



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Hope you had an enjoyable long weekend and managed to avoid the rain showers. It's hard to believe we are in the month of December already which can only mean one thing – it's time for the School Council to decorate the Christmas Tree.

Tomorrow we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Year 4, 5 and 6. Many thanks to Father Paul, Father Jonathan and Father John McCay from Holy Spirit Parish for joining us.

On Wednesday some year 5 children will be running our stall at the Christmas Market selling snowmen kebabs as well as a performance from our school choir. The market is open from 5pm until 8pm and all money raised will go to the Building Hope project.

SCHOOL TRIPS THIS TERM:

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

Y6 head to the Briars again this week. 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 follow us on Twitter [@elseacademy](https://twitter.com/elseacademy) for updates and photos.

Please bring outstanding payments to the office. If you are concerned about payments, please call in and talk to me.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting in school last Wednesday. We have over twenty families who have requested the 11:15am Mass even though Father Paul said at the meeting we can have a maximum of 13 at each Mass. This is due to fire regulations and to accommodate the parish who normally attend this Mass. Please could you reconsider one of the alternative Masses – 6:30pm on Saturday night or 9:30am on Sunday and either let myself or Father Paul know.

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

ADVENT SERVICES

This weekend we celebrated the first Sunday of Advent and we have begun our Advent liturgies in school. All families are welcome to join us. 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

A WORD FROM

POPE FRANCIS

"Hope is a strength, a grace and a gift from God:"



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	4 th September: INSET Day 5 th 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	Christmas Market 5pm – 8pm at The Becket School
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

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.

Our school choir are in demand as we lead up to Christmas. They are performing at the Christmas Market on 5th December at The Becket School. Following that we are singing at the Primary Music Festival on 12th December at The Becket School beginning at 6pm. We have arranged for the children to go on a bus in the afternoon as we have a rehearsal time. This is a ticket only event and each choir member has been allocated 2 tickets. These can be purchased from the school office and cost £2 each. Any remaining tickets will be sold from Monday 10th December. **If you are unable to attend please make arrangements to collect your child at 7:30pm from The Becket School.** After that we are singing in The Greyfriars on 14th December, parish Carol Service on 16th December and Spring meadow Day Centre on 19th December. If you have not returned your letters, please do so ASAP.

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Parish Notices

Leaflet for Advent and Christmas: Our leaflet for Advent and Christmas is available from the back of church, with details of dates and times of Masses, Services and special events here at Our Lady & St Edward's church and in our local schools. Please take a leaflet home with you and share one with a neighbour who you think might be interested in knowing more about our Advent and Christmas celebrations. Alternatively, save paper and read it here.

Baptism: Congratulations to Isabella Cardoso Withington who will be baptised at Our Lady and St Edward on Sunday 2nd December at 1pm. Our prayers and best wishes go to Isabella and her family on this special occasion. Well done everyone.

The Live Simply Challenge This week we report on the final suggestion from CAFOD for our continuing parish campaign. As well as an Eco-audit, Partnerships and More Adult Lay Involvement, CAFOD suggest – Supervision by and reporting of future work to the Parish Council, with a Forward Plan, a Link with the parish Quinquennial Inspection and its implementation. Let us continue to look for opportunities to live more simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor in our neighbourhoods and around the world.

Christmas Red Box Appeal: The Red Box will make its appearance during Advent so that you can contribute toys, games etc for the SVP to distribute to children and their families who need our help. All items need to be in new or excellent condition. The Red Box will be available for the first 2 Sundays in Advent (2nd & 9th December). On the 3rd Sunday (16th December), we are looking for gifts for the homeless who visit Emmanuel House. They also need items like gloves, hats, socks, underwear, toiletries and little Christmas treats – chocolate and biscuits. Thank you in anticipation for your generosity. Emmanuel House – Thank you: We have received a letter thanking our parish for the generous donation of £214.17, which was made to Emmanuel house following the Harvest Supper.

