



St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

Live the Gospel and when necessary use words

Bernadette's Easter Blog



Mrs Fallon writes...



It is quite hard to believe that only a few months ago we were all beginning the new school year with such renewed enthusiasm; excited about new classes, new teachers, new learning, new experiences and new friends. At that time, of course, we could never have predicted that a worldwide crisis would mean that with very little notice and with great sadness, we would have to close our school doors to the majority of pupils. I am, however, delighted to say that St. Bernadette's school community continues to be strong and thrive. Staff are maintaining good links with pupils and families; parental support has been overwhelming (thank you all) and our pupils continue to exceed our every expectation again in how they are adjusting to this new way of life.

This point in the school year is always a very special time for us at St. Bernadette's. By now, the school community would have journeyed through Lent together culminating in our Y5 pupils leading us thoughtfully through Stations of the Cross. Our wider community would have been invited into school to experience the beautiful prayer stations set up by our pupils and generally, the atmosphere is one of reflection - appreciating what we have in our lives and thinking about how we can make sacrifices and use our gifts and talents for the good of others. This is something which our community excels at and was demonstrated beautifully last week through our Jelly Bean nominations.

However, my guess is, you have all spent the last two weeks consumed by thoughts of others; those suffering due to the virus, our amazing key workers, vulnerable family members, our own children, your colleagues and many others and so I would urge us all, parents, carers, staff and pupils to take some time over the Easter weekend to rest, recharge, recover and spend a few moments thinking of ourselves and our own needs. Kitty O'Meara's poem (2020) provides us with a great opportunity to stop and reflect. To remember the importance of being still, of healing, of just being - no home learning, no panic about what others are doing, no worrying about if our own children aren't getting a good deal compared to their friends and knowing that the thing they need right now isn't Purple Mash or My Maths but the opportunity to be children, to play, to be silly, to have fun in the midst of this crazy world we're currently living in. I will be sticking a copy of this on my own fridge door this weekend to remind myself to stop. I hope you can too.

And the people stayed home.

And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still.

And listened more deeply.

Some meditated, some prayed, some danced.

Some met their shadows.

And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed.

And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

Stay safe, stay calm, stay connected!

We hope to see you all really soon.

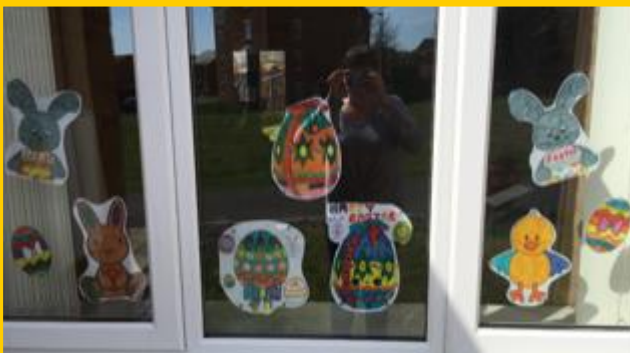
Mrs Fallon and all the staff at St. Bernadette's

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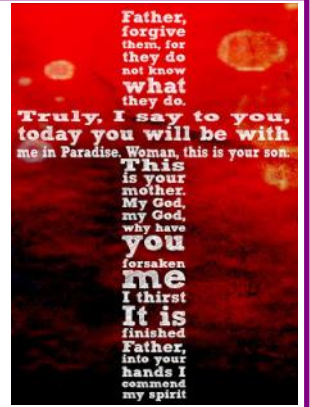


Today Is Good Friday

When we are at school during Holy Week, we would have a series of Prayer Stations created by our wonderful children, that would help us to follow the journey that Jesus made through this momentous week.

When we reach the station when Jesus died, we would all join together in silence for a few moments to reflect and pray. If you would like to take a moment today, why not do so at three o'clock. Light a candle perhaps.

We could all share a prayer together.



A Message From Father John



Dear All,

As we approach the great feast of Easter, may I wish you and your families every joy and blessing. Ordinarily the Easter holidays would mark the moment when we could wave goodbye to the winter blues and enjoy getting out into the fresh air as we welcome and embrace the springtime. Sadly we are not going to be able to do that this year, but please God, that opportunity will come our way at some point in the months ahead.

In the meantime take care of yourselves and each other. Support each other and go on encouraging each one in your family to keep standing by the side of those in need of love in whatever way is possible and in that way, add to the wonderful work that is going on in our country at the moment.

Blessings and peace to you and to all whom you love
Fr John

Are you up to the Lego Challenge?



Ava is! Let's see more of your incredible Lego creations next week please!
Send photo and name to office@st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk

Look At What We've Been Doing This Week!



Chloe,
Taylor and Ava are
seen here taking
part in the daily
workout.*
Looking good!
Well done,
everyone!



Here's
Jude!
He has been
experimenting
again! This time
he made a zip
wire for his
Easter egg.*
It looks great!

Poppy
has added this
beautiful rainbow
to our trail,
giving a message
of thanks to all
our fantastic
keyworkers.



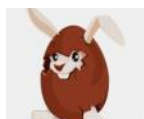
Charlotte baked
the lovely Easter
cakes we saw in our
Easter Parade for
all the hardworking
staff in her mum,
Alison's
department at the
hospital. What a
very kind gesture!



Another whole
family
workstation set
up here.*
Chloe, Taylor and
Ava are making
sure mum, Jenny
does her work
too!



Ollie and Sebby
are keeping up
with their
kickboxing skills*
with their dad.
Looks like lots of
fun!
Good luck dad!



George and Oscar's "Eggciting Science"
Oscar made a balloon and basket for his
egg* and launched it from the bedroom
window. He cushioned his basket with
pom poms to keep the egg safe. He also
designed a strong tower* for an egg to
balance on, using toothpicks and plasti-
cine. It was a success and his design
even held up a big orange too!
George made a parachute and basket
for his egg and launched it from his
bedroom window too. It worked!

*These are ideas that you might find work for your children.
We love to share useful ideas with other parents! Keep sending!

We would love to see your ideas and all the Home learning that is going on in
your house. Please send photos to office@s-bernadettesprimary.co.uk

Mass: Sunday 11.30am
Fr John McElhone— 0191 2623820

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Message from Fr John

We have launched new more interactive websites bringing you the most up to date news regarding our parish communities which will be updated on a daily basis.

These can be found at:

www.staidanschurch.uk

www.stbernadetteschurch.uk

On our websites you will find information relating to times that churches will be open and the initiatives that we will be undertaking to try and keep in touch with parishioners.

Additionally we have a Facebook Page:

[St Aidan's and St Bernadette's Community Page](#)

which you can join.

Star of the Week



Mrs O'Brien
who made everyone smile,
when she delivered the
packed lunches!

Thank you!



Prayer for the Week

Pope Francis

Prayer for protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



Down The Rabbit HoLEy Toast



Have a lovely Easter everyone!
Love from Mrs McConville

Looking forward to next week already...