

# Fundraising ideas:

**THIS LENT. STAY siLENT**

- Promote your Wonderful fundraising page via email or through your social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter).
- Give a talk in your parish, school or local community, ask for donations after your talk (you can use our PowerPoint slides and donation box!)
- A sponsored silence (you could even get creative and create videos of yourself as it follows you through a day in the life without talking, provide links to your Wonderful fundraising page throughout the day).
- Run a SiLENT cake sale – create fresh baked goods and challenge yourself to sell your produce in silence.
- Take part in a range of class and group activities (see our siLENT resources) – donate the amount of time you spent in silence e.g: £2 for two minutes of silence).
- If taking part as a class group in school, use our sponsorship form to get support from your parents, friends, parish and local community
- If you cut out alcohol, cakes, or chocolates in Lent you will save quite a bit of money. Work out how much that would be and donate it to Million Minutes.
- Can you get your friends or family to sponsor you as you do something like: not eat puddings, or meat; or run a mile every day? Think of something that really would be good for you and get some people to sponsor you. They will help you keep up to the mark and Million Minutes will benefit.
- SiLENT car wash – ask your local parish if you can use their car park space to wash cars, get friends to join you, promote what your doing online, in newsletters, and in silence do a good act for your local parishioners, you can then collect donations after you are done.
- Host a siLENT film night, get your friends and members of the community to donate an entrance fee.
- Create a siLENT auction, have members from your school and local community donate items that will auctioned off to the highest bidder. Set out donation boxes and information pages on the tables to raise money while people participate.
- If you are creative (e.g: you paint, sew, draw, are into photography, make candles or cards) use your talents to help a good cause. Stick with the theme of silence, sell your products at local fayres, online and donate the proceeds to Million Minutes.
- Host a siLENT shared meal, bring your community together, and share a meal together in silence. Keep an intention or focus in mind and donation the price of the meal to Million Minutes or leave donation boxes out on the table.
- Promote your siLENT action through newsletters, press pieces and posters.

## Top tips:

- Be creative – think outside the box, use your gifts and talents.
- Personalise your fundraising page – let people know why you are fundraising for Million Minutes and the impact we make.
- Use our grant stories to show people what projects siLENT supports.
- Share it all! If people don't know what you're up to, they can't help. Get your friends and family to share your fundraising page – that way you'll reach more people!

Lent begins on the 17 February and ends on the 29 March 2021.

Help us create a deafening silence this Lent by joining us today:  
[millionminutes.org/siLENT](http://millionminutes.org/siLENT).