First Communion 2019: There will be a special Enrolment Mass for the First Holy Communion children and their parents on Sunday 9th December at 11.15am Mass.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC): Our PPC meets on Monday 10th December at 7pm. If there is anything you would like to bring to the attention of the PPC, please add it to the silver box in the foyer at church or have a word with one of the members of the PPC. A response to all questions will be in the PPC minutes displayed at church.

Ordinations for the Diocese of Nottingham: Please pray for our seminarians who will be ordained soon; we particularly remember, of course, Deacon Paul Smith who will be ordained to the priesthood at St Barnabas Cathedral on Saturday 26th January at 11.30am. A list is available at the back of Church for those who hope to attend Deacon Paul's special day – just put your name on the list. Pray also for John Owens and Liam Carpenter - John will be ordained Deacon at St Mary's College Oscott on Saturday 8th December and Liam will be ordained Deacon at St Bernadette's Church Scunthorpe on Friday 18th January.

Deanery Services of Reconciliation: Services of Reconciliation are available in some of the churches throughout the deanery during December (have a look at the poster in church for details, venues and times). There is also the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation here at Our Lady & St Edward's church on the Saturday's in Advent at 10.30am – 11am and 5.45pm – 6.15pm.

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

Children's Liturgy – Sunday 11.15am Mass: We are desperately looking for volunteers to help with the Children's Liturgy at the 11.15am Mass on Sundays. It means looking at the Gospel reading with the children and helping them understand what the Word of God means. If you feel skilled in this area, or would like to help, please have a word with Ivor Morris or one of the priests. Your commitment would mean you lead the session once every 4 or 5 weeks. Training and support will be given. Thank you.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Our discernment student, Peter, invites you to join him in The Friary for half an hour of prayer to Jesus, the Divine Mercy this Friday, 7th December at 2.45pm, there will be adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and then the reciting of the Chaplet of Mercy at 3pm in honour of Jesus' passion, followed by a short reading from the writings of St Faustina. It can be a beautiful way to enter into Advent whilst focusing our prayer on the mercy of Jesus poured out upon us. You are all welcome.

We need counters for the collection: The Parish Finance committee are asking for more volunteers to count the collections after the Sunday Masses. At present, 2 people count the collections on a Sunday, 5 or 6 times a year, but in order to safeguard ourselves, we are now looking to have 3 counters at a time. It takes under an hour to do, and no previous knowledge is required. It is very easy! If you can commit to helping us, have a word with Cath Legan (chair), Peter Murray, Clare Soar or one of the priests. Thank you.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY @ 2:30pm

Word of the Week is: Peace

Nursery: Aryan & Oskar

Reception: Zuzanna & Amelia

Year 1: Katie & Harlan

Year 2: Emilia O & Oskar

Year 3: Adebayo & Maja W

Year 4: Marianna & Summer

Year 5: Takem & Katie

Year 6: At the Briars

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

Please hand any unbought raffle tickets back into the office as they can be sold on the day.

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 3rd December Saint Francis Xavier	8am 9am	Exposition MASS The People of the Parish
Tuesday 4th December Advent Feria	8am 9am	Exposition MASS Frank Dore RIP
Wednesday 5th December Advent Feria	8am 9am	Exposition MASS Anna Khuong Thi Le
Thursday 6th December Advent Feria	8 am 9 am	Exposition MASS Thanksgiving
Friday 7th December Saint Ambrose	8 am 9 am	Exposition MASS Margaret Bird
Saturday 8th December Immaculate Conception of Our Lady	10 am 10.30-11am 5.45 -6.15 pm 6.30 pm	MASS Betty Hulley RIP Exposition Exposition VIGIL MASS Mary Murphy Special Intention
Sunday 9th December 2nd. Sunday of Advent	9:30am 11:15am	MASS Michael Rahilly RIP (Anniversary) MASS Mary O'Gorman and Family Intentions

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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