



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Hope you enjoyed the sunshine on Saturday and had a lovely Mother's Day. We enter into the final week of this Lent Term celebrating Autism Awareness Week. Miss Toplass has organised a range of activities helping the children to understand what autism is and how we can support those around us. On Friday Miss Toplass has asked that we all wear bright colours to show we can create a whole school spectrum of colour celebrating our uniqueness.

This week year 3 and 4 have their final forest School session, we know how much they have enjoyed being outside even if the weather hasn't always been kind to them. After Easter, year 5 and 6 will enjoy Forest School sessions each Monday.

It is also the final week for year 5 to go swimming. On Wednesday they will be assessed to see how far they can swim.

On Friday Year 6 will lead us in a liturgy focusing on Jesus's sacrifice on the cross. As Easter falls at the end of our Easter holiday we will celebrate His resurrection with a whole school mass on Friday 22nd April. All welcome to join us.

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YEAR 4 VISIT ST ANNS COMMUNITY ORCHARD

On Tuesday Year 4 had a lovely afternoon at the allotments. They took part in a range of activities including orienteering, drilling bug homes, making clay pollinators and completing an environmental review of a polluted pond.



UKRAINE APPEAL

Thank you to all the families and parishioners who continue to support our appeal for essential items to send to Ukraine. Some parents came and collected our items on Friday and they are now on their way to Ukraine. Our collection box in our entrance will remain for this week.

If you would like to donate they are for essentials, -toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, hairbrushes, combs, nappies, baby wipes, baby food, plasters, bandages etc. Thank you in advance.



WORD OF THE WEEK: SACRIFICE



This week we will be thinking about the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. His death and resurrection are at the heart of our faith and they are the reason that we have our school and our Church today. We are called to make sacrifices too, not necessarily to give our lives, but maybe to give our time, or our love or our compassion. Think about the people who make sacrifices for you and what that means to you. Think about how you can make sacrifices for others this week.

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:

Congratulations to Year 3 and 6 who had 98% attendance this week. Well done to Year 5 who came second with 97% and to Year 1 and 2 who had 96%.

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 led by Year 5 at 2;20pm	
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 enjoyed a fun filled World maths day on Friday. Each class used the story 365 Penguins to investigate a wide range of maths investigations. In EYFS the children made maths hats, looked for shapes & numbers everywhere, including making triangles & squares with our Friday toast! In Key Stage 1 the children created shape penguins, looked for patterns, measured, counted and shared the penguins. There was some impressive organising and working together. Across key Stage 2 the children arranged the penguins into square numbers, found as many factors as we could for 144 penguins. explored triangular numbers, number sequences and measurement. We tried to work systematically but it wasn't always easy!



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PARISH NOTICES:

Synod: what did we say?

The full document of our parish responses to the Synod questions can be found on our website and there are some hard copies at the back of church. Below is a summary of our responses to questions 5 and 4.

How do I hear and respond to the voice of God's Holy Spirit in my life; what signs of the Spirit at work do I see in the life of my parish?

How do I hear the Spirit? I. A felt presence in stillness/quietness II. Themes emerging – key words III. Scripture reflection group – able to hear the words in a way we've not heard them before IV. Scripture group meetings – in the scripture and in the words of others in the group V. Sharing faith with each other VI. Within the community and worship VII. Other parishioners – in their words through social events and meetings VIII. The priest in sermons during Mass IX. Services designed to prepare me for Christmas or Easter X. Not in isolation – spirit in each other

Signs of the spirit at work I. Care for each other, support we give to each other – EM visits, SVP, social gatherings II. Sense of community - in contact with people in church III. In the parish community we have IV. The activities that reach out to provide support – drop in café, SVP, support for places like Emmanuel House V. Simple act saying 'hello' VI. Growth and presence VII. Church being open – lights on and door left open VIII. Willingness to say 'yes' IX. The amount of people active in the parish, involved in catechesis or just attending X. Taking the opportunities when they come XI. Things come together XII. Diverse – lots of people find a home here

What steps may the Holy Spirit be calling us to take, as a parish, on our journey together into God's future? I. How do we take the next step to get the 'ok' to take the step II. Scripture group should take stuff to the Pastoral Team III. At the start of a