



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

What an amazing turnout yesterday for family Mass. We had 70 children sitting with us and whatever your role was we are all very proud of you. Congratulations to Chris who was awarded the St Stephen medal for his ministry as an altar server.

This morning Year 3 and Year 4 went across to join the Parish for Mass too.

We also have Mrs Stephenson from The Becket School coming in to school this afternoon to give the children an update about our Building Hope project and how recent fundraising means the school now has a roof

Remember Friday is an INSET day so school will be closed to all pupils.

STATEMENT TO LIVE BY:

I can work, rest and pray each day



SCHOOL TRIPS THIS TERM:

Y6 @ THE BRIARS DECEMBER 5th, 6th & 7th

Y6 head to the Briars again this December. Our Briars residential is one of our most important and only spiritual residential we offer. We always encourage the whole of Y6 to go as it is also their last residential opportunity as a whole year group at St Edward. The Briars team are a group of young people full of enthusiasm for life and the world and they make the Briars experience unforgettable. **Please bring payments to the office. If you are concerned about payments, please call in and talk to me.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The date has now passed for enrolment forms to be returned for children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion in 2019.

There is a meeting for all the parents of the children who did return their forms on Wednesday 28th November in school beginning at 6:30pm. **This is for parents only so please arrange childcare.**

The Mass of Enrolment will take place on Sunday 9th December at 11:15am so please ensure you attend this.

ADVENT SERVICES

This weekend is the first Sunday of Advent and we begin our Advent liturgies this week. Each week they will be led by different year groups:

Thursday 29th November – Year 6 in school 2:30pm

Thursday 6th December – Year 5 in school 2:30pm

Thursday 13th December – year 6 in school 2:30pm

Friday 21st December – Year 3 & 4 in church 2:00pm

Daily Breakfast Club 8-8:45	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
Monday Breakfast Club	Koala Klubs: Cooking Club (Whole School)	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition Y4, 5 & 6 Dodgeball (Year 1,2 and 3)	Afternoon 3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition, Y1, 2 & 3 Recorders/Keyboard/Choir Koala Klubs: Magic Club (Whole school) Football (Year 4,5 and 6)	Afternoon All Day 3:15 - 4:30 3:15 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	Koala Klubs: Krazy Science (Whole School)	3:15 - 4:30
Friday Breakfast C	Koala Klubs; Gym (Whole School)	3:15-4:30

EYFS AND KS1 NATIVITY

Nursery and Reception children will perform their Christmas Play to families on Tuesday 18th December. There will be two performances – beginning at 10am and 1:30am. All children in Year 1 and 2 will be part of the choir. Families of all children are welcome to join us.



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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
03.09.18	4th September: INSET Day 5th Sept: School opens to pupils		
10.09.18			EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
17.09.18	18.09.18: Photographs 23.09.18: Family Mass 11:15am	19.09.18: Whole School Mass in church at 9:15am Thursday: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	17.09.18: N-Y5 Meet the Teacher 3:15-3:45pm 17.09.18: Y6 Information Meeting 6pm 20.09.18: Information evening regarding Hathersage
24.09.18	26.09.18: International Day	Thursday: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
01.10.18	01.10.18: INSET DAY (School closed for pupils)	Thursday: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm 05.10.18: Year 6 Assembly 9:15am.	
08.10.18			
15.10.18	15.10 -17.10.18: Residential Year 3&4 18.10.18: Theatre Company in school	17.10.18: Harvest Mass in school 9:15am	
22.10.18			25.10.18: Parents Meetings 1:00pm – 6:00pm
	HALF TERM	29.10.18– 02.11.18	
05.11.18		Thursday: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm 09.11.18: Remembrance Day Liturgy	
12.11.18	Judaism Week 12.11.18: Parish Mass Year 1 & 6	Thursday: Celebration Assembly 2:15pm	
19.11.18	19.11.18: Parish Mass Year 2 & 5	Thursday: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm 23.11.18: Year 3 Assembly 2:30pm	
26.11.18	26.11.18: Parish Mass Year 3 & 4 30.11.18: INSET DAY (School closed for pupils)	Thursday: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
03.12.18	05.12.18-07.12.18: Year 6 Briars residential	03.12.18 Advent Service of Reconciliation Year 4-6 Thursday: Advent Liturgy 2:30pm	
10.12.18		Thursday: Advent Liturgy 2:30pm	12.12.18: Primary Music Concert at The Becket School 14.12.18: Christmas Fayre
17.12.18	18.12.18: Foundation Nativity 10am & 1:30pm 20.12.18: Christmas Dinner	21.12.18: Advent Wreath Service in Church	

