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Gospel Reflection



Sunday 14th March. Fourth Sunday of Lent

John 3:14-21

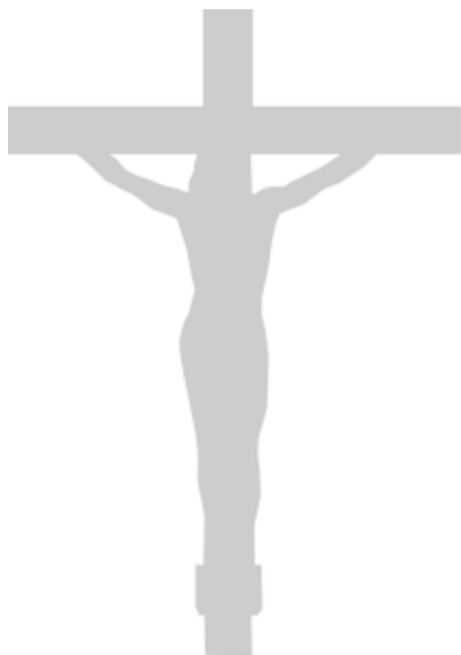
Last Sunday, not only was it the fourth Sunday in Lent but also Mother's Day, where we say thank you to all of the wonderful mothers, but also all of the people in our families who might not be a mother, but who love and protect us. We remember that all families are a bit different, but love is the key message and giving thanks to those who care for us is important.

It is this message of love that the children have been really focusing on this week. In our Gospel on Sunday, we were reminded of how much God loves us and the huge sacrifice that was made in our name. John talks about the crucifixion and how, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life.'

Jesus invites us to look at his words and actions so that we can learn from him what living in God's kingdom looks like. We are reminded that when we look to Jesus and learn about God, then we too will shine with God's love and light.

During this time of Lent in particular, we should offer love, healing, help and forgiveness to those around us. We have such wonderful children at St. Anthony's, who show such kindness and warmth to each other; they are sharing their light all around.

Word of the Week



...An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:20

Nursery



Now is the time to apply for Nursery spaces. Our Nursery is thriving and we have an excellent team of dedicated staff. We have spaces for 30 hours and are exploring our options for two year-old spaces. Please contact the school office for more information, or to express your interest for two-year old spaces.

Messages and Reminders



RAPID COVID-19 TESTS NOW AVAILABLE FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE

Whole families and households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, are now able to test themselves twice every week from home.

Rapid testing detects cases quickly – in under 30 minutes – meaning positive cases can isolate immediately. This can be the difference between children being able to stay in school, or a class being sent home due to an outbreak. It could also be the difference between a workplace having to close for a period, or being able to stay open and running.

How do I get home testing kits?

There are 3 different options on how you and your household can get tested: 1. Order kits to test your household by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> 2. Find a local site to get tested at by visiting <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites> and entering your postcode to find your nearest testing site 3. Find a local site where you can collect tests by visiting <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/> and entering your postcode to find your nearest collection site.

Please do not contact the school for home testing kits as they are only available by these 3 options. We do not hold any testing kits on school premises for our families.

Parent's Evening

Booking for Parent's evening is now live and will take place the week of 22nd March 2021. There will be two slots per year group on different days and these meetings will be held virtually again, as before. Nursery Parent's Consultation sessions are being held via Zoom on 23rd and 24th March. Please make sure you book your appointment.

End of term finishing times

On Thursday 1st April we will be finishing at the usual staggered end times of the day, rather than finishing early. We felt that keeping times the same would make things easier for families.

After School Clubs

Next week we will be publishing our list of after school clubs that we will be running from after Easter. Please sign up to these as soon as they are live on Parent Pay, so that we can plan most effectively. There will be a variety of clubs run by our sports coaches and other staff members.

Vacancies

Please keep viewing the website for any current vacancies at our school.

