



**WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?**

Even though we are beginning our penultimate week of this term, we are as busy as ever in school. Today Year 5 will lead us in our Advent Liturgy on the theme of peace. Unfortunately, we have had to move this to Teams due to having a small number of positive Covid cases in school. We hope to be able to invite parents back into school later this week. Due to these positive cases we had to postpone the year 6 residential to The Briars. Understandably the children were very disappointed but we are very hopeful that we can rearrange for next term. Once we have confirmation of dates, we will share with you.

This afternoon, children in year 4, 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their Advent preparations.

After school ten children from year 1 and 2 will represent our school at the multi skills festival. Thanks to Miss Whitmore for taking the children. Please collect promptly at 6pm from school.

Children in Year 4 and 5 have been busy rehearsing to perform at a Carol Service at St Barnabas Cathedral on Wednesday at 6pm. Children will be taken from school at 2pm so they can rehearse prior to the event. If you are attending, please wear a mask in line with guidance. Singing behind masks is permitted. For those unable to attend the service will be live streamed via the Cathedral Website: St Barnabas Cathedral. Children must be picked up at 7pm. Friday is Christmas Jumper Day so non uniform for all children if they wear a Christmas jumper.

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**TRANSFER TO RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2022**

Each family who has a city address and has a child in nursery has received an information pack about applying for a reception place for their child for September 2022. **The closing date for applications is Saturday, 15th January 2022. If you apply after the deadline this may reduce your chances of getting a place at your preferred school, particularly if it is popular. Although your child currently attends our nursery, this does not guarantee you a place in Reception.** We have to follow the admissions criteria from the diocese so it is important you visit other schools and list them too on your application. Failure to do so will mean the City Council will place your child in a school where there is a space available.

**RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

If your child is baptised Catholic and in year three or above and has not yet received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion there is some information available about the programme which will commence in January for children and families. **If you would like to commit to the programme, please collect a form from church, complete and return the form to church by 19<sup>th</sup> December**



**WORD OF THE WEEK: PEACE**



God gave himself to the world, not as a powerful king but as a tiny baby. He brought a message of peace and humility to a world that needed it more than ever.

Think this week about the peace in our world.

Does everybody live in the peaceful communities that we do?

This week let's try and remember that during Advent we are called to bring the peace of Christ to everyone we meet.

<b>Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45</b>	<b>EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</b>	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Basketball ( Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:30 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition TB Sport: Gymnastics (Year 1,2 and 3)	All day 3:30 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Basketball ( Year 1,2 and 3)	3:30 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Dodgeball ( Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:30 - 4:30
Friday Breakfast Club	No afterschool provision	

**ATTENDANCE SHOUT OUTS!!**

Our Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Bradshaw, monitors attendance daily and continues to make home visits to support parents to ensure their child attends school regularly and on time.

**HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to CLASS 3 who have had 100% attendance this week!! I'm so proud!!**