PUPIL VOICE

It was lovely to see so many parents and families join us on Friday afternoon for Year 3's Class Assembly. The children did a wonderful job of retelling the story of Robin Hood – great acting and loud, clear speaking voices.

Thank you to all the families who joined us for Mass yesterday morning. Well done to all the children who lead us with readings, reflections and the offertory procession – you all read so confidently. The choir also sang beautifully too. Thank you to the members of the Chaplaincy Team who served refreshments to the parish afterwards.

A few weeks ago Father Paul asked me if some children could create figures for a Nativity scene in church. I agreed and Father Paul added that he would like them to be about two feet tall!! We now have 14 year six pupils who have kindly agreed to give up an hour of their time every Tuesday after school. Although this will contribute to their 20 hours' voluntary service towards their Faith in Action Pin Award, they are all extremely enthusiastic about this project and are full of ideas. Please take a look when you are over in Church during Advent. Thank you to Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Baptist for supporting the children too.



Parish Notices

For those who have died: We pray for Frederick Lynch who has died recently and whose funeral will take place at Our Lady and St Edward Church on Tuesday 20th November at 12.15pm. We keep the family in our prayers at this difficult time.

The Live Simply Challenge: In last week's Newsletter, we reported on the four suggestions from CAFOD for our continuing Parish Live Simply campaign. As well as the Eco-audit, they suggested that we develop Partnerships with external agencies and local politicians. Do you have any suggestions? Thank you for the recycling of ink cartridges (only Canon & HP please) Foreign Currency, Spectacles, Mobile Phones & Jewellery. Please keep them coming in - your continued generosity is greatly appreciated. See the Box in the Church Foyer.

SVP Christmas Lunch: The SVP are organising a Christmas lunch for our senior parishioners on Thursday, 6th December. This is a great opportunity to meet with other members of the parish and enjoy lunch together. Transport can be provided if required. Please phone 953 6826 or 847 9229 to let us know if you would like to join us by Wednesday 21st November.

Handel's Messiah: The Nottingham Harmonic Choir are performing Handel's Messiah at The Royal Concert Hall Nottingham on Sunday 2nd December at 3pm. Tickets; £18-£24 are available from the booking office, www.trch.co.uk or 0115 989 5555

A day of Discernment: There will be a day of prayer and discernment at The Friary on Saturday 24th November 10.30am-3pm, for young men and women aged 18-30 who may be thinking about becoming a priest, deacon or religious sister or brother. The Vocations Team will be on hand; Fr Paul, Fr Jonathan, Sr Maureen, Sr Susan and Sr Dorothy Paul. Let us know if you can join us through twitter: @nottsvocation or via the Vocations email: nottinghamvocations@hotmail.co.uk

FAIRTRADE Christmas: The repository now has a lovely stock of Fairtrade Christmas cards and a limited number of children's nativity activity books. There is also a small selection of Fairtrade Christmas items that can be ordered by signing up on the form in the foyer. Please send your money in an envelope to the Friary by next weekend, Sunday 25th November.

The Feast of Christ the King – 25th November: Next weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and National Youth Sunday. The Youth Group will be leading us in the music at the 9.30am Mass and the children from our primary school will be leading us in the Mss at 11.15am. Congratulations to Matthew, Sam and Chris who will be enrolled into the guild of St Stephen at the 11.15am Mass and receive their bronze medal of honour for commitment to their serving ministry. Well done you three! And thanks to all our servers who fulfil their ministry so faithfully and well.

'Wednesday Word': Each week in the foyer at Church, there are 'Wednesday Word' sheets for the children to use at home. Please take a copy to help your children better understand the Gospel reading they will listen to at Mass.

