



**WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?**

Last Tuesday we celebrated a very reflective Reconciliation Service. The children created their own footprints and as they left the service they left their footprints to show they will walk the right path in order to welcome Jesus into their lives at Christmas. Thank you to Father Paul, Father Jonathan and Father John from Holy Spirit parish.

Huge congratulation to Miss Hussain and her fiancé who got married recently. They celebrated a special day joined by family and friends. Miss Hussain is now known as Mrs Harnden.

It is with sadness that I inform you that Mrs Moore will be leaving us at the end of this term. She is certainly one half of the office dream team and will be missed by children, staff, parents and governors. An advertisement has been released and we hope to interview in the New Year.

**A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

**“Advent is a time to prepare our hearts to receive Christ.”**



**SCHOOL TRIPS THIS TERM:**

**Y6 VISIT THE BRIARS DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**

Year 6 had a wonderful time at The Briars last week, even the fire alarm going off during Wednesday night and the early morning music wake up couldn't spoil their fun. Miss Greenwood and I were lucky enough to join them all for Mass on Thursday night followed by a lovely roast pork dinner. After we were all full to the brim, we were able to join them in the disco finishing the night off with thought provoking night prayer in the Garden Room. Many thanks to Miss Moody, Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Chyla for giving up their time to stay with the children.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME**

Yesterday we celebrated the enrolment Mass for the children who are making their First Holy Communion in June 2019. Following our meeting for parents we still 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. If you have requested 11:15am 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.

**ADVENT SERVICES**

This weekend we celebrated the second 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 29<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 in school 2:30pm

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5 in school 2:30pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 in school 2:30pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> December. There will be two performances – beginning at 10am and 1:30pm. 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 <sup>th</sup> September: INSET Day 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept: School opens to pupils		
10.09.18			<b>EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN</b>
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	<b>01.10.18: INSET DAY (School closed for pupils)</b>	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
	<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>29.10.18– 02.11.18</b>	
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 <b>30.11.18: INSET DAY (School closed for pupils)</b>	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 huge thank you to our faith in Action team who have competed their Nativity figures which will be displayed in St Edwards Church during the Advent and Christmas season. You have really put your faith in to action by volunteering your time and teaching others about the real meaning of Christmas. Thank you to Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Baptist too. Before our Year 6 children headed up to The Briars on Wednesday they were busy creating platters of snowmen kebabs which we went on to sell at The Becket Christmas Market raising money for our Building Hope Project. Thank you to our year 5's who ran our stall and our year 4 and 5 choir who sang so beautifully.

We are singing at the Primary Music Festival on 12<sup>th</sup> 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. Please provide your child with a packed lunch that they will eat at tea 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. You will be refused entry without a ticket due to fire regulations. Any remaining tickets will be sold from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> December, parish Carol Service on 16<sup>th</sup> December and Spring meadow Day Centre on 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The Live Simply Campaign:** In the Repository Shop at Church there are some FAIRTRADE Christmas Cards for sale and some children's Nativity Activity Books. In the foyer you'll find a booking form for you to order TRADECRAFT Christmas items; nativity sets, advent candles and Advent calendars. These need to be ordered as soon as possible. The CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue is available for you to collect and order direct from CAFOD (by December 14th) for unusual gifts which will help provide a gift for someone in a poorer part of 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.

**Parish Carol Service:** Our Carol Service and the official 'switching on' of the Christmas tree lights will take place next Sunday (16th December) at 3pm. Mince pies, coffee and tea in the parish room afterwards. If anyone can bring some homemade (or bought) mince pies along, that would be really helpful!

**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.

**Deacon Paul Smith - Ordination:** Please pray for 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 for those who hope to come to Paul's special day – just put your name on the list.

**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

**Taizé Evening:** On Thursday 20th December at 7pm there will be an evening of prayer and Taizé music at St Edward's church. All warmly invited to come along.

**Vacancies:** The directors of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust are seeking to appoint 3 lay chaplains. For further information on these vacancies please visit their website [www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk](http://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk)

**Deanery Services of Reconciliation:** Services of Reconciliation are available next week at 7.30pm at the following churches:

- Monday 17th at Holy Spirit, West Bridgford,
- Tuesday 18th at St Ann's, Radcliffe,
- Wednesday 19th at Sacred Heart, Carlton
- Thursday 20th at Good Shepherd, Arnold.

There is also the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady & St Edward's on the Saturday's in Advent at 10.30am to 11am and 5.45pm to 6.15pm.

**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:** You are invited to The Friary for half an hour of prayer to Jesus, the Divine Mercy this Friday, 14th 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 - a beautiful way to journey through Advent.

**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. If you can commit to helping us, have a word with Cath Legan, Peter Murray, Clare Soar or one of the priests. Thank you.

'Let it be': We will be repeating our DVD series, 'Let it be' during the weeks leading up to Christmas. It is an exploration of Mary the Mother of Jesus, past and present. Saturday morning's in the Friary continuing this Saturday 16th December, 11am-12.30pm. All are welcome.

Advent Liturgy – The Becket School:

The 6th Form Chaplaincy at The Becket School invite us for an evening of reflection on the real meaning of Advent on Thursday 13th December beginning at 7pm. It's an event for the whole family which includes refreshments provided by students fundraising to travel to Lourdes this year.



**CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**

**THURSDAY @ 2:30pm**

**Word of the Week is: Mercy**

**Nursery: Anjola & Zofia**

**Reception: Lena & Nicola**

**Year 1: Tommy & Jessy**

**Year 2: Emily J & Vivien**

**Year 3: Harry B & Maia M**

**Year 4: Zohan & Natalia**

**Year 5: Oliwia & Shakur**

**Year 6: All of Year 6**

**IT'S CHRISTMAS!!**

Thank you for your generosity on Friday with your donations for our bottle stall. We will be holding our Christmas Fayre in school on Friday 14th December beginning at 1:15pm. We are still collecting any unwanted gifts and toiletries for the tombola stall. If you have any donations, please hand in to the school office.

Each child has already brought home a book of raffle tickets. 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.**

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.

You will be able to collect your child(ren) and take them to the fayre. Don't forget to wear your Christmas jumper!!



**MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

<b>Monday 10th December Advent Feria</b>	8am 9am	Exposition <b>MASS</b> The People of the Parish
<b>Tuesday 11th December Advent Feria</b>	8am 9am	Exposition <b>MASS</b> Jimmie Carter RIP
<b>Wednesday 12th December Advent Feria</b>	8am 9am	Exposition <b>MASS</b> Kathleen Gibney
<b>Thursday 13th December Saint Lucy</b>	8 am 9 am	Exposition <b>MASS</b> Tim Horan RIP
<b>Friday 14th December Saint John of the Cross</b>	8 am 9 am	Exposition <b>MASS</b> Mary Campbell
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December Advent Feria</b>	10 am 10.30-11am 5.45 -6.15 pm 6.30 pm	<b>MASS</b> Michael Jennings RIP Exposition Exposition <b>VIGIL MASS</b> The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	9:30am 11:15am	<b>MASS</b> Nelson Lane RIP <b>MASS</b> James McManamon RIP

**CLASS LISTS FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS**

We have had a number of parents who have asked class teachers or at the office for a class list of children's names so they can write Christmas cards with their children.

When GDPR came into force in May the information we store for children falls into two categories personal and sensitive data. As a result, with GDPR compliance, we are unable to share this information with other people without consent being given.

I appreciate children like to send Christmas cards to all of their friends in class but this is not an expectation from school so if your child doesn't remember to give a child in their class a card please reassure them it is okay.