



15th February 2024

LENT 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

With Lent in mind your child will bring a St Joseph's Donation Box home. This is one of our special charities, as the 'home' charity for Salford Diocese, and one which we have supported over the years.

St Joseph's Lenten Appeal

To fund the work of the Catholic Children's Rescue Society (now Caritas Diocese of Salford), a Lenten collection began in 1904 known as the St Joseph's Penny. The first collection raised 55,217 pennies or just over £230! The idea was that children in the Diocese would raise money for other children and the idea of children helping children has continued to this day. Many parents and grandparents will recall the appeals, involving Penny Boxes.

Today Caritas Diocese of Salford confronts and fights poverty, inequality and injustice, in which all people, particularly those experiencing disadvantage or discrimination, are welcomed, valued and supported to reach their full potential. Caritas continues to help children and families, alongside services that combat homelessness, build stronger communities, befriend older and isolated people and welcome refugees. They help people of all religions and none.

Children have been asked to bring back their filled donation boxes by Wednesday 27th March 2024 so that the money can go to where the need is greatest in our local Caritas services. During Lent please continue to give your support to this local charity.

Thank you for your continued generosity

Mrs C Dunne
Headteacher