



**WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?**

We certainly began this half term as we left the last one with everyone being very busy. Unfortunately, the weather meant Forest School sessions had to take place inside, we had our achievement assembly, year 4 and 5 continued with choir practice and year 5 children continue to swim, year 6 went away on a residential and the rest of the school enjoyed a visit from Zoo Lab.

This week we begin the season of Lent with Mass in church on Wednesday. Fr Joe has also asked that we lead some stations of the cross for families and parishioners.

As Covid restrictions are lifted across the country we are looking forward to welcoming parents back into school to witness first-hand the wonderful things that take place each day. We are also holding our second progress meetings for teachers and parents on 14<sup>th</sup> March in school. These will begin at 1 pm and an opportunity to find out how your child is doing and have a look at some of their work. Please look out for the letter this week.

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**OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST DAY**

Before half term we celebrated our trust feast day with Bishop Patrick celebrating Mass at Holy Spirit Church. Well done to Sophie, Modupe, Favour, Debbie, Jade, Horeyb, Eyobed, Keira, Oge, Sam and Serghel who represented our school and sang in the choir



**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS**


We gather together as a school and parish community on Wednesday morning at 9:15am to celebrate Ash Wednesday and mark the beginning of the season of lent. Some members of our Chaplaincy team will distribute ashes and thank you to year 5 who have prepared Mass for us. Families are welcome to join us in church.



**WORD OF THE WEEK: FORGIVENESS**



This week we begin Lent - a very special and important time in the church. On Wednesday, we will start our journey towards Easter with our Ash Wednesday liturgies and it is at this point that we are reminded that God's forgiveness and mercy is always there for us. The Ashes remind us that we can begin again and let go of the mistakes we have made. Think this week about what Lent will mean for you, what will you do and how will you experience God's mercy?

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Handball ( Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition TB Sport: Dodgeball (Year 1,2 and 3)	All day 3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Fitness ( Year 1,2 and 3)	3:15 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Tennis ( 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. This week Mrs Bradshaw said:

**I am so proud of OLSE this week!**

**The winner of this week's attendance is....**

**CLASS 6 with 100%!!**

**Y1, Y2 and Y5 all came second with 99%!!**

**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	
<b>14.02.22</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>		
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

Last week Year 6 children, Mrs Byrne, Mrs Gallivan and Mrs Nicholson enjoyed a wonderful three days away from home. First stop was Conkers where the children enjoyed the adventure playground, a magic show and a 4D cinema where we all got blown about and a bit wet!! We moved on to The Briars and the children spent some time thinking about their own faith journey. Activities allowed the children to explore if God was a place, food, transport what would that be, their individual talents and how they can use these to enhance others, celebrated Mass with Fr Paul, enjoyed the disco and the tuck shop. Before we left, we all received affirmations which celebrates the qualities other people see in us.





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## PARISH NOTICES:

**Our Lady & St Edward's Social Group**: are you interested in being involved in the social life of the church at OLSE? If so, please join us on Monday 28th February at 7.30 pm in the café to share ideas and work together. See you there!!

**Sister Bernadette writes**: I will be moving to our Presentation Community in Market Harborough and will be leaving Saint Augustine's on March 10th. Saint Augustine's has been my home for the past fifteen years and moving to new pastures can be exciting but tinged with sadness as saying goodbye is not easy. I have very much enjoyed my time at Saint Augustine's and especially working with the Children's Liturgy Group, helping to prepare the young people for Confirmation alongside the other parish catechists and families. Visiting the elderly in their homes as a Eucharistic Minister were graced moments. I will always remember each one of you, your encouragement, kindness, compassionate listening, and love. Thank you and please keep me in prayer. With every blessing and prayer.

**Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** under the leadership of Bishop Patrick: bookings are now open, from Monday 4th until Friday 8th July. Full details are on the Tangney Tours website: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/nottingham>, or for more details contact Father Simon Gillespie [simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Synod**: if you have any further comments to make on the Synod questions please do so by Saturday 19th March to Father David Cain [david.cain@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:david.cain@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or Joe Hopkins, [joe.hopkins@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:joe.hopkins@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

### **Covid Restrictions**

In the light of the recent removal of all legal restrictions of the pandemic, individual organisations still have to decide on guidelines, so;

**Holy Water** will be restored at the doors of our churches.

**Mask wearing** is no longer required, but if you are not vaccinated or have underlying health conditions, it is recommended for your own safety. Anyone is welcome to continue wearing a mask if they wish. Personal choice should be respected. Anyone distributing Holy Communion will wear a mask.

**Holy Communion** will continue to be under one kind only and for the sake of dignity, you are asked to receive on the hand, not tongue.

**Hand sanitiser** will continue to be provided at the doors of our churches. It is not required to be used by those coming up to read, but sacristans, altar servers and those distributing Holy Communion are still asked to use it before handling the sacred vessels.

**Ventilation** of our churches will continue.

**Sign of Peace** will continue to be offered; it is personal choice whether that is a gesture or handshake.

**If you have symptoms** of Covid or have tested positive, please do not come to church. We have a duty of care to those who are vulnerable.

### **This week:**

Scripture Group: at Our Lady & St Edward's Café on Wednesday 2nd March at 2-3 pm focussing on; Lk 4:1-13 • Scripture Group: Sacred Heart Thursday 3rd March in St Bernadette's room attached to Sacred Heart Church at 2 pm, This week's Gospel Reading: Lk 4:1-13

Meditation Group: next meeting is on Thursday 3rd March in Sacred Heart Community Centre at 7.30 pm

Community Café: Thursday 3rd March at 1.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Community Centre - everyone welcome.

