



# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

## March is dedicated to St Joseph

We trust you are all well and keeping safe. The lockdown that was introduced by the Prime Minister last night is a stark warning of the severity of the days we are in. With vigilance and adherence to the request, which we are all duty bound to do, we should be able to pass quickly through this pandemic and keep well. Please God may this be so!

### The God who Speaks to us...

**"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."**

### School Support to the Covid-19 Response

At the time of writing, we remain open to those children of the frontline professionals who are working to suppress, support, heal and give hope to all who are affected by this virus. They are the real heroes in the midst of this darkness. We owe them everything and we continue to pray daily that they will be sustained in health, courage and hope.

### School Twitter

We will be tweeting messages from the liturgy of the Mass each day so that we keep the 'God who Speaks' alive and spoken in this community. Now is not the time to silence the Lord's voice in our world. We hope that it will give comfort and peace to many of you.

**Pictures of children working from home:** We would appreciate you sending in photos of your children working at home so that we can share these photos on our Twitter page. It could be a real boost to other families and children who may, possibly, be a little more reluctant to work at home 😊. We need to keep boosting morale among our school family members. The pictures should be sent via e-schools link to your child's teacher who will pass them on to SMT to tweet. Thank you!

### Timetable at home...?

For those of you who are aiming for some continuity and structure that reflects the children's school experience, we suggest, depending upon your home situation:

**Morning:** 9.00 – 12.00 ~ start the day with our **school prayer** (see website but the children should know it); **Maths/ English** activities (as set by their teacher); include **meditation** at 11.00 (5 minutes – the children know the way 'into' this) and a break for garden activity or a walk outdoors;

**After lunch:** 1.00 – 3.00/4.00 ~ **topic work** and/or **practical activities** (as set/suggested by teacher or your own ideas – there are many ideas on the internet in response to the covid-19 lockdown); **reading** (a daily 'must' please); **physical activities** (please note the Joe Wicks daily exercise on You Tube).

### School Website

Please see our website for updates and weekly newsletters.

Yours sincerely,

*H M Cusack*

H M Cusack, Headteacher

Fourth week of Lent

**Orators spoke to their listeners of life as it seemed to the mind.**

**The Nazarene spoke of a longing that lodged in the heart.** (Kahlil Gibran)

