



Newsletter

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig Santes Fair

Friday 27th March 2026

CROESO! Welcome!

Our Faith...



On Sunday, we will celebrate Palm Sunday, remembering Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Crowds welcomed him with joy, waving palm branches and praising his arrival as a King. It also marks the beginning of Holy Week, a sacred time of reflection and remembrance.

Our Faith in Action...



It has been a joy to see a huge amount of children bringing their sponsorship money into school for our *Lenten Appeal*. Children have been keen to walk their distances in class to achieve the collective total of 1120km – the distance from Bridgend to Fatima.

Thank you for your enormous support. The Mini Vinnies shared with us in our celebration assembly that we have raised a huge **£1282.58** for our 3 chosen charities this Lent; *CAFOD, HCPT (Group 55) and Diabetes UK.*

Our Lent Appeal!

CAFOD
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Bridgend
to
Fatima
DIABETES UK
KNOW DIABETES. FIGHT DIABETES.
1120Km

Holy Week Reflections

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Garden of Gethsemane



Palm Sunday



Good Friday



The Last Supper

PIC•COLLAGE

It was a joy to see the children present their Holy Week reflections and lead us so beautifully in prayer and reflection this week.

The Atelier reminded us of the joy of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Year 1 and Year 2 reflected on the very first Eucharist and showed how Jesus is a true servant leader. Year 3 and Year 4 prayerfully explored the Garden of Gethsemane, remembering how Jesus turned to His Father in prayer. Year 4/5, Year 5/6 and Year 6 reverently reenacted the Stations of the Cross, reminding us of Jesus' final journey to the Cross.

In all of these reflections, the children showed such respect and reverence throughout—they were truly moving and meaningful.

Thank you to all the friends and family who were able to join us. If you are able to spare a couple of minutes

to complete a brief feedback form, we would be very grateful.

MASS TIMES

Please see the flyer at the end of the Newsletter detailing Mass times / Stations of the Cross for children in St Mary's Church and Our Lady Star of the Sea.

Reconciliation

Thank you to Fr Tim and Fr Dale who joined us on Wednesday to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We congratulated our children who made their First Reconciliation in Church on their First Holy Communion programme.



Bless me Father for I have sinned.
It has been _____ since my last confession
and these are my sins:

O my God, because you are so good
I am very sorry that I have sinned against you
And with the help of your grace
I will not sin again.
Amen

Look at our Learning

Our Pupil Profile
Virtues:



We are called to show that we care.
~ Solidarity

Catholic Social
Teaching Principle



'Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day' (1 Cor 15:3).



Our school community joined in solidarity and marked *World Down Syndrome Day* last week, celebrating inclusion and the unique gifts of every individual.



Y2 have been learning about the '*Extreme Earth*' and volcanoes in particular. Super mapping and art skills on display.

The *Bake Off* was a great success last week – thank you again to the Friends for organising such a fabulous afternoon. Here are some of the super bonnets that were made in Atelier.





Y4 walked to St Mary's on Friday to join parishioners to celebrate *Mass*. I was so impressed that when they arrived, they joined in with the Salve Regina!



Y4/5 have been producing beautiful artwork – and digital work as part of their '*Classifying Animals*' domain.

Y5/6 enjoyed their trip to the *Big Pit* where they saw what it was like for millions of people who worked in the mines. They interacted with a range of primary sources from the Industrial Revolution: lamps, clothes, badges, tins, flags, machines and tools. They even went underground!



Y5/6 have been learning about structures of buildings in the *Industrial Revolution*. Miss Morgans then challenged the children to build a structure that was strong and tall using only spaghetti and marshmallows!



Notices

A big thank you to the Friends for all of their support this term in providing exciting and fun events for our children whilst also raising funds for our school. Diolch yn fawr.

Every child in our school received an Easter Egg today; courtesy of the Friends – diolch!

Reading

Please make every effort to read with your child over the Easter break — it plays a vital role in their learning, confidence, and overall development. Even just a few minutes each day can make a big difference, helping to improve vocabulary, comprehension, and imagination. Sharing stories together also builds a love of reading. Thank you for your continued support.




This week's certificates were awarded to children for their impressive **RE learning this term**. These children have thought carefully about this Branch of learning and have also asked interesting questions to further their knowledge and understanding. Da iawn pawb!

SUMMER UNIFORM

Following the Easter break, children are welcome to return to school wearing their **summer uniform**. Please ensure that all items of summer uniform are in line with the school's expectations and are clearly labelled with your child's name. For further information, please check our website: [St Mary's Catholic Primary School - School Uniform](http://www.stmaryscatholicprimary.co.uk)



Thursdays	Mr Carpenter (Chippy) from Spanish Soccer will be working with Y4, Y4/5, Y5/6 and Y6 in the summer term.	Multisports Club will be for Y2 and Y3 this term. The club is currently full and we are operating a waiting list.
Fridays	Miss Nikki from New You Dance (NYD) is back with us next term (Pod Enfys and Y1).	We will continue to use proceeds from the Nativity Ticket sales to cover the cost of this excellent provision. Thank you for your support.
W/C 23rd March	Swimming blocks begin.	Poster attached.
Friday 27th March	End of the Spring Term	
Monday 13th April	Start of the Summer Term	
Friday 1st May	INSET Day – school closed to pupils.	
Thursday 30th April	Film Night 	More details to follow.

