



St. Anselm's Primary School

B3: From Lent to Easter 2024

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education:

Key Ideas:

The second half of the Spring term rolls Religious Education into line with the Church as we prepare for the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Beginning with Lent, pupils in all levels will hear about the widow who give all she has to the temple. 'All she has', is not much: two small coins worth about a penny– but in praising her Jesus notes that she gives from her poverty, not her abundance. Her gift then is extravagant and provides an opportunity for us to think about 'giving which costs', especially during Lent.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

Spiritual Outcomes: *It is hoped that pupils will develop:*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sense of the truths contained in Scripture. • An appreciation of/for our connection to the Jewish people. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect for the faith and practices of the Jewish people • An openness to learning from other faiths. |
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The Gospel of Mark records the last week of Jesus life very much as the other Gospel writers do, with one significant exception. Told at the tomb to tell the other that Jesus has indeed been raised, he is not there, the women are frightened and tell no-one. Mark's account has left some people uncomfortable: Why did he say this? Someone clearly said something, or we would never have heard, so why say they were too frightened to speak? The answer may lie in the context of his writing.

An idea for prayer at home—Prayer Activity:

Activities to try at home



Mark's community lived in fear of their lives; being a Christian, a disciple of Jesus, could lead to persecution and death. As a response to fear, silence was a safe option. Whether the women were wise to keep silent or whether they lacked courage is a point of debate, but it provides a challenge to us to speak up for our faith, even now.