



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Welcome back to everyone! I hope you had a very peaceful and happy Christmas with family and wish you all a very Happy New Year! On behalf of all the staff and myself, many thanks for all the cards and presents we received for Christmas, you're very generous and we really appreciate it! We hope families of EYFS and KS1 children enjoyed watching the nativity that was on our website to watch over the Christmas holiday. Many thanks to all of you who were able to join us on Teams for our Advent Wreath Service, it was a lovely end to our term.

We look forward to a busy term ahead. Please see the calendar on this newsletter outlining important dates for the term ahead. Your child will also bring home their topic mat which identifies key events, facts and vocabulary they will be learning about. During the last week of term, I quizzed the children on their learning throughout the Advent term and they were proud of how much they had learnt. Please share the topic mats with your child to ensure new learning is reinforced and in turn stored in their long term memory. This information will help them to make links and comparisons with new learning in the future.

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.

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: DISCIPLESHIP



Being a disciple means following a teacher or a way of life, it's where we get the word discipline from. It reminds us that to follow Jesus we have to live like him and shape our lives in a way that reflects who he was and what he taught. This week we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus which marked the start of his active ministry. That ministry would go on to change the whole world and just like then, we are called to be disciples of Jesus today.

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	

TRANSFER TO RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2022

FINAL WEEK TO APPLY

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 on your application too. Failure to do so will mean the City Council will place your child in a school where there is a place available and this could be further away for you to travel to.

RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Thank you to all families who returned their child's enrolment form before Christmas. There is a meeting for parents in church tonight at 6pm to discuss how and when we will deliver the programme.



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 YEAR 6 who have had 100% 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

We celebrated our first mass of the new year on Friday celebrating the feast of the Epiphany. Our Year 6 Chaplaincy team planned and led us in Scripture, prayer and reflection. As the wise men came from the east this showed us that God sent His son to earth for everyone. The wise men began a journey of faith, following the star of Bethlehem until they reached the manger where Jesus laid. They were brave and intelligent and trusted in the star to guide them. They brought gifts gold, which shows us Jesus is a king. Frankincense, was often used in worship and is a symbol that Jesus is holy. Myrrh is a perfume used for embalming, which symbolized that Christ would one day die for our sins.

As we start a new calendar year, it's a chance for a new beginning. A chance to discover new things and make our own resolutions. You may have chosen to be more active, read more books, walk more steps, eat less chocolate. As the wise men in today's gospel did, you too can continue to follow your faith throughout this year. The wise men were not afraid to follow their hearts. Do not be afraid to follow your heart when you hear God's call. Make a fresh start! You may want to go to church more, read the bible, find some time in the day to pray.



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PARISH NOTICES:

First Holy Communion introductory meetings: the first meetings for parents to introduce the Holy Communion programme take place this week. All these are at the churches, not schools. • Monday 10th, 6 – 7 at Our Lady & St Edward's • Tuesday 11th, 6 – 7 at St Augustine's • Wednesday, 6 – 7 at Sacred Heart. Attendance at these is very important – information and resources will be given out and arrangements for 1st Holy Communion Enrolment Masses will be made.

First Holy Communion Enrolment: at all Masses on 15th and 16th January. We welcome all families to these Masses for the children to enrol on their preparation for Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Christmas Lunch for Seniors: at the Greyfriars (which is next to Our Lady & St Edward's Church). This is a free meal (with music) and is open to all our more senior parishioners (over 60) from all churches. It is next Sunday, 16th January, beginning at 3 pm. As there is no charge, Paul and the organisers would like to know how many to cater for, so either drop us a note, email or ring the office we will pass this information on.

Fellowship and Formation for Young Adults 18-35: Join the 52next monthly meeting on 13th January 2022 at St Barnabas Cathedral 6.30 pm starting a with prayer followed by talk and discussion at 7.30 and then at 8 pm, moving on to a local pub to continue the conversation. For further information contact the Vocation Director Fr Neil Peoples at vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk or Fr Liam Carpenter at Our Lady & St Edward's, Nottingham 0115 9501064.

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. 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.

Sacred Heart Community Centre: with effect from January most of the existing groups that used the hall before closure have returned. Here is a snapshot of those using the hall regularly:

❖ Mondays - Zumba Gold 10.30 am cost £5.45 for 45 minutes' gentle workout - visit Pippa's website and book in on-line or drop in to take a look.

<https://pippatabreham.fitness/>

❖ Tuesdays – Slimming World have a new coordinator – Kerry – her phone number is 07754 114517. The sessions are 9.30 am, 5.30 pm and 7 pm. Weekly fee £5.95 but there are offers.

❖ Fun Chorus and String Orchestra have also returned along with AA. So, with weekend children's parties plus evening parties, parish socials and events, PPC, Finance Committee, Pastoral Team meetings, spiritual meetings and time allowed for cleaning, there is limited set times for other hirers but please do contact the office if you would like to hire any of our parish spaces. Terms and Conditions are on the website along with charges and booking form but these forms are also available as hard copies from the office.

This week

- Scripture Group – Wednesday 12th January 2 – 3pm in Our Lady & St Edward's Café focussing on next week's Sunday Gospel. Jn 2:1-11
- Scripture Group – Sacred Heart Thursday 13th January in St Bernadette's room attached to Sacred Heart Church at 2 pm, This week's Gospel Reading: Jn 2:1-11
- Meditation Group – 13th January in Sacred Heart Community Centre at 7.30 pm.
- Community Café – Thursday 13th January at 1.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Community Centre - everyone welcome.
- Saturday social – this weekend (8th) after the 6.30 Mass. The community centre at Sacred Heart will be open for a drink and social time – pop in and have a drink before heading off.