Wishing you a peaceful Easter.

Mrs Azzopardi



As a Catholic Family, we will do our best; to live and learn as Christ taught us.

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Easter Mass Times

All Masses taking place at St Mary's will also be live-streamed.

DATE	PLACE	TIME
Thurs 2 nd April (Maundy Thursday)	Our Lady Star of the Sea	7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with watching until 9 pm
	St. Mary's Bridgend	7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with watching until 10.00pm
Fri 3 rd April (Good Friday)	Our Lady Star of the Sea	3.00pm Passion of the Lord
		7.00pm Stations of the Cross
	St. Mary's Bridgend	10.00am Stations of the Cross for children
		3.00pm Passion of the Lord
Sat 4 th April (Holy Saturday)	Our Lady Star of the Sea	8.00pm Easter Vigil Mass
	St. Mary's Bridgend	8.00pm Easter Vigil Mass
Sun 5 th April (Easter Sunday)	Our Lady Star of the Sea	10.00am Easter Sunday Mass
	St. Mary's Bridgend	11.00am Easter Sunday Mass

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO EVENING MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

Father Tim, Father Dale, Father Silvio, Deacon Anthony, Deacon Rob & Deacon Philip wish everyone a very Happy Easter.



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DATE	PLACE	TIME
Mon 6 th April (Easter Monday)	Our Lady Star of the Sea	Mass 10.00am
	St. Mary's Bridgend	Mass 10.00am
Tues 7 th April	Our Lady Star of the Sea	Mass 10.00am
	St. Mary's Bridgend	Mass 10.00am
Wed 8 th April	Our Lady Star of the Sea	Mass 10.00am
	St. Mary's Bridgend	Mass 10.00am
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Thurs 9 th April	Our Lady Star of the Sea	Mass 10.00am
	St. Mary's Bridgend	Mass 10.00am
Fri 10 th April	Our Lady Star of the Sea	Mass 10.00am
	St. Mary's Bridgend	Mass 10.00am
Sat 11 th April	Our Lady Star of the Sea	Mass 4.30pm
	St. Mary's Bridgend	Mass 6.00pm
Sun 12 th April (Divine Mercy Sunday)	Our Lady Star of the Sea	Mass 10.00am
	St. Mary's Bridgend	Mass 11.00am
		3-4pm Exposition and Benediction for Divine Mercy Sunday
		Mass 6.00pm

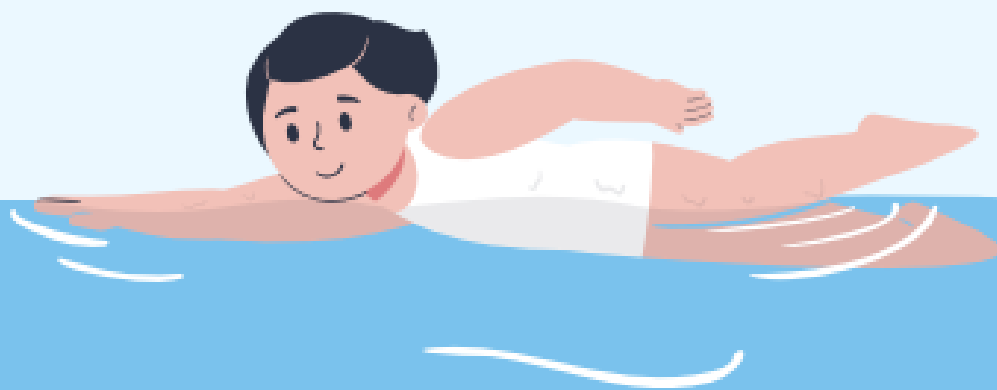
Thank you

Special thanks to all those who work so hard behind the scenes readying, cleaning and maintaining our Churches and supporting the clergy. Thank you also to all those who assist with the music, liturgy and flowers and those who welcome us into our churches and act as marshals in the event of emergency. God Bless.



ST. MARY'S

SWIMMING LESSONS



PYLE SWIMMING POOL

Bus leaves school @ 9.30am

Lessons start @ 10am

Bus leaves pool @ 11am

YEAR 6 - 23RD - 27TH MARCH

YEAR 5/6 - 13TH - 17TH APRIL

YEAR 4/5 - 20TH - 24TH APRIL

YEAR 4 - 27TH APRIL - 1ST MAY

YEAR 3 - 5TH MAY - 8TH MAY



EASTER CAMPS

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