



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

This term, children in Year 3 and 4 will take part in Forest School sessions with Mrs Harrison and Mrs Nicholson. The children will go outside in all weathers so it is essential children wear suitable clothes as they may get muddy. They need a hat, scarf, pair of gloves and bring wellies to wear. Also this term, children in year 5 will be going swimming so need to bring their swimming kit each Wednesday.

Today children in Year 4 are visiting Nottingham Trent University to take part in a Discovery Day. During this visit the children will take part in a range of science experiments and think about how engineering and technology has developed over time.

We welcome Sam Oldham into school on Thursday morning. He was due to visit before Christmas but due to Covid this couldn't go ahead. He will lead an Assembly and talk to the children about his experiences as an Olympic athlete.

We also celebrate the feast day of Cyprian Tansi on Thursday and all children in that house will take part in a retreat afternoon with our chaplain Joe. This will be a non-uniform day for children in that house as long as they wear something yellow. If you are unsure what house they are in, please check the back of their organiser and if their name is written in yellow, they are in Cyprian Tansi house.

Our house Captains have organised our annual talent show. Auditions will take place on Friday, please return your slip by Thursday so the House Captains can organise the event.

Please make a note of our remaining two INSET days this academic year. The first one is on Friday 11th February when staff from all the schools within Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy Trust will come together. The final one is Wednesday 27th July. School will be closed for all children on both of these days.

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WORD OF THE WEEK: INSPIRE



The word inspire means "filled with the spirit" and there are times when all of us take inspiration from the events and people around us. St Paul was inspired by a vision of Christ to change his ways and be a better person on the road to Damascus – we too can be inspired by Christ to change for the better.

Think about how you can be inspirational. How can you give others a great example or show others how to live their lives in a better way?

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Volleyball (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition TB Sport: Volleyball (Year 1,2 and 3)	All day 3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Futsal (Year 1,2 and 3)	3:15 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Futsal (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Friday Breakfast Club	No afterschool provision	

ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL

We are always very proud of our high attendance across school and we are consistently above the national average of 96%.

We know how much the Covid pandemic has had an impact on children's attendance at school. As a school we have noticed a decline since the emergence of the Omicron variant. It is important we all follow the guidance and self-isolate if we test positive to protect those around us. However, if we are a close contact of a positive case and testing negative we must continue to attend school. We appreciate this may cause some difficulty for parents with bringing children to school but we ask that you make alternative drop off and collection arrangements with friends and families to ensure they attend when they are well. Holidays during term time are not permitted and in doing so, these will be unauthorised and you may receive a fine from Nottingham City Council.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to RECEPTION who have had 95.7% attendance this week!! Well done!!

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
03.01.22		07.01.22 Mass to celebrate Feast of Epiphany	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
10.01.22	13.01.22 Year 6 Retreat afternoon - Discipleship	10.01.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Discipleship 14.01.22 Celebration Assembly	
17.01.22	20.01.22 Feast of Blessed Cyprian Tansi	17.01.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Inspire 21.01.22 Talent Show Auditions	
24.01.22	27.01.22 Year 5 Retreat afternoon - Discipleship	24.01.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Challenge 28.01.22: Talent Show Final	
31.01.22	03.02.22 Year 4 Retreat afternoon - Discipleship	31.01.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Care 04.02.22: Celebration Assembly	
07.02.22	08.02.22 Safer Internet Day 10.02.22 OLoL Trust Mass 10.02.22 Year 3 Retreat - Discipleship 11.02.21 INSET Day	07.02.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Healing 08.02.22 Safer Internet Day Assembly 09.02.22 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly	
14.02.22	HALF TERM		
21.02.22		21.02.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Mercy 25.02.22: Celebration Assembly	23.02.22 – 25.02.22 Briars Residential Year 6
28.02.22	03.03.22 Year 2 Retreat afternoon 04.03.22 World Book Day	28.02.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Forgiveness 02.03.22 Ash Wednesday Mass	
07.03.22		07.03.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Prayer 07.03.22 Lent Reconciliation Service Year 4- 6 11.03.22 Celebration Assembly	
14.03.22	14.03.22 British Science Week 17.03.22 Year 1 Retreat afternoon	14.03.22 Word of the Week Assembly – Fasting 18.03.22 Celebration Assembly	14.03.22 Parents Evening 1:15-6:30pm
21.03.22	21.03.22 Assessment Week 25.03.22 World Maths Day	21.03.21 Word of the Week Assembly - Almsgiving	
28.03.22	28.03.22 Road Safety Quiz	28.03.22 Word of the Week Assembly – Sacrifice 01.04.22 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly	

PUPIL VOICE

Our programme for preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion has begun. Parents met with Fr Joe and the catechists last Monday and the children enrolled at mass yesterday. Their first session will take place next Monday at 6pm in St Edward’s café. If you cannot attend this session, please attend at St Augustines on Tuesday or Sacred heart on Wednesday. It is important that you and your child attends each session as outlined in the programme.

