



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

We enter into our final week of this half term which also sees us half way through another academic year!

There is still lots happening in school this week. Year 3 and 4 continue with their Forest School sessions with Mrs Harrison and Mrs Nicholson. This term the children have been outside in the rain, wind and seen some sunshine but are fully engaged in all the activities. These sessions will continue with after half term as will Year 5 with their swimming sessions.

This week is children's mental health Week and there is an outline of activities taking place in school this week included in the newsletter.

We celebrate the feast day of our trust Our Lady of Lourdes on Friday. As this is an INSET Day we celebrate a day early on Thursday with a live streamed mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick. As we are taking part in the School Singing Programme we have been invited to take some children to sing in the choir.

Well done to Sophie, Modupe, Favour, Debbie, Jade, Horeyb, Eyobed, Keira, Filip, Harlan, Karmony, Oge, Sam and Serghal.

Thank you to the three parents who have been nominated as a potential parent governor. There is currently a voting ballot taking place. Please place your vote by the end of this week. We will announce our new parent governor early next term.

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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YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TO THE BRIARS 23RD-25TH FEBRUARY

We are looking forward to taking Year 6 to Conkers and The Briars after half term. This has been rearranged from December. The children were given a kit list on Friday. If you haven't paid your remaining balance, please ensure it is paid by the end of the day on Thursday 10th February.

BISHOP PATRICK'S THEME: DISCIPLESHIP

Throughout school this term, we have been thinking this term how we are a disciple of Christ. Children in Key Stage 2 have enjoyed their retreat afternoons and created a lovely displaying reminding us all how we can become like Christ in all we say and do.



Year 1 and 2 will enjoy a retreat afternoon next term.

WORD OF THE WEEK: HEALING



This week we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. When Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette, she called people to her to bathe in the water, to repent and find healing. Today millions of people visit Lourdes looking for the same peace and healing in their lives. There have been many miraculous healings in Lourdes over the years and we too can look for healing in our lives through faith.

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 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.

What a good week last week for school attendance! I am so proud of this week's winners.

YEAR 5!! 96% Fantastic!

Class 3 were IN second place with 94%

School Matters!



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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

Following an Assembly reminding the children about the challenges of caring for our environment Mrs Harrison and Mrs Nicholson appealed for some volunteers to become Eco Warriors and join our School Eco Team. Across school, we had lots of children who applied and shared their ideas with their peers. Well done to Ethan, Gabi, Pacem, Amelia, Skyla, Alley, Keira, Harlan, Victor, Emily, Olivia and Harry. They met for the first time last week and carried out their environmental review across school. I am sure they will keep us all on our toes at school, home and within the parish community.



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PARISH NOTICES:

Baptism Preparation – this week: 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.

Covid19 Guidance: please do still wear your mask in church, especially whilst singing and hand sanitise before entering - churches are to be kept ventilated. Please do not come to Mass if you are not well and keep your vaccinations up to date.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion: rotas for the offertory procession are available at the back of each church.

Parish Event: Why not get together with your family and friends for your Sunday dinner and experience the taste of Vietnam? Licensed bar available. Tickets on sale at the churches – cost £10.



Rotas: Sacred Heart Refreshment, Welcome and Readers Rotas plus Our Lady & St Edward's Welcome Rotas are at the back of the respective churches.

Thank you to all our musicians and singers for leading us so well during Mass – it is great to be back singing again, so thank you to them for giving their time and talents.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Nevers: by Coach June 4th – 11th 2022 (Pick up in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester). £670 per person and includes Coach and Ferry travel, overnight stay with Bed and Breakfast at the Welcome Break hotel in Orleans, full board at the Hotel Irlande in Lourdes, half board at the Kyriad Hotel in Nevers. Optional excursion to Gavarnie, a Ski Resort in the Pyrenees. For more information and a booking form please contact Fr. John at jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk or 0115 9810320

Pilgrimage to Lisieux: by Coach April 23rd – 26th 2022 (Pick up in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester). It costs £330 sharing and £360 for a single room. It begins with a guided visit to the Cathedral in Lisieux and then to the Basilica dedicated to St. Therese, to the house where she grew up and to the Carmel where she lived and died. Optional excursion to Hon Fleur. For more information and a booking form please contact Fr. John McCay at jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk or 0115 9810320.

Day of Special Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking (memorial of Saint Bakhita), 8th February: We remember and pray for the thousands of victims of trafficking throughout the world. It coincides with the feast day of Saint Josephine Bakhita who despite the suffering she experienced as a slave was a wonderful witness of how to live a life rooted in faith, inspired by hope and characterized by love. Human trafficking now ranks as the second most profitable worldwide criminal enterprise after the illegal arms trade. The practical response of the Church and its charities, led in the main by Women Religious, is to raise awareness of this horrendous crime and to provide help and support for the most vulnerable victims, working in partnership with the Metropolitan Police Service to raise awareness of the impact of human trafficking in the UK and the rest of the world.

