

# Chaplaincy Newsletter

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## Saintly Inspirations

### St David - Feast Day March 1st

Little is known of the life of St David. Even the year of his birth is questionable, and suggestions range from 462 to 512. However, we do know that he really existed and was at the heart of the Welsh church in the 6<sup>th</sup> century. He founded a large monastery in West Wales and was one of the early saints who helped to spread Christianity among the pagan Celtic tribes of Western Britain. We know that he came from an aristocratic family and his mother was a Saint Non.

Many miracles are ascribed to St. David, including the resurrection of a dead child and the restoration of sight to a blind man. One of the more famous miracles associated with him is the formation of a hill beneath him as he preached to a large crowd, allowing them to see and hear him more clearly. During this incident, a white dove is said to have landed on his shoulder, and St. David is often so depicted.

His shrine became a great place of pilgrimage; four visits to the shrine at St David's were considered the equivalent of two to Rome, and one to Jerusalem. St David is the patron Saint of Wales.



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Prayers of;  
Supplication/Intercession/Petition  
Thanksgiving/Gratitude  
Adoration/Blessing  
[prayer@wiseman.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:prayer@wiseman.ealing.sch.uk)

Please don't forget our virtual prayer board. This is for all students, staff and family of the school. Intentions are shared during Friday's Adoration and on the Faith Life page of the school website.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Is now taking place every Friday lunchtime in the Chapel for all students and staff on site.



### Don't forget!

We take donations for the Ealing Foodbank all year round. The collection box is in the RE Office, on the 1st floor of Jerusalem.

UHT Milk – Semi Skimmed or Full Fat, not Skimmed  
Long Life Fruit Juice & Squash  
Pasta Sauce / Cook in Sauce  
Tinned Fish  
Savoury Biscuits & Crackers  
Ready Made Custard – tins or cartons  
Vegetarian Chilli & Curry  
Instant Drinking Chocolate  
Shower Gel / Hand Soap / Hair Shampoo  
Nappies – size 5 & 6



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# The WORD Explained

## Sunday's Gospel 3rd Sunday of Lent

**John 2:13-25** John 2:13-25 It was almost time for the Passover Festival, so Jesus went to Jerusalem. There in the Temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and pigeons, and also the moneychangers sitting at their tables. So he made a whip from cords and drove all the animals out of the Temple, both the sheep and the cattle; he overturned the tables of the moneychangers and scattered their coins; and he ordered those who sold the pigeons, "Take them out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that the scripture says, "My devotion to your house, O God, burns in me like a fire."

The Jewish authorities came back at him with a question, "What miracle can you perform to show us that you have the right to do this?"

Jesus answered, "Tear down this Temple, and in three days I will build it again."

"Are you going to build it again in three days?" they asked him. "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple!"

But the temple Jesus was speaking about was his body. So when he was raised from death, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and what Jesus had said.

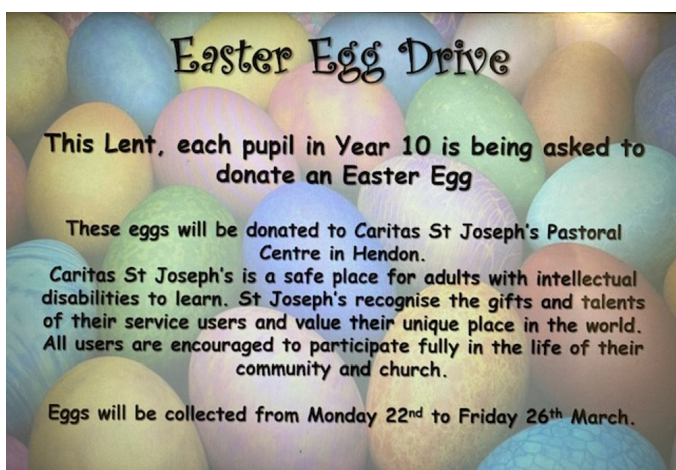
While Jesus was in Jerusalem during the Passover Festival, many believed in him as they saw the miracles he performed. But Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew them all. There was no need for anyone to tell him about them, because he himself knew what was in their hearts.

Yesterday's Gospel gets our attention immediately. Jesus has just arrived in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. He immediately goes to the temple. When he arrived at the temple, the situation he found there infuriated Him. Yes, there were many people in the temple. However, most of them were not there to pray. There was an astounding number of money changers and also people selling animals for sacrifice! Jesus absolutely "lost" it! He took a length of cord, made a whip and began driving all these people out of the temple! They were desecrating this beautiful and sacred temple. How dare they? The temple was built and dedicated to be a place for prayer and worship. It was not built to be a market place! Jesus was infuriated! Yet he also was saddened that the people would desecrate such a holy, beautiful and sacred place. Today may be a day to ask ourselves: what and where are our sacred places? What are the places that are sacred to us? It might be a church, a forest, the mountains, the ocean or simply a seat in our back garden or special chair in our house. We all need sacred places in our lives. These sacred places enable us to experience and open ourselves to God's presence in the beauty, the silence, the peace – be that in nature, the quiet space in your house or a church. Sacred places and spaces help to ground us in God. And thus, we may experience God's presence in that place more intensely and more tangibly. A sacred place as well as a sacred activity (such as simply sitting quietly in a chair) also may help us open ourselves more deeply to God's presence, word and grace.

Please see the message below from The Shooting Star Children's Hospice, following our donation of £1,240

*Thank you SO much to all the students and staff at Cardinal Wiseman Secondary School for your incredibly generous donation to Shooting Star Children's Hospices. We look after children with life-limiting conditions and their families, and as well as providing specialist medical care, we also help them to create lots of special memories together. It's only thanks to amazing people like you, that we are able to do this. For example, lots of the children we care for love arts and crafts, and your donation could pay for 5 months worth of art supplies which are used for activities for children staying at the hospice. Thank you for being super stars and bringing smiles to the faces of the children that we look after!*

### Year 10 and 11 Lenten Charity collections this year in support of Caritas St Joseph's



**Easter Egg Drive**

This Lent, each pupil in Year 10 is being asked to donate an Easter Egg

These eggs will be donated to Caritas St Joseph's Pastoral Centre in Hendon.

Caritas St Joseph's is a safe place for adults with intellectual disabilities to learn. St Joseph's recognise the gifts and talents of their service users and value their unique place in the world. All users are encouraged to participate fully in the life of their community and church.

Eggs will be collected from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March.



**CRAFT DONATIONS**

This Lent, each pupil in Year 11 is being asked to donate an item that can be used during a Craft Club.

These items will be donated to Caritas St Joseph's Pastoral Centre in Hendon who run Parish Saturday Clubs for their service users within the Diocese of Westminster.

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The following items are an example of what you could bring in:

Coloured pencils	Coloured string	Paint
Paper	Stickers	Coloured Tissue Paper
Felt tips	Feathers	Craft Stamps
Buttons	Paint brushes	Paper plates/cups

All craft donations will be collected from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

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