Congratulations to Melody, Teresa, Horeyb, Jessy, Abi, Amelia, Axel, George, Kyanna, Janka, Jeremiah, Nicola, Samuel, Skyla, Seth and Victory.



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PARISH NOTICES:

World Day of Peace: The title Pope Francis has chosen for the 55th Message for the World Day of Peace is: "Dialogue between Generations, Education, Work and Dialogue: Tools for Building Lasting Peace". For Pope Francis' Message & resources visit the Pax Christi website:

<https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022>

First Holy Communion Enrolment: at all Masses this weekend. We welcome all families to these Masses for the children to enrol on their preparation for Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

First Holy Communion - Session One takes place next week: Monday 24th at Our Lady & St Edward's, Tuesday 25th at St Augustine's, Wednesday 26th at Sacred Heart. All meetings 6 – 7 pm at the church or parish centre, NOT the schools. Children and a parent must attend.

VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH All of our churches require more people to help out with ministries such as: reading, children's liturgy, refreshments, welcoming, this list goes on... some people, especially the elderly and vulnerable, have withdrawn because of the increased risk in contracting Coronavirus, or some have caught the virus during the past week. A gentle reminder to those who are on the rotas, that if they are able to, please do honour your commitment. If you are attending Mass and notice that there is no welcomer or anyone helping out with refreshments, please do step in and offer your support. Rotas will not be amended. Our Lady & St Edward's has especially been affected by this - your help is much appreciated.

Second collection next weekend is for the Sick & Retired Priests fund

Funeral of Joseph Clancy: Wednesday 19th at Our Lady & St Edward's at 11am. Joseph had no family, so it would be good if parishioners could come to the funeral Mass to pray for the repose of his soul.

CALLING CATHOLIC TEACHERS: If you are a Catholic teacher currently working outside of Catholic education and would like to find out more about the joys of working in a Catholic school within the Diocese of Nottingham, a virtual information session will take place on Tuesday 8th February from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. Please see the poster on the parish notice board. For further information, please contact: Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service

[Julie.sweeney@nottingham.des.org.uk](mailto:julie.sweeney@nottingham.des.org.uk) **Preparing for marriage?** To get married in the Catholic Church requires at least 6 months notice for preparation and paperwork to be completed. We have a Marriage preparation course for couples coming up; 3rd and 17th of Feb and 3rd and 17th March. All evening meetings. If you want to come and have not already been in touch to receive details, contact the parish office or Pauline Baptist on adultformsholse@gmail.com

Our Lady & St Edward's Planned Giving Envelopes: the new Holy Family Parish sets of envelopes will begin with effect from 10th April but the envelopes for Our Lady & St Edward's finish on 30th January. Interim envelopes are available for you to pick up at the back of church along with a standing order if you wish to change to this method. Thank you for all financial contributions to our parish.

Covid Protocol: a reminder that if you have any symptoms of Coronavirus or even if you are feeling unwell, please do not attend Mass. We still need to protect each other and don't forget to wear a mask – there are some at the back of churches.

This week • Monday; Readers evening. Our Lady & St Edward's. 7pm This will be a mixture of practical tips and training and reflection on the ministry of reading. All readers must attend. • Wednesday; Holy Family Parish Finance Committee meeting. 7pm, Sacred Heart Community Centre. • Thursday; get-together for members of our three former Parish Councils and members of Finance Committees. 7.30. Sacred Heart Community Centre • Scripture Group – Wednesday 19th January 2 – 3pm in Our Lady & St Edward's Café focussing on next week's Sunday Gospel: Lk 1:1-4; 4:4:14-21 • Scripture Group – Sacred Heart Thursday 20th January in St Bernadette's room attached to Sacred Heart Church at 2 pm, This week's Gospel Reading: Lk 1:1-4; 4:4:14-21 • Meditation Group – 20th January at 7.30 pm is via Zoom. Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w at 7.30 pm.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UyvsOEIKSTBkVHlNMWtMRDdkMEpUZz09> • Community Café – Thursday 20th January at 1.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Community Centre - everyone welcome.

