



ST. MARY MAGDALENE'S

ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

A CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR ALL

27th February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Introduction

With Lent in mind, this is one of our special charities, as the 'home' charity for Salford Diocese, and one which we have supported over the years. Please see below a brief overview and the themes for this year.

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 and even prick cards (see image to right).

Celebrating the 110th anniversary of the St Joseph's Penny Lenten Collection (Diocese of Salford)



Caritas Diocese of Salford



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.

Donations - 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 by Donating via this link

https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-mary-magdalenes-rc-primary-school-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Children will also be sent home with donation boxes if you wish to make cash donations.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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