

# The Rosary Catholic Primary School



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*Aspire, Believe,  
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We have a duty of care to the children in our school. This includes taking the necessary steps to safeguard them and promote their welfare. Parents and Carers please familiarise yourself with the school's Safeguarding Policy which you can view on our website. Further information about keeping your child safe can also be viewed under the Parent tab > Letters> Keeping Children Safe in Education. If you have any concerns, the school's Designated Officer for Safeguarding is Miss Bass and the Deputy Designated Officer is Mrs Shickle, both of whom can be contacted through the school office.

## Pope's Prayer Intentions

In his prayer intention for the month of April we are asked by the Holy Father to pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

*'God loves with a Father's love. Every life, and every one of us, belongs to Him.'*

– Pope Francis

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## Pope Francis' Prayer to Our Lady for Protection

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain with steadfast faith.

You know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

**Amen.**

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Dear parents

I hope that you are well. As we approach the end of the first two weeks of closure, your children should have completed the work pack they were originally sent home with. From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, teachers will be uploading weekly timetables and tasks on whichever platform they have been using e.g. SeeSaw, ParentHub etc. These tasks will include maths, English, weekly spellings, independent research projects etc. I commend you all for the tremendous effort that you are putting into home learning; it is so important that weekly tasks are completed in order for your child to maintain a steady rate of progress. Please make sure that your children are reading every day.

On that note, it is a very good idea for children to complete all their tasks in one exercise book. This will be particularly helpful if you don't have a printer at home or to reduce the number of worksheets floating about! If you do not have a suitable exercise book, **A4 exercise books will be available in the school foyer on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.** If you are able to, please come and take one. Otherwise, any lined workbook that you already have will be absolutely fine. And please do use our Useful Websites folder on our website home page for useful learning sites.

As you can imagine, there is limited news for our newsletter this week so may I close by wishing you and your families a very happy and holy Easter when it comes. In a time of difficulty such as this, it is important that we hold our faith close and know that we will come through this time together.

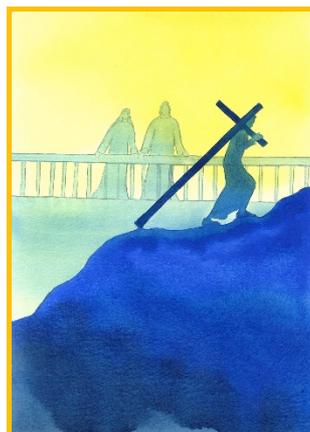
God bless

Miss Bass

### [Praying the Rosary \(from the Diocese of Westminster\)](#)

As we approach Holy week, we are invited to pray the Rosary for those who are affected by the virus. Thank you.

#### **The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery: The Carrying of the Cross**



We offer this decade of the Rosary for all those affected by the Corona Virus in the Diocese of Westminster and we ask the help of Our Blessed Mother Mary to take our prayers to her beloved son, Jesus.

### **Our Father...**

1. Jesus is condemned to death by crucifixion and so is forced to carry the cross to the place of execution. We pray for all those burdened by the Corona Virus at this time, especially all the staff and pupils in the schools of Westminster Diocese.

**Hail Mary...**

2. The suffering of Jesus is intense as the cross is laid on his bruised and wounded back and shoulders. We pray for all those who are ill and in pain at this time, especially those who are suffering alone.

**Hail Mary...**

3. Weak and exhausted from lack of blood, lack of food and rest, Jesus falls three times under the cross. We pray for all of those who are working tirelessly at this time, especially doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals.

**Hail Mary...**

4. Jesus meets his afflicted mother causing anguish in the hearts of Son and Mother. We pray for all mothers, fathers and children of loved ones who are suffering or dying at this time, especially those who are grieving.

**Hail Mary...**

5. The countenance of Jesus is disfigured with blood and sweat, with dust and spittle. We pray for those whose lives have changed, especially those who are suffering with poor mental health, stress or loneliness.

**Hail Mary...**

6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus, leaving on her towel the image of his countenance. We pray for all those opening their hearts to the needs of others in their community, especially the elderly and those at risk.

**Hail Mary...**

7. Fearing that Jesus might die on the way, the soldiers force Simon of Cyrene to carry the cross beside Jesus. We pray for all those from different agencies, charities and support groups who are helping others to carry their cross at this time.

**Hail Mary...**

8. Jesus speaks to the weeping women, "Weep not for me but for yourselves and for your children." We pray for all of our children at this time, especially those who are most weak and vulnerable both at home and at school.

**Hail Mary...**

9. "If anyone is to be my disciple, let him take up his cross and follow me." We pray for each one of us and for members of our families, that we can take up our own cross that the virus has imposed on us, with love, compassion and faith.

**Hail Mary...**

10. Jesus reaches the place on Calvary where he will be put to death on the cross. We pray for all those who are taking care of those who have died and those who are grieving, in our Diocese and around the world.

**Hail Mary...**

We trust that God who is all-knowing and compassionate will hear our prayers and send us his Holy Spirit so that we can carry our cross following the example of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Glory be...**

**Reflections on this mystery from:** <https://www.rosarycenter.org/homepage-2/rosary/how-to-pray-the-rosary/sorrowful-without-distractions/>