



Reflection



When people have done something wrong to us, we often feel angry and want them to be punished, don't we? But in this week's gospel, Jesus teaches us that this isn't always the right way. After all, we're not perfect either are we?

In the Gospel, the scribes and Pharisees bring a woman to Jesus who has done something wrong. The law says that she should be punished, but the Pharisees ask Jesus what he would do. Jesus says that the person who has done nothing wrong themselves, should be the person who throws the first stone at

the woman.

Jesus knows that none of us are perfect. He forgives us for the things that we have done wrong and no matter what, he always loves us. But he also asks us to change, to try our hardest not to do the wrong thing again.

Jesus asks us not to judge people who have done something wrong, because we all do wrong things sometimes. Instead, we should try to forgive them, as God forgives us. But we should also try to help them see that they need to change, so that they no longer do what is wrong.

So as our virtue for this week suggests, we should all try to focus on forgiveness and helping people to learn from their mistakes. If we all do this together, hopefully our world will be a better place.

Let's pray: God of love, you forgive us when we go wrong, and encourage us to try again to be better. Guide us to do what is right and to make this world a fairer place for all who live in it.



Easter Production

We were treated to an amazing performance from Year 3 and Year 4 this week who told the story of Easter with wonderful singing, dancing and acting. Thank you to all the family members who were able to attend.

Easter Workshops

It has been so lovely having our families in school over the last 2 weeks for our Easter Workshops to complete crafts. Thank you to all who could attend.



Happy Easter

We wish all our families a very happy Easter and we hope the sun shines on you all and that you can share this special time with your family and friends.

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Lent Charity Appeal



We have been so well supported by all our families as we raise money for different charities over Lent.

We received so many Easter Eggs that were very gratefully received by the SVP food bank, you have made a difference to so many families who have so little.

Our Good Shepherd Fundraiser was a huge success! We raised a massive £477.19 for this worthy appeal and all money will go towards Catholic Care. Thank you to all who came or sent money with their children.

Thank you for all your support with our almsgiving this Lent.

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Stations of the Cross

All our children took part in our Stations of the Cross activity days this week learning all about each station, reflecting and praying.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening was very well attended this week. We would love to get your feedback following this as to anything we can improve. Please click [here](#) to complete a short survey. Thank you to all who could attend.

Busy half term

Although a short half term, we have squeezed an awful lot in! Please see the diary dates below to see the dates for next half term and all the fun things we have to look forward to. Don't forget, we finish for May half term on Thursday 26 May.

Staffing

We look forward to welcoming Miss Martin to Year 2 after the Easter holidays following Mrs Beirne's successful promotion.

Mr Palfreyman, our wonderful site supervisor, will be leaving after Easter due to a new role in teaching. He has done a brilliant job of keeping our school safe over the last few years and we wish him all the best in his new role. The role of site supervisor is currently being advertised on our [school website](#).

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School Council bun sale

The School Council raised a super £170 to buy bug hotels to improve our environment in school as part of their eco-friendly action plan.

New parent Governor

We are very happy to welcome our new parent Governor, Mr Barnes, parent of George and Hannah.

Awards



Headteacher Awards

Reception – Jack B & Maisie D
 Year 1 – Joshua F & Ben G
 Year 2 – Arthur D & Ernie P
 Year 3 – George B & Ava A
 Year 4 – Oscar E & Evie I
 Year 5 – Florence R & Celeste O'S-W
 Year 6 – Enzo G & Oliver O'R

Virtue Awards

Reception – Hugo H
 Year 1 – Jan C
 Year 2 – Alice P-B
 Year 3 – Alex T
 Year 4 – Thomas O'R
 Year 5 – Naia G
 Year 6 – Bess H

Diary Dates

*denotes parents welcome

April

Tuesday	19	8.55am	School reopens for summer 1
Friday	22	9.30am	Whole school Mass led by Year 3*
Saturday	23		Year 4 class Saint – Feast Day of St George
Wednesday	27		Year 3 to church
Thursday	25		Railway Children performance

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May

Monday	2		Bank holiday
Tuesday	3		Class photos
Wednesday	4		Year 2 to church
Wednesday	4		Year 4 skipping competition
Thursday	5	9.15am	Year 1 class assembly*
W/b	9		SATs week Year 6
Wednesday	11		Year 1 to church
Friday	13		Year 6 party day
Thursday	19	9.15am	Reception class assembly*
Thursday	19		Bee Man in school – R,1,2,3
Friday	20	11.00am	Year 2 and Year 5 class Mass*
Friday	20		Bee Man in school – 4,5,6
Friday	20		Non uniform – dress in bee colours or bright colours £1
Tuesday	24	2.00 – 3.00pm	Reception stay and play*
Thursday	26	9.30am	Whole school Mass led by School Council*
Thursday	26		Jubilee celebration
Thursday	26		Finish for half term

Parish news

ALTAR SERVERS – SM

Please can the SM altar servers please come to St Mary's on **Wednesday 13th April** at 6pm for an Easter Triduum practice with Fr Festus. Thank you.

HOLY NAME BEAVERS' IS REOPENING

Having recruited a new Beaver Leader, we are accepting new members for the Beaver Colony, with places available from Easter. Meetings are on Thursday's between 5pm and 6.15pm at Holy Name Church Hall. Membership is open to Boys and Girls aged 6 to 8 years. The Beavers Colony is part of an established and popular Scout Group with active Cub (8-10 years) and Scout (10-14 years) sections. Those interested in joining can contact the parish office for more details.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Volunteers are needed for the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday 14th April, 7.30pm at St. Mary's and 8.00pm at Holy Name. Twelve parishioners from each church community are asked to represent the Apostles by symbolically having one foot 'washed'. If you feel you could help by doing this, please contact Amanda or Su in the Parish Offices.

Watching with Our Lord

will take place until 10.30pm at St. Mary's & midnight at Holy Name, providing several people can guarantee to watch for allotted times. Please sign the sheet at the back of church to pledge some of your time. Parishioners at Holy Name are asked to bring in plants to decorate our altar of repose. Please bring them to the presbytery by lunchtime on the Wednesday of Holy Week, and collect them on Good Friday.

SUNDAY MASSES (Saturday Vigil)

Holy Name	6.30pm
St. Mary's	8.15am
Holy Name	9.00am
Assumption	9.45am
St Mary's	11.00am
Holy Name	11.15am