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St. Chad's coat of arms

St. Chad

**Lent**

During Lent, we are called to strengthen and deepen our faith through;

* **prayer** – spending more time with God.
* **fasting & abstinence**–Children may join in the spirit of fasting for example, by giving up chocolate/crisps or another treat for the season of Lent.
* **almsgiving** – making the needs of other people our own through practical support or fundraising.
* Watch this video about the season of Lent.

<https://bustedhalo.com/video/watch-lent-3-minutes>

**Lenten Prayer:**

God of Power and might,

we praise you through your Son, Jesus Christ,

who comes in your name.

He is the Word that brings your salvation.

He is the hand you stretch out to sinners.

He is the way that leads to your peace.

God our Father,

We had wandered far from you,

but through your Son you have bought us back.

You gave him up to death so that we might turn again to you and find our way to one another.

*Roman Missal: Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II*

*Source: Liturgy Office (https://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Cycle/LentCP.shtml)*

**Classroom Prayer Areas**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Maundy Thursday, where we enter into Easter Triduum. In the season of Lent, cover the prayer area in a purple cloth. The word ‘Alleluia’ is not used during the season of Lent and therefore the letters of the ‘Alleluia’ (written on cards) can be placed inside a purple bag or box and kept somewhere safe (prayer table etc.). You will be able to remove the Alleluia from the safe place after the Easter holiday.

Each week items relating to the Sunday Gospel could be added to the prayer area.

**2nd March (Ash Wednesday) -** Bowl of ashes/dirt to remind us of the ashes we receive.

**6th March -** Stones/Sand - To represent the temptation in the desert.

**13th March -** Speech bubbles of ‘This is my Son, the chosen One, Listen to him.’ Display a picture of three tents to represent the Transfiguration.

**20th March -** A small plant to represent nurture just as the fig tree needed to be nurtured.

**27th March -** Pictures of the father and son embracing from ‘The Prodigal Son’ to remind us of God’s love and mercy for us.

**2nd April -** During the last week of school, tell the events of Holy Week with items such as palms, money and crown of thorns. You may also wish to veil (cover) statues and crucifixes with purple cloth towards the end of Lent.

See Pinterest and Catholic Icing for ideas on Lenten Prayer Stations and stations of the cross.

<https://www.catholicicing.com/how-to-set-up-a-lent-table-lent-home-altar-ideas/>

**Pope’s Prayer Intentions**

**March: For a Christian response to bioethical challenges**

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action

**April: For health care workers**

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

**Staff/Tutor room Noticeboard Spring 2**

**St. Chad (The Patron Saint of Archdiocese of Birmingham)**

The Diocesan feast of St. Chad is on Thursday 3rd March. This year marks 1350 years since St. Chad’s death in 672. On this day, we remember St. Chad and give thanks for our Cathedral. Interesting facts about the Cathedral can be found <https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/cathedral/interesting-facts/>

You may wish to explore the coat of arms of St. Chad and place it upon your prayer area.

St. Chad’s offer school visits which can be organised by contacting the education team. Information can be found here <https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/education/>.

Alternatively, you can explore St. Chad’s virtually here: <https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/virtual-tour-explore-st-chads-cathedral/>

Prayers to be said on this feast day;

* Pray today for Archbishop Bernard Longley, asking God our Father to bless his ministry amongst us.
* Pray for the people of the Diocese in the different parishes and schools, asking that we may be inspired by St. Chad’s example of where Christ leads us.
* Pray for vocations to the Priesthood so that new priests will serve him and care for his people in the parishes of our Diocese.
* Pray for our local parish, clergy, the people of the parish and our families.
* Pray for the children preparing for Confirmation and the other Sacraments.

(Adapted from (https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/ and the Archdiocese of Birmingham Ordo)

**CAFOD & Missio – Resources**

**CAFOD**

**Lent 2022: Walk against hunger** – All around the country schools will be joining up and walking 40,000km, the distance around the world, to fight hunger in solidarity with the 200 million children whose lives are at risk because of malnutrition. The focus for prayer and action will be Sierra Leone. [//cafod.org.uk/primary/lent](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2f%2f%2fcafod.org.uk%2fprimary%2flent&c=E,1,5BBLOSgQPP9M688PiSOSHfIXaTZm4pBLGyejHCnJM06vMhfN0uisjQOvgKJRrPit9Cl9268G1Zl99FvikrrYVzdzvZLrmD5S3HA24PXY6XQec_W5dBI5RToyDUE,&typo=1&ancr_add=1)

**CAFOD Lent Assembly:** To coincide with Family Fast Day, CAFOD will be holding another National Assembly 11th March 2022. [cafod.org.uk/News/Events/National-assemblies](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fcafod.org.uk%2fNews%2fEvents%2fNational-assemblies&c=E,1,6P__rJTejsiS2v5ZEtWSWzxIqZ_MiD3DxA_lafGoSaVyDZmQyZYUZuxWsAM_U-8GqXNNLUL7TJz8SLPl5kRZaq8oNR7dEnRqZItoBdk0wlgqzyoWLg,,&typo=1)

**Missio**

**Lenten Calendar 2022:** The Missio Lenten Calendar calls children to participate in a daily activity. These support the three aspects of Lent; pray, fast and give alms. <https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/lent/>

**Lenten Resources:** There are a number of workbooks, quizzes and activities to explore with children over Lent. Assemblies, stations of the cross and a range of resources for Lent and Holy Week are also available.

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/lent/>

**Dates for the Diary\***

**February**

Mon 28 Memorial of St. Oswald

**March**

Tues 1 Feast of St. David

Wed 2 Ash Wednesday

Thurs 3 Feast of St. Chad (The Patron Saint of Archdiocese of Birmingham)

Fri 4 Commemoration of St. Casimir

Sun 6 Day of Prayer for the Candidates to the Sacraments

Mon 7 Commemoration of Ss Perpetua and Felicity

Tues 8 Commemoration of St. John of God

Wed 9 Commemoration of St. Frances of Rome

Fri 11 CAFOD Family Fast Day

Sat 12-19 Dementia Prayer Week

Sun 13 Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

Thurs 17 Feast of St. Patrick

Fri 18 Commemoration of St. Cyril

Sat 19 Solemnity of St. Joseph

Tues 23 Commemoration of St. Turibius

Fri 25 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

**April**

Mon 4 Commemoration of St. Isidore

Tues 5 Commemoration of St. Vincent

Thurs 7 Commemoration of St. John Baptist de la Salle

Sun 10 Palm Sunday **(Holy Week begins)**

Thurs 14 Maundy Thursday, Mass of the Last Supper

Fri 15 Good Friday

Sat 16 Holy Saturday

Sun 17 Easter Sunday

*\*For a complete list of dates, readings and colours please refer to the Archdiocese of Birmingham Ordo 2021-2022.*

*Further prayer resources can be found on https://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/*

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