Wednesday Word Link with resources for children on this Sunday's Gospel: <https://www.paperturnview.com/uk/wednesday-word/joy?pid=MTA101634&v=48.3>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 to 25 January 2022: This year's theme is inspired by the story of the Magi. Resources can be found on Churches Together website at <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/>

Secondary School Vacancies: St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust have vacancies for a Headteacher (English Martyrs', Leicester) and a Deputy Headteacher (St Martin's, Stoke Golding). Closing date for applications is 26 January 2022. For further details of these and other vacancies within this trust please visit www.aquinas-cmat.org/vacancies

Baptism Preparation: 9th February, 7 – 8 pm at Sacred Heart Community Centre and 23rd February, 7 – 8 at Our Lady & St Edward's Church. Both evenings to be attended before baptisms can be arranged. Pick up a form from the back of church and return it to register on the preparation course. Places are limited, so get in quick!

Sacrament of Confirmation: it has not been possible to celebrate this with our young people over the past couple of years, but we have got a provisional date booked with Bishop Patrick in November. In order to see how we can run the preparation, if any young person in Year 9 or above wishes to be confirmed later this year, please contact the parish office to express your interest. When we have an idea of numbers, we will make plans for the preparation. Get in touch by emailing ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk or call 01159118266

Working with young people we need to start up again our work with young people of secondary school age. Before lockdown, we had different stuff going on in all our churches so it would be good to start something up. If you are interested in being part of a team working with our young people, get in touch with Fr Joe.

Flat required: a member of the parish (single, female) is looking for a 1 bed flat within walking distance of Sacred Heart. Does anyone have a flat to rent or know of one? Contact Fr Joe if you do.



OLSE'S GOT TALENT 2022

As we begin a new year, we are hopeful that we will be able to reintroduce more events and activities that we were able to do prior to the Covid pandemic. Our House Captains are very keen to begin 2022 with our traditional talent show. Children can sing, act, tell jokes, perform magic tricks, dance, show off their sporting prowess – the list is endless! The children in each house will vote for their favourite act in EYFS / KS1 and KS2 and then the two House Captains can choose a wild card to go through to the final.

Auditions will take place on Friday 21st January and the winners will go through to the final on Friday 28th January. We are hoping we might be able to invite parents of the finalists in to school to watch. The EYFS / Key Stage 1 show will begin at 9:15 and Key Stage 2 show will begin at 1:15pm. We will ask some members of our Governing Body to come and judge the event!

Please encourage your child to take part and share their talent within our school community. Once your child has decided what they would like to do, please complete the slip and return to their class teacher. These need to be returned by Thursday 20th January.

Thank you,

Shallom, Macie, Lydia, Sada, Lucia, Zia, Maia, Lemuel

OLSE House Captains



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ALL MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED

Monday 17 th January St Anthony	9am (OLSE) 9am (SH)	MASS Holy Souls RIP John Gately RIP
Tuesday 18 th January	10am (SA)	MASS Colin Ridge RIP
Wednesday 19 th January	10am (SH) 11am (OLSE)	MASS Requiem Mass for David Reynolds RIP Requiem Mass for Joseph Clancy RIP
Thursday 20 th January Blessed Cyprian Tansi	10am (SA)	MASS Fr Patrick O'Doherty RIP
Friday 21 st January St Agnes	9am (OLSE) 9am (SH)	MASS Michael Holmes RIP Kathleen Gill (90th birthday)
Saturday 22 nd January	6:30pm (SH)	VIGIL MASS Dec members of Dwyer & Howard families RIP
Sunday 23 rd January Third Sunday of the year	8:45 (St C) 9.30am(OLSE) 10.00am (SH) 11.00am (SA) 11:30am (OLSE)	MASS Mary Walsh RIP James Dore RIP People of the parish Judy Maltby-Crisp's int Adele McClusky RIP

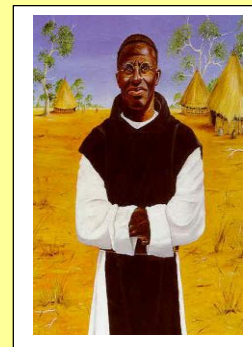
FEAST DAY OF BLESSED CYPRIAN TANSI

On Thursday 20th January we celebrate the feast day of Blessed Cyprian Tansi.

We chose to name one of our houses Cyprian Tansi because he was born in Africa and moved to England. We have lots of children in school whose families share African traditions. We believe it is important to celebrate the diversity of our school and the different countries and cultures that make up our school.

We can use Cyprian Tansi's skills of courage, faith, bravery, kindness and respect by working as a team, sharing our knowledge and helping others.

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