

Date w/c	Assembly	Daily Prayers
Christmastide		
<p>1 January Luke 2:22-40</p>	<p>Growing with God Jesus learnt how to grow in His love and knowledge of God because of the example of Mary and Joseph. We too can grow in our friendship with God following their example of humility and obedience.</p>	<p>Journey to Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12) To coincide with the upcoming Feast of Epiphany, the prayers this week follow the journey of the three wise men and encourage children to apply the themes of this special journey to their own lives.</p>
Ordinary Time		
<p>8 January Mark 1:7-11</p>	<p>Children of God This assembly helps children to move from thinking about Jesus' birth to His Baptism, which marked the start of His public ministry. Children will reflect on their identity as God's children and learn that they too are invited to become a special part of His family.</p>	<p>God's Family When we are baptised, we become part of God's family, a family that loves and cares for each other and one where our sisters and brothers in Christ are all over the world!</p>
<p>15 January John 1:35-42</p>	<p>Jesus, the Lamb of God In this week's Gospel reading, Peter asks Jesus how many times we should forgive someone who sins against us. Jesus says not seven times but seventy-seven times - in other words, no matter how many times somebody hurts us, we need to forgive them! Peter's question helps us to understand that daily choices to forgive others are needed.</p>	<p>Come and See The Gospel this week tells the story of Andrew's first encounter with Jesus, where they spend time getting to know one another, talking and relaxing just as friends do. Our prayers this week are about the nature of prayer, and how we can get to know Jesus better through our times of prayer.</p>
<p>22 January Mark 1:14-20</p>	<p>News for Now! Drop what you're doing and come now! Jesus gives us the best news and this is His invitation - to listen to Him, turn back to Him and believe what He tells us because the kingdom of God is close at hand.</p>	<p>Called to Follow This week all of the Daily Prayers are centring prayers - a kind of silent, contemplative prayer which will help children to experience God's presence within them. The idea is to rest in God's presence and for children to remember God's call to love Him, love others and share the Good News.</p>
<p>29 January Mark 1:21-28</p>	<p>Deep Impression Jesus' teaching was amazing, it changes people when they hear it, because what He says is spoken by God to show us who God is - are we ready to listen to Him?</p>	<p>Listen to His Voice Today! (Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9) This week's prayers explore how to respond to Jesus when we hear His voice, His new teaching and His authority.</p>

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5 February Mark 1:29-39	From Busyness to Peace Jesus' life was very busy, but He found peace by going to a quiet place to pray and be with His Father. We too can find peace in the busyness of our daily lives.	Let Us Pray Jesus was invited to Simon and Andrew's house. This week let us practise inviting Jesus to come to us in prayer, take us by the hand and help us. Let us offer prayers for those who need Jesus to be with them.
12 February Matthew 22:1-10	Look With Compassion Through the Gospel account of Jesus healing a leper, this week's assembly explores those who might be excluded and invites children to follow Jesus' example of compassion and welcome.	Your Will Be Done It is right to turn to Jesus and ask His help, and to be thankful, because we know that He wants to hear and help us. His answer may not be what we want to hear but Jesus knows and loves us.
Lent (Lent begins on Ash Wednesday – 14 February)		
19 February Genesis 9:8-15 Mark 1:12-15	Perfect Promises: Hope In the first of our Lenten assembly series focussing on God's Perfect Promises, children will explore the symbol of the rainbow given to Noah as a sign of hope. Lent is a time to remember that Jesus is the fulfilment of all of our hopes!	Forty Days This week, we are praying with Mark's Gospel which describes Jesus' temptation in the desert. This week's prayers help children to reflect on the ways they are tempted in similar ways to Jesus and how Jesus wants to help them to resist temptation and become more like the people God has created them to be.
26 February Genesis 22 Mark 9:2-10	Perfect Promises: Blessing God's Perfect Promise to Abraham was that he would bless Abraham and his family. We are descendants of Abraham and receive the blessings of God's promise through Jesus. Children will explore how they can be a blessing to others this Lent.	It Is Wonderful For Us This week's Gospel is a beautiful one to read and reflect on during Lent. In it we see Peter, James and John experience something incredible, which deepens their understanding of who Jesus really is. Their lives are changed and they experience a new beginning!
4 March Matthew 23:1-12	Perfect Promises: Guidance This week's assembly, the third in our Lenten series, reminds children, through the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments, that God promises to guide us so we can live in freedom.	Prayer Into Action In this week's Gospel we hear that Jesus was upset with the money lenders in the temple so turned over their tables and drove them out. This week's prayers help the children to reflect on injustice and how they can play their part in putting things right by choosing God's way.
11 March 2 Chronicles 36 John 3:14-21	Perfect Promises: Presence God has promised His people throughout history that He will be close to them. This assembly explores the Old Testament concept of God's presence residing in the Temple and helps children consider that they are temples where God dwells with them today.	Joy Forever In Heaven This Sunday the Church celebrated Laetare Sunday, meaning Rejoice Sunday. In this week's prayers children will explore what it means to rejoice that Jesus the light has come into the world. They will learn that believing in Jesus brings joy here here on earth and forever in heaven.

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18 March Jeremiah 31:31-34 John 12:20-33	Perfect Promises: Belonging In this final assembly of our Lent series reflecting on God's Perfect Promises, children hear Jeremiah's prophecy declaring that God's people will find belonging when His law is written on their hearts. The prayer time this week invites children to remember that they belong to God and He loves them.	Sacrificing For Others The Gospel this week is about Jesus' sacrificial love for us, and how children can emulate this in small ways in their day to day lives.
25 March	We will be producing an assembly resource and a daily prayers resource focussing on the key scripture and events of Holy Week, that schools may wish to use during this week.	