**School Matters!**



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**

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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
30.08.21	31.08.21: Health and Safety Day 01.09.21: INSET Day 02.09.21: School opens to pupils	02.09.21 Welcome back Assembly	
06.09.21		06.09.21 Whole School Assembly 10.09.21 Mass led by Year 6	
13.09.21		13.09.21 Whole School Assembly 15.09.21 Choir begins for Year 4 and 5 16.09.21 Year 6 retreat afternoon 17.09.21: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm via Microsoft Teams	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
20.09.21	24.09.21: International Day	20.09.20 Whole School Assembly 23.09.21 Year 5 Retreat afternoon 24.09.21: International Day Assembly 2:30pm	20.09.21 Year 6 information evening in school 6pm 22.09.21 Year 6 Information Meeting at The Becket
27.09.21	<b>01.10.21 INSET DAY (School closed to all pupils)</b>	27.09.21 Whole School Assembly 30.09.21 St Therese of Liseux House Retreat afternoon	27.09.21 Meeting for parents regarding Hathersage
04.10.21		04.10.21 St Francis Hub Mass 08.10.21 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm via Microsoft Teams	04.10.21 Parent's meetings
11.10.21	11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> Residential to Hathersage Year 3 and 4	11.10.21 Whole School Assembly 15.10.20 Achiever of the Half Term Awards	
18.10.21	<b>HALF TERM</b>		
25.10.21	<b>HALF TERM</b>		
01.11.21		01.11.21 Whole School Assembly 02.11.21 All Souls Day Liturgy 05.11.21: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
08.11.21	08.11.21 Parish Mass Year 1 & 6 9:10am	09.11.21 Whole School Assembly 11.11.21: Remembrance Day Liturgy 12.11.21: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
15.11.21	15.11.21: Parish Mass Year 2 & 5 9:10am	15.11.21 Whole School Assembly 19.11.21 Judaism Celebration	
22.11.21	22.11.21: Parish Mass Year 3 & 4 9:10am	22.11.20 Whole School Assembly 26.11.20 Advent Mass	
29.11.21		29.11.21 Advent Liturgy led by Year -6 03.12.21: Celebration Assembly	
06.12.21	10.12.21: Christmas jumper day	06.12.21 Advent Liturgy led by Year 5 06.12.21 Advent Reconciliation Year 4 -6	
13.12.21	13.12.21: Foundation Nativity 10am 14.12.21: Foundation Nativity 1:30pm 16.12.21: Christmas Dinner	17.12.21 Advent Wreath Service led by Year 4 and 5	

## PUPIL VOICE

Our House Captains chose their winners from each class from their Children in Need competition. Congratulations to all the children who designed cool outfits for Pudsey and Blush to wear to the birthday party. Well done to everyone who took part & raised money for a worthwhile cause.

**Our winners were Sinead, Patrick, Blanka, Janice, Lilly, Leo, Anthony, Kyanna, Tobechei, Serghel, Siyane, Melody, Teresa, Maja and Olivia.**



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## **PARISH NOTICES:**

**Parish of the Holy Family**, East Nottingham Bishop Patrick has issued a formal decree, determining that our current three parishes will be merged to form a single, new parish called Holy Family. A copy of the decree and a map of the new parish boundaries is up at the back of each church and on our website. All three of our churches will retain their current names and have all retained their designation as 'Parish Churches' – equal in status and importance. This change comes into effect this week, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8th December) Our Parish Feast Day will come very soon on Sunday 26th December and will always be the Sunday immediately after Christmas Day. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to bring us together over the past few years – it started by working together on Baptism preparation, then our clergy occasionally rotating round for Mass, the formation of one Pastoral Leadership Team, appointment of a Community Coordinator, one Parish Priest and clergy team serving all three churches equally ..... And now we begin the process of creating one Parish Pastoral Council, one Finance Committee, bringing together all bank accounts into one and under one accounting system and planning how to work together ever more closely under the patronage of The Holy Family. May Jesus, Mary and Joseph watch over us and bring us together as one family.

**Decorating St Augustine's Church**: wire frames will be handed out this weekend for decoration with green foliage. Please return them next weekend. Thank you

**Eucharistic Ministers**: due to increased numbers at Masses, please could Eucharistic Ministers ensure that if they are at Mass, they make themselves available to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion. The only exception to this is the 8.45 Sunday morning Mass. Masks must be worn when distributing Holy Communion.

**Weekday Mass at OLSE**: we continue to use St Edward's chapel during the winter months. Simply enter through the white gate on the left of the church and come through Our Lady's café into the chapel. Exposition from 8am, Morning Prayer of the Church at 8.30 and Mass at 9.

**NOTTINGHAM DEANERY Reconciliation Service** Thursday 9th December 7.30pm. Sacred Heart, Carlton NG4 1FP

**Shared Table and Tombola at St Augustine's**: after the 11.00 am Mass on Sunday 19 December. Everyone is welcome and all donations of food gladly accepted. Tombola is always popular with lots of prizes to win. Speak to Diane Flynn if you would like to know more or contact the office.

