



# Growing In Faith Together

Living and learning, inspired by our faith.



Sunday's Gospel:

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 Lent, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Year B John 2:13-25

A reflection of Sunday's Gospel:

In today's gospel, we see Jesus enter the temple and drive out the money changers and those selling animals. Jesus was angry because these people were not treating the temple as a holy place of worship, but rather as a marketplace. Jesus reminds us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, and we should treat them with respect and honour.

In school this week ...

The GIFT Team led a special assembly for the whole school to discuss the importance of Lent and almsgiving. We are proud to support CAFOD, a global charity, and are asking for donations via the CAFOD donation boxes to be in school by 22<sup>nd</sup> March. These donations will help CAFOD provide support and resources to communities in need around the world. As a school, we are also supporting various local charities to make a difference in our community. In EYFS, we are supporting 'Little Lives UK' by raising money and donating clothes for disabled and disadvantaged children. In Year 1, we are collecting books for 'The Children's Book Project' to tackle book poverty. Year 2 is supporting 'Hounslow Food Box' by donating non-perishable food items to families in need. Year 3 is collecting goods for 'Little Village', a charity for families living in poverty. Year 4 is supporting Hounslow Action for Youth, Year 5 is collecting donations for 'The Upper Room' to help homeless individuals, and Year 6 is collecting donations for 'The Felix Project'.

A prayer of the week ...

Heavenly Father, help us to always remember that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. May we treat ourselves and others with love and respect, just as Jesus did in the temple. Help us to always strive to do what is right and pleasing to you. Amen.

As we continue on our Lenten journey, may we take the time to reflect on how we are treating ourselves and others. Let us strive to live in a way that is pleasing to God and honour the temple that is our bodies. Amen.

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