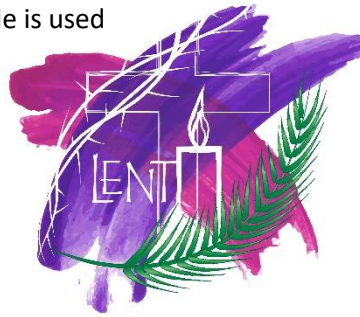
The Season of Lent at St. Mary of the Angels

Lent is a movable feast, occurring between February and April. The 40 days of Lent, echo Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days.

Ash Wednesday is often seen as a time to clean the soul and mind ready for Lent. Purple is used throughout Lent as a sign of sorrow and also of royalty for the death of Christ the King.



During Lent, Christians devote more time to prayer, charity, and sacrifice as they prepare for the greatest feast in the Church year, Easter – when Jesus rose from the dead.

Ash Wednesday Mass: Wednesday 5th March

Tomorrow, pupils and staff will be attending Mass at St. Mary of the Angels Church at 11am. Parents and carers are most welcome to join us.

Lenten Appeal 2025

Today our Caritas Ambassadors met, following a whole school assembly led by Sara Baynes from the Catholic Children's Society to discuss which charities they would like to support this Lent and ways in which we as a school community can grow closer to God and act generously towards others this Lent.

The pupils have decided that this year, one of our chosen charities will be Catholic Children's Society (CCS). Every penny raised through this appeal will support the charity, working with local disadvantaged children and families.

Catholic Children's Society Lenten Boxes

As Lent is a time of giving, we ask that you donate what you can to this great cause. Each child will receive a box; however, you may wish to donate as a family if your child has siblings within the school. We ask that all boxes are returned to the school office by **Friday 4th April**. If you would like to know more about our chose Lenten Appeal for 2025, then please click here.

As part of our fundraising initiative, the Caritas Ambassadors have decided to hold a non-uniform day on **Friday 4th April** when children can come to school in their 'country colours'. More information to follow.



Finally, Lent giving doesn't just have to be about giving money. We ask our pupils to take a moment to think about what they could give to help others. Think about how you could give your time? Think about what you have that you could give/donate to a good cause?

Lenten Poster: Gift from Fr. Keith

Our parish priest, Fr. Keith has kindly donated Lenten posters for all the children and staff within the school. We are truly grateful for his generosity and thoughtfulness. These posters provide suggestions for Forty Acts of Love, Service, and Prayer that you and your family are encouraged to complete, one a day, during Lent. We believe these acts will be a meaningful way to enhance our Lenten journey and grow in faith together. Additionally, we are excited to inform you that we will also be following the posters in class. This initiative will allow us to

incorporate these acts into our daily school activities, fostering a spirit of love, service, and prayer within our school community.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Keith and all involved for this kind donation and ongoing support. Fr. Keith's contributions are greatly appreciated and will undoubtedly have a positive impact on our school community during this Lenten season.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Hough, The Caritas Ambassadors and the Pupil Chaplaincy Team