This week:

Scripture Group: Wednesday 9th February 2 – 3pm in Our Lady & St Edward's Café focussing on next week's Sunday Gospel: Lk 6:17.20-26

Wednesday 9th - Baptism Preparation Course – Sacred Heart Community Centre 7 pm

Scripture Group: Sacred Heart Thursday 10th February in St Bernadette's room attached to Sacred Heart Church at 2 pm, This week's Gospel Reading: Lk 6:17.20-26

Meditation Group: next meeting is on Thursday 10th February 7.30 pm in Sacred Heart Community Centre.

Community Café: Thursday 10th February 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.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/follow?pid=MTA101634&v=51.7>

Sacrament of Confirmation: we have 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

This weekend, Fr Joe will speak at all Masses at Sacred Heart and St Christopher's, setting out the final accounts for the development work at Sacred Heart. After the recent sale of the property on Chesterfield Street and the completion of all work to build the Community Centre and convert the old parish hall, the parish is left with a loan from the Diocese to pay off. This debt is £6000 and is a marked improvement on the forecast £120,000 gap in funding.

Working with young people we need to start up again our work with young people of secondary school age. Before lock-down, 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.

URGENT APPEAL: "Welcome" at Our Lady & St Edward's: we want to be a welcoming parish and this ministry is really important to us. Diane will be at the 11.30 Mass this weekend, please let her know if you can help out. Thank you.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham is on Saturday 11th June. We are organising a bus from our Parish, leaving from outside St Augustine's Church at 7.45am and picking up outside Sacred Heart Church at 8am. All are welcome to attend this first Diocesan Pilgrimage to take place for 3 years. It should be a good way for us as a Parish to spend a day meeting friends old and new, as well as a good way to give our thanks to Our Lady for seeing us through the trying times of the pandemic.

If you are interested in coming on the Parish bus please could you put your name and number of people travelling on the list at the back of each church and contact information. Cost will be £20 per person – to be paid at a later date.

Racial Justice Sunday is next Sunday, 13th February. The theme, In the Image and Likeness of God, celebrates presentations of the Holy Family from different cultures, inspired by the importance of everyone being able to see themselves, their race, their culture, and their history in the Church's life. To mark the day, the Bishops' Conference has produced a series of posters available at: cbcew.org.uk/rjs22



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week we celebrate Children's Mental Health Week in school. This year's theme is Growing Together. Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'.

Children will take part in a range of activities throughout this week.

On Monday we will celebrate a whole school assembly and listen to some celebrity's growth stories and the challenges they have faced and overcome to achieve their dreams.

On Tuesday we focus on Safer Internet Day. Over the last two years especially we have all appreciated the value of technology to keep us connected with family, friends enable us to learn remotely and as adults complete training and attend meetings. However, it is important the children understand the risks that technology brings and what to do if they are worried about online activity.

On Wednesday we are having a well-being day. This will be a non-uniform day and the children will take part in a range of activities throughout the day.

On Thursday it is Wear Your SCARF to school day. In school we use resources from SCARF in our PHSE sessions and by wearing a scarf to school we are showing we celebrate the values of Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship. **Resources for parents and carers are available on**

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ALL MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED

Monday 7 th February St John Bosco	9am (OLSE) 9am (SH)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 8 th February St Josephine Bakhita	10am (SA)	MASS Martin Ridge's intentions
Wednesday 9 th February	9am (SH) 9am (OLSE) 11am (OLSE)	MASS Robert & Edna Needham RIP Kitty Lyon's intentions (b'day) Requiem Mass for Ethel Rooney RIP
Thursday 10 th February St Scholastica	10am (SA)	MASS Jonathan Higham RIP
Friday 11 th February Our Lady of Lourdes	9am (OLSE) 9am (SH)	MASS Patricia Byrne RIP Holy Souls RIP
Saturday 12 th February	6:30pm (SH)	VIGIL MASS Conlon family's intentions
Sunday 13 th February Sixth Sunday of the year	8:45 (St C) 9.30am(OLSE) 10.00am (SH) 11.00am (SA) 11:30am (OLSE)	MASS David Makin RIP Peter Cat Tran & family RIP People of the parish PJ Rock RIP James Clarke RIP (b'day)

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Friday 11th February is our Our Lady of Lourdes Trust Inset Day. School is closed to all pupils on this day.

Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February is half-term. School will reopen for all pupils on Monday 21st February. We hope everyone keeps safe and enjoys some time with family and friends.



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