#feedbackFriday

We would love to hear your feedback! It is so nice to talk to you on the gate and hear positive feedback about the online learning. Please email: catchup@stanthonys.slough.sch.uk

With feedback and messages for our school, children, learning and community and it will be shared via Twitter on feedback Friday!

It's good to talk!

Times are hard for lots of us at the moment and there is no harm in admitting that and asking for help. Talking Therapies is a free NHS service here to support the residents of Berkshire aged 17+ who may be struggling with difficulties including: low mood, anxiety and stress at this unprecedented time.

If you are in need of support you can call the Talking Therapies admin team on 0300 365 2000, alternatively you can [Sign Up](#) via their website referral form.







Lenten Appeal

Our lovely staff are joining CAFOD Walk for water for our Lenten appeal. If you would like to sponsor them please do using the following link: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-anthonys-walk-for-water>



Star of the Week

Week Commencing 15th March 2021

NURSERY	Julia G	
RECEPTION ABRAHAM	Samuel	
RECEPTION NOAH	Martin	
YEAR 1 MOSES	Michelle	
YEAR 1 MARK	Ella	
YEAR 1 JOSHUA	Hollie	
YEAR 1 RUTH	Ysabella	
YEAR 2 DAVID	Oliwia D	
YEAR 2 GIDEON	Showharda	
YEAR 3 DANIEL	Emma	
YEAR 3 ESTHER	Paige	
YEAR 3 JONAH	Huda	
EDEN	Dominik	
YEAR 4 ELIZABETH	Daniel	
YEAR 4 MAGDALENE	Maximus	
YEAR 4 BAPTIST	Carys	
YEAR 5 LUKE	Josaphine	
YEAR 5 PETER	Zuzanna	
YEAR 5 MATTHEW	Szymon	
YEAR 6 JOHN	Amrit	
YEAR 6 CATHERINE	Daniel	
YEAR 6 PAUL	Adrian C	

Term Dates 2021 – 2022

Autumn Term	
Inset Day	Wednesday 1st September 2021
Term Begins	Thursday 2nd September 2021*
Half Term	Monday 18th October 2021 – Friday 30th October 2020
Term Ends	Friday 17th December 2021
Spring Term	
Inset Day	Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Term Begins	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
Half Term	Monday 21st February 2022 – Friday 25th February 2021
Term Ends	Friday 8th April 2022
Summer Term	
Term Begins	Monday 25th April 2022
Half Term	Monday 30th May 2022 – Friday 3rd June 2022
Term Ends	Friday 22 nd July 2022

*Nursery and Reception children will have a staggered start time in September to help them to settle in.

Young Songwriters Competition



For 20 years now St Anthony's has been wowing the world with our amazing **Yr 5 Operas!** (well, our teachers and parents anyway!)

Here's a chance to showcase the wonderful songwriting talents of our pupils so all you budding composers have a go!

Song Academy
The Young Songwriters Competition 2021
Age 8 – 12 yrs

Open for entries until **31st March 2021**

For inspiration, tips on songwriting and how to enter check out this website:

songacademy.co.uk/SAYS21



Wear a Hat Day!

Brain tumours are rare but can be deadly for some children and adults

DO IT FOR THE FAMILIES

WEAR A HAT DAY

Just 1% of the national spend on cancer research has been allocated to this devastating disease

Families urgently need a research breakthrough now

Text **HAT** to **70450** to donate **£5**

#WearAHatDay
www.wearahatday.org

BRAIN TUMOUR AWARENESS MONTH MARCH 2021

Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

Help us to raise money this Lent for a fantastic charity. Friday 26th March, will be wear a hat to school day. You can wear your favourite hat, or make or bring your own designer hat. We will be giving out stickers to those who create a hat to impress. Please donate £1 at the gate on the day. Thank you!

Prayer for the week



Yesterday was the Feast Day of St. Joseph. Here is the Prayer of St. Joseph to mark this day:

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God.
I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart.

Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls,
Pray for me.



We always welcome your feedback and hope we can answer any questions you may have. Although the office is currently closed, we will still answer emails and phone calls.

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