**Wanted**: have you any good quality items for our table at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 18th December at the Greyfriars? Have you any crafts or knitted items that you can donate? If so, please bring them to church, Our Lady & St Edward's presbytery, or the Community Office. More volunteers are still required (hourly slots), a great way to be 'present' in the Community. Please do join Diane, Sr Patricia and Fr Liam by offering your help. Thank you.

### **This Week:**

- Saturday Social: 4 th December, after 6.30 Mass.
- Scripture Group (NEW): Wednesday 8th December 2 – 3pm in Our Lady & St Edward's Café focussing on the Sunday Gospel.
- Synod Questions: Wednesday 8 th at all our churches – see below
- Community Café: Thursday 9 th at Sacred Heart 1.30 pm.
- Meditation Group: Thursday 9 th December at 7.30 pm by zoom Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHINMWtMRDdkMEpUz09>

• Scripture Group: Thursday 9 th December meeting in St Bernadette's room attached to Sacred Heart Church at 2 pm. This week's Gospel Reading: Lk 3:10-18

• Advent Reconciliation Service: Thursday, 7.30pm at Sacred Heart. Several priests available for Confession – a great way to prepare for Christmas.

• Wednesday Word link for children's activities on the Gospel:

<https://www.paperturnview.com/uk/wednesdayword/preparation?pid=MTA>

**Masks**: The Diocesan Health and Safety Officer has advised that the wearing of masks in church is a requirement of our Risk Assessment. We must also continue with ventilation of the building with open doors and windows where possible. Please comply with these requirements so that we are able to celebrate Christmas in a few weeks. If you have not yet had your vaccination – 1st, 2nd dose or booster – and you are eligible, please carry out your Christian duty to others and get vaccinated ASAP.



### Advent services in school

Year 6 led us in our first Advent services in last Monday afternoon. They focused on the theme of hope and how Jesus is the one who brings light into our lives and throughout the world.



Following services will take place on:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 9:10am led by year 5  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December, Sacrament of Reconciliation for year 4, 5 and 6 from 1:30pm.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm led by Year 3 and 4  
 Children in Year 4, 5 and 6 will also have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Our EYFS / Key Stage 1 nativity rehearsals are underway. The children will perform to parents and families on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10am and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm.

**No doubt you have heard or read about the emergence of the Omicron variant of Covid within the UK and closer to home in Nottingham. The latest guidance has changed for schools following this - face coverings should now be worn in communal areas in all settings by staff and visitors. If you are attending one of our celebrations, you must wear a face covering to protect yourself as well as those around you.**

### **DON'T FORGET!! CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY** **FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**



### MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

#### **MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED**

Monday 6th December <b>St Nicholas</b>	9am (OLSE) 9:30am (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Frank Dore RIP (B'day) Holy Souls RIP
Tuesday 7th December <b>St Ambrose</b>	10am (SA)	<b>MASS</b> Ken Offer RIP
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Immaculate Conception of the BVM</b>	9am (OLSE) 9am (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Anna Thi-Ly-Ho RIP Baptist & Duffy families RIP
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>10am (SA)</b> 7:30pm (SH)	<b>MASS</b> <b>Vera Trotman RIP</b> Advent Reconciliation Service. Several priests available
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>9am (OLSE)</b> 9am (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Jimmie Carter RIP (B'day) Cecilia Saldana RIP
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30 pm (SH)	<b>VIGIL MASS</b> People of the Parish
Sunday 12th December <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	8.45am (St Christopher's) <b>9.30am (OLSE)</b> 10.00am (SH) <b>11.00am (SA)</b> 11.30am (OLSE)	<b>MASS</b> Ann Millar RIP  <b>People of the parish</b>  Holy Souls RIP <b>Mary &amp; Dave Ryan RIP</b> John Keane RIP (b'day)

### **DARE GRADUATION**

Our Year five children have been enjoying their DARE sessions during this term. This will be concluding on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December with a graduation ceremony. This will take place at 11am and families are invited to join us. Please wear a face covering to protect yourself as well as those around you.



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