Ash Wednesday – the start of Lent

Thursday 7 – 8 at Our Lady & St Edward's, Marriage Preparation session 3.

**This weekend**: thank you to Fr Jonathan for coming to fill in for Fr Liam who is away all weekend. Fr Jonathan will say the 09.30 at OLSE and the 11.00 at St Augustine's.

### **Lent in Holy Family Parish**

**Lent is a season of preparation for Easter**. We are invited to pray, fast and give. **Pray**; find time each day or week to simply sit with God, pray the rosary, visit the Stations of the Cross ..... **Fast**; in solidarity with the poor, we think about something we like that we could do without ..... **Give**; maybe support Cafod, give to Emmanuel House, support our local foodbanks.

**Ash Wednesday** is the start of Lent and is on 2nd March. Masses will be 09.15 OLSE in church, 09.30 SH in school, 10.00 StA in church, all three Masses with the school communities. There will be a 6.30 evening Mass at SH.

### **Stations of the Cross**

**Sacred Heart**: Wednesdays 2.15 – 3pm. 9th 16th, 23rd 30th March 6th April

**Our Lady & St Edward's**: Fridays 2.15 – 3pm. 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March. 1st, 8th April

**St Augustine's**: Fridays 7.00pm. 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March. 1st, 8th April

### **Lenten reflection evenings**

**Christian meditation evening** - Wednesday 23rd March. 7-8pm. St Augustine's.

**Taize prayer evening**. Tuesday 29th March. 7 – 8pm. Our Lady & St Edward's.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**: *Opportunities to go to Confession. Several priests available, just pop in anytime*

Monday 21st March 3 – 5 Our Lady & St Edward's

Tuesday 22nd March 3.30 – 5.30 St Augustine's

Wednesday 23rd March 3 – 5 Sacred Heart.

Monday 11th April. 7-8.00pm. **Reconciliation Service Sacred Heart.**

### **Usual times of Confessions:**

Saturdays 7.15pm Sacred Heart.

Thursdays 10.30am St Augustine's

Fridays 9.30am Sacred Heart and Our Lady & St Edward's.

**Rite of Election**: Next Sunday, several of our parishioners will be at Nottingham Cathedral for the Rite of Election. This is an important step on their journey towards becoming a Catholic at Easter. Please pray for them and their catechists and leaders.

**Diocesan Women's Lenten Retreat**: Saturday 12th March at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Nottingham led by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph.

**Diocesan Men's Lenten Retreat**: Saturday 19th March at the Briars in Crich. Please email [adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk) for more information and to book your place for both retreats.

**Thank you**: we would like to say 'thank you' to the Vietnamese and the Italian communities who hosted meals last weekend. We raised £1200 and £1000. A big 'thank you' for providing the food, cooking the food and to parishioners and friends who came along.



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Congratulations to our Achievers of the Half Term. Sensible, considerate, resilient, motivated, responsible, organised, respectful, positive, interested, eager are just some of the many words used to describe you all. Well done!! Well done to Jolie, Alessia, Filip, Evelyn, Rose, Keelan, Jade and Lydiah.



Following the recruitment for playground buddies we are excited to share the news we have 25 Year 6 pupils who want to give up their own playtimes and lunchtimes to ensure others have someone and something to play with.

Thank you Adebayo, Afshan, Annaleaice, Anastasia, Cohen, Elizabeth, Gabi, Harry B, Joshua, Juream, Kiara, Lemuel, Lydiah Lucia, Macie, Maia M, Maja W, Nicola, Precious, Roxanna, Rufina, Sada, Shallom, Sophie and Zia,



Well done to our recently appointed parish ambassadors who work closely with our parish. They have recently become altar servers at parish and school events or share the Scripture with the parish at Mass. Well done to Precious, Thomas, Debbie, Osinachi and Serghel



## **MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

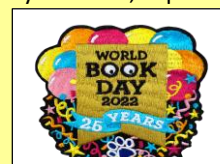
### **ALL MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED**

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February <b>St John Bosco</b>	9am (OLSE) 9am (SH) 5pm (OLSE)	<b>MASS</b> Rose Cartwright's ints Nan Nash RIP Eamonn Keating RIP
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March <b>St David</b>	<b>10am (SA)</b>	<b>MASS</b> <b>Patsy Guyatt RIP</b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	9.30 (SH) 9.15 (OLSE) 10.00 (SA) 6.30 (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Ethel Rooney RIP Rita Harkin RIP Canon Malachy's ints David Mackay Jnr and Snr RIP
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>10am (SA)</b>	<b>MASS</b> <b>Roger &amp; Mary Wilson</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	9am (OLSE) 9am (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Holy Souls RIP Noel Maguire RIP
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	6:30pm (SH)	<b>VIGIL MASS</b> Tim Gallivan RIP
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> March <b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	8:45 (St C)  <b>9.30am(OLSE)</b> 10.00am (SH)  <b>11.00am (SA)</b> 11:30am (OLSE)	<b>MASS</b> Dec parents of A & J Krzanicki RIP <b>Fiona Leak RIP (Anniv)</b> Mr & Mrs Patrick & Francis Scahill RIP <b>Leo Doherty RIP</b> People of the parish

### **WORLD BOOK DAY**

### **FRIDAY 4TH MARCH**

On Friday 4th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. Your child is able to come dressed in their favourite pyjamas or as their favourite character from a book. Please make sure your child has sensible footwear and a coat. There will be prizes for the best dressed child in each class. Your child will also receive a £1 Book token which will allow you to receive a free £1 book from participating stores. A Whole School homework task was set last week linked to World Book Day and again there will be prizes. The homework will be a creative piece so parents please feel free to support your child, especially the younger children.



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