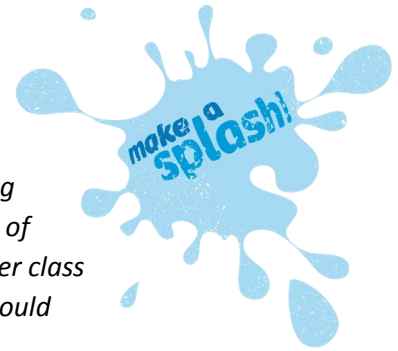


Lent 2012

Celebrating Make a Splash!

This short liturgy celebrates the hard work and success of pupils' fundraising efforts for CAFOD throughout Lent. It can be used at various times: as part of a school assembly, liturgy or Mass, as part of a school prize giving, in smaller class prayer times, or during a parish celebration of the Eucharist. The liturgy should take place during the season of Easter.



Droplets prepared during the Ash Wednesday liturgy can be used one final time to provide a suitable display during this liturgy.

Fish templates should be prepared for the Liturgy – see the Gospel reading, below.

Opening Prayer

Risen Jesus,
we celebrate the new life of this Easter season
as we rejoice in your resurrection from the dead.
We say thank you today for the prayer, fasting and works of charity
that marked our days of Lent.
We give thanks that, through the generosity of our community,
we can share the gift of clean water with people across the world.
Inspire us, Jesus, to continue this good work!
Amen.

Celebration of Success

Gospel Reading – Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples (John 21:1-7)

This Easter Gospel shows one of the appearances of the risen Jesus, again taking place at the lake side. It can be used to show the wonderful generosity of God, who provides all that we need. Through our works of charity, we show that we want to share this generosity with those who struggle.

The Gospel can be read by different pupils, or ideally acted out or mimed as the narrative is spoken. The many fish that are collected by the disciples are represented by many cut out fish shapes that have been decorated by pupils in preparation for the liturgy. The fish should include either messages of thanksgiving or prayer, or could include the activities that were completed by the pupil during Lent.

Alternatively, enough fish shapes for each member of the congregation can be prepared, containing a message, prayer, or simply the words 'Thank you!'. These can be given out as part of the liturgy, as indicated below.

Jesus appeared to his disciples at Lake Tiberias. This is how it happened. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael (the one from Cana in Galilee), the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples of Jesus were all together. Simon Peter said to the others, "I am going fishing."

“We will come with you,” they told him. So they went out in a boat, but all that night they did not catch a thing.

As the sun was rising, Jesus stood at the water’s edge, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then he asked them, “Young men, haven’t you caught anything?”

“Not a thing”, they answered.

He said to them, “Throw your net out on the right side of the boat, and you will catch some.”

So they threw the net out and could not pull it back in, because they had caught so many fish.

The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!”

Saying Thank You!

At this point, either distribute the ‘thank you’ fish cards used in the Gospel drama or pick out some of the pupil fish cards, and highlight some of the activities and endeavours of pupils.

If a final fundraising figure is known, this can be presented to the group. It can be helpful to point out how the money raised will change the lives of people like Rosena and Zimi.

Prayers

For the journey of Lent, and the chance to think, reflect and to give,
we say thank you, Lord! **Thank you, Lord!**

For the work of CAFOD in supporting people in need,
we say thank you, Lord! **Thank you, Lord!**

For our generous friends, families and community.
we say thank you, Lord! **Thank you, Lord!**

For the inspiration and courage to hope for a better world,
we say thank you, Lord! **Thank you, Lord!**

For the opportunity to provide safe drinking water for others,
we say thank you, Lord! **Thank you, Lord!**

For the hope that your resurrection brings,
we say thank you Lord. **Thank you, Lord!**

Closing Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for blessing us through Lent
and for bringing us joy as you rise again this Easter time.
Keep us aware of the needs of others,
and help us to share all that we have,
so that everyone has a fair share.
Amen.