School Mass: Tuesday at 10.00 at St Augustine's, the school will come over to church for a belated Epiphany Mass.

Thank you to Fr Simon Gillespie for saying the 9.30 and 11.30 Masses this weekend. Fr Liam is away this week.

Blessing of Chalk This lovely tradition associated with the Feast of the Epiphany will take place this weekend at all masses – take away a piece of chalk and the little leaflet and pray these prayers at home, writing above your front door 20+C+M+B+22 **Calling all Readers** we have an evening for all readers to attend. Monday 17th January, 7.00 at Our Lady & St Edward's Church. This will be a mixture of practical tips and training and reflection on the ministry of reading. All readers must attend.

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/>

Job Vacancy: for a permanent Deputy Headteacher role at St Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy. The link to the advert is on the Our Lady of Lourdes Website: <https://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/vacancy/deputyheadteacher-9/>

Message from Faith in Families (now Adoption Focus): "We have decided to stop the collection boxes at present as we feel this source of fundraising has come to a natural end. The income from this method has dropped tremendously over the years, the Pandemic has made the availability and usage of cash less desirable, and we seem to be moving into a 'cashless society', banks are closing, and the method is labour intensive. Therefore, we would like to promote the method of regular giving through a bank standing order or direct debit. This provides us with an idea of voluntary income each month, which allows us to plan and allocate funds for potential projects we would like to offer. Thank you so much for your support over the years. We are so very grateful for this and can't thank you enough. We hope you will continue to support the work we do as Adoption Focus in one of the ways suggested above. I can't stress how lovely it has been working with you all and hope whatever you decide to do you stay connected. If you wish to financial support us or just receive our newsletter, then please complete the form attached or visit the adoption focus website... <https://www.adoption-focus.org.uk/> Thank you for your loyalty, kindness, and generosity!" - Nicola Richardson COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER Please still return your boxes to church and the money will be forwarded on to the new agency.



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

There were certainly lots to celebrate at our Achievers Assembly on the last day of term. Each teacher chose a child in their class who has stood out. This may be for showing an excellent attitude towards their learning, for making excellent progress in a particular curriculum area, for being a good friend to all, for wonderful behaviour and manners or a combination of all of these. **Huge congratulations to Zia, Freddie, Jessy, Skyla, Cleondra, Freya, Rey and Anna. As it was the end of term I also chose a child and awarded a badge to Karmony in Year 4.**



Congratulations to **St Therese of Liseux** who were our winners in our house point competition. Each child in the winning house chose a prize to take home.



COLD WEATHER

Last week the weather was really cold, please ensure your child / children wears a waterproof coat with a hood, a hat, scarf and some gloves. We take the children out to play at break and lunch so it is important they keep warm.



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ALL MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED

Monday 10 th January	9am (OLSE) 9am (SH)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion Holy Souls RIP
Tuesday 11 th January	10am (SA) 12:30 Wilford Hill	MASS Relatives and friends of J. Mannix RIP Funeral Service Francesco Perez RIP
Wednesday 12 th January	9am (SH) 9am (OLSE)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion Holy Souls RIP
Thursday 13 th January	10am (SA)	MASS Agnes Spencer RIP
Friday 14 th January	9am (OLSE) 9am (SH)	MASS Anna Khuong Thi Le RIP Service of Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 15 th January	6:30pm (SH)	VIGIL MASS Isobella Garaguso RIP
Sunday 16 th January	8:45 (St C) 9.30am(OLSE) 10.00am (SH) 11.00am (SA) 11:30am (OLSE)	MASS People of the parish Michael J Rahilly RIP Mary Bates RIP Sean & Marie Hartnett RIP Anne & Martin Burke RIP

Congratulations to:

We also had 136 children who have been awarded at least 100 house points over the Advent Term and achieved their Bronze Award. Congratulations to: **Ebube, Eric, Eliash, Rey, Sophie, Tommy, Alessia, Byrian, Patrick, Chi Ann, Michelle, Victoria, Michal, Melva, Lena, Chiwetara, Lisa, Sinead, Medet, Liam, Nell, Elizabeth, Blanka, Rebecca, Evelyn, Scarlett, Nikodem, Cleondra, Martin, Elijah, Anthony, Oskar, Thomas, Zofia, Eva-Joy, Anjola, Sienna, Hannah, Philip M, Kian, Anthony L, Leo, Alex, Charlie, Isabella, Timileyin, Hanelle, Matthew, Freya, Amelia, Jessica, Valerie, Pacem, Filip, Jeremiah, Mason, Olivia D, Rose, Samuel, Yotam, Hollie-Mae, Nadal, Oge, Katie, Jessy, Filip, Dawid, Karmony, Chloe, Tyler, Kayanna, Keira, Harlan, Serghal, , Jahvarn, Keelan, Vedanth, Hope, Melody, Aidan, Debbie, Eyobed, Horeyb, Favour, Zuzanna, Modupe, Bethlehem, Caitlyn, Dararn, Victor, Kornelia, Thomas, Emily, Jade, Kaicie, Mollie, Teresa, Dominik, Leo, Emilia, Darren, Osinachi, Kylie, Ashley, Evie, Freddie, Maia M, Lydiah, Sophie, Precious, Harry B, Lucia, Eduardo, Annaleice, Cohen, Anastasia, Gabi, Nicola, Elizabeth, Sada, Meti, Roxanna, Mikolaj, Maicie, Olivia, Shallom, . Johnny, Josh, Lemuel, Kiara, Juream, Sandra, Adebayo, Harry V, Zia and Maja W**

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