First Communion 2019: The deadline for applications for children making First Communion was last Friday. We have a good number of children who will be preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion. Let's pray for them as they get ready. Parents and children are invited to the special Enrolment Mass for the programme on Sunday 9th December at 11.15am. An initial meeting for parents will be at St Edward school on Wednesday 28th November beginning at 6.30pm. All parents who have children enrolled on the programme are asked to be at this meeting.

Faith in Families: The autumn collection for 'Faith in Families' raised £78.07. Thanks to all concerned. Mary Longley will not be doing any further collections for 'Faith in Families', but they will always welcome standing orders for however large or small an amount. Details of the organisation and relevant forms are in the church foyer. Many thanks to Mary for the work she has done for the charity in our parish over the years.

St Paul's Missals: A limited number of St Paul's Missals are for sale containing the readings and prayers for all Sundays and Holydays throughout 2019. They make fantastic stocking fillers or just a treat for yourself. Priced at just £5.95, they are an ideal accompaniment to the Sunday Mass.

CAFOD World Gifts: Instead of buying presents for your family and friends, an alternative is to buy for the needy and poor in other parts of the world, to benefit them. Buying from CAFOD World Gifts does exactly that and the present can be bought in the name of your family member or friend. You will receive a gift card to give to them, outlining the gift you have given via CAFOD for the needy person or family. Look out for the poster and World Gift booklets at the back of church.

'Precious Love' Fr John Martin looks forward to welcoming you to Our Lady's church at Bulwell, NG6 9ES, for an afternoon of renewal. Starting at 2.30pm, the programme includes song, Mass, adoration and scriptural talk and ministry with guest speaker Gary Stephens. There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation until 6.30pm when the day concludes. Please see the posters in the foyer or contact: 07506810177 or preciouslove@outlook.com for more information. 'Precious Love' renewals will happen every two months, we will keep you updated about the next event.

Home Mission Sunday: There will be a mandatory second collection at all weekend Masses on 1st/2nd December for Home Mission Sunday. Thank you.

Collection from 11 November 2018

Loose plate £449.39

Envelopes £327.20

Total £776.59

Many thanks for your kind generosity



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY @ 2:30pm

Word of the Week is: Hope

Nursery: Mark & Lili

Reception: Skyla & Tobechi

Year 1: Olivier & Kaylin

Year 2: Zuzanna & Evie

Year 3: Lydiah & Gabby

Year 4: Jessica L & Mason

Year 5: Tom-Barry & Zofia

Year 6: Danait & Josh

IT'S CHRISTMAS!!

We will be holding our Christmas Fayre in school on Friday 14th December beginning at 1:15pm. We have started to collect any unwanted gifts and toiletries for the tombola stall. If you have any donations, please hand in to the school office.

Each child will bring home a book of raffle tickets this week. Please return the stubs and money in an envelope to your child's class teacher or hand in at the office.

On Friday 7th December we will be holding a dress as you like day in return for a bottle for the bottle stall. This can be a bottle of wine, lager or a soft drink.

We also need some parent volunteers so if you are able to help out on the day (or before) please let Mrs Astley or Mrs White know.



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 26th November Feria	9.15am	School MASS
Tuesday 27th November Feria	7pm	MASS
Wednesday 28th November	8am 9am	Exposition MASS
Thursday 29th November Saint Cecelia	8 am 9 am	Exposition MASS
Friday 30th November	8 am 9 am	Exposition MASS
Saturday 1st December	10 am 10.30-11am 5.45 -6.15 pm 6.30 pm	MASS Exposition Exposition VIGIL MASS Eddie McCusker RIP
Sunday 2nd December	9:30am 11:15am	MASS The People of the Parish MASS

CHRISTMAS MARKET AT THE BECKET SCHOOL TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR BUILDING HOPE PROJECT

This will take place on Wednesday 5th December between 5pm and 8pm. Some of our year 5 pupils will be running their own stall and the school choir will be performing at 5:30pm.

There will be external companies selling products as well as stalls ran by pupils from the other feeder schools. Please come along and support this wonderful cause.

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