and where we can make positive changes



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Gospel: Luke 6:39-45



At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable: 'Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye", when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

'For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.'



The English word 'repentance' doesn't really express the fundamental change of heart that Jesus seems to be asking of his friends. Jesus wants us to look at what is in our hearts, at the core of our being, and focus on filling ourselves with love. When we have loving hearts, our actions will be good and loving- we will bear good fruit!

As we celebrated Ash Wednesday this week and have begun Lent, it is the perfect time to look deep in our hearts and focus afresh on trying to grow more like our teacher, Jesus. It's so easy to look at others and see their faults and failings. And we are definitely not as bad as them! However, let's focus on taking the wood out of our own eyes. How are we going to start seeing differently? Can we see ourselves, and others, through God's eyes?



Lent is a gift: time for reflection and a realignment of our priorities. Each tree is known by its fruit. How will we be known? Ash Wednesday reminds us that every day matters. Let's seize the day and live as fully as we can every day this Lent!

O my God, because you are so good,
I am very sorry that I have sinned against you,
and with the help of your grace
I will not sin again.

