

# ST. OSWALD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPRING TERM 2026

## RED: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTORY (EYFS - YEAR 6)

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be continuing to follow the Religious Education Directory (RED) in all year groups. Two branches will be taught throughout the term. Branch 3 Galilee to Jerusalem will be covered in Spring 1 and Branch 4 Desert to Garden will be covered in Spring 2.

### BRANCH 3 GALILEE TO JERSUSALEM (5/1/26-13/2/26)

*In EYFS and Key Stage 1 the children will learn about stories of the miracles and parables of Jesus. They will reflect on how Jesus cares for other people and what they can learn from his actions.*

*In Key Stage 2, the children will deepen their knowledge and understanding of Scripture and make links between miracle stories. In the upper Key Stage, they will learn about the Beatitudes and the Commandments. They will reflect on how communities they are part of could be transformed if everyone chose to love their neighbour as themselves*

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible. Explore ways to help other people – charity support, helping family and neighbours.

### BRANCH 4 DESERT TO GARDEN (23/2/26-1/4/26)

*In EYFS and Key Stage 1 the children will learn the key events of Holy Week and learn simple signs, actions and words used during Lent and Easter. They will learn about caring for others and the importance of saying sorry.*

*In Key Stage 2, the children will develop an understanding of the Eucharist and links to Last Supper as well as deepen their knowledge of specific events during Holy Week. They will begin to understand that the Rosary is a prayerful reflection on the life of Christ.*

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity.

If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.

# IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

*MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD*

*1 January*

*THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD*

*6 January*

*THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD*

*7 January*

*THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD*

*2 February*

*ASH WEDNESDAY*

*18 February*

*ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*

*19 March*

*THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD*

*25 March*

*PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD*

*28 March*

*MAUNDY THURSDAY*

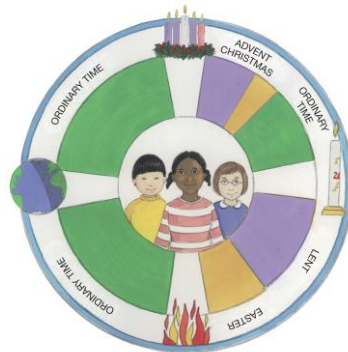
*2 April*

*GOOD FRIDAY*

*3 April*

*EASTER SUNDAY*

*5 April*



## Lent

During the time of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday 18th February as a school we do various things, which help us to think of others and the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

Mission Together is a charity for 'Children helping Children'. We have raised funds for children around the world, by having a 'Day of Many Colours' later in the year, each colour representing a different continent. During Lent, each class will have a small red 'Missio' box/class jar, to put in whatever coins they can. The boxes/jars are then collected after Easter and the money is collected and sent, as we did for Mary's Meals before Christmas. This year the money raised will go to help children in Chennai, India.

We also support Good Shepherd for Nugent Care, which is a more local charity, within the archdiocese. The children make and sell things, create games and competitions and we have an own clothes day. The children from our Mini Vinnie group, will present the money raised at a special Mass in Liverpool Cathedral, with other schools who have raised money.

### Prayers Bags - Purple 'Lenten Bags'.

The Lenten bags will go home each night with a different child/family, giving them an opportunity to spend some prayerful, reflective time with their families during this time leading up to Easter.

The children really enjoy listening to the Easter story and putting their prayers, pictures and photographs into their special class prayer book and reading stories and prayers provided in the bags.



## Mary's Meals

**Special thanks to all who donated pennies to Mary's Meals before Christmas. We raised a fantastic £\*\*\*\*.**

*St Oswald,  
King & Martyr*



Born c 605 AD  
King of Northumbria  
635 - 642 AD  
Died 5th August 642

*Renowned as a diplomat,  
a unifier, and a generous and  
humble king.*

### ST OSWALD, KING & MARTYR

Almighty and merciful God,  
who so kindled the faith of St  
Oswald with your Spirit  
that he set up the sign of the Cross  
in his kingdom  
and turned his people to the light of  
Christ:  
grant that we, being fired by the  
same Spirit,  
may always bear our cross before  
the world  
and be found faithful servants of the  
Gospel.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.  
**St Oswald, King & Martyr**  
**Pray for us**



### Sacramental Preparations

The children in our Year 4 class will be preparing for and receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist during this term. The children will receive the sacrament of the Eucharist on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026, at either 11am or pm Mass.

We ask that you keep Fr Dave and all the children and their families in your thoughts and prayers, as they continue on their journey of faith.

### Live Simply Award

This year – St. Oswald's will be continuing to work hard to achieve the 'Live Simply award, by Living Simply, Living Sustainably and Living in Solidarity' in a local, global and school level.

Each class has made a different pledge that they will be working on to help make a positive difference, to look after each other and our world which is our common home.

'OurSchoolsApp' is an important way to keep up with key school information as we continue to move away from paper based.

We look forward to sharing our progress with you on our journey to help maintain a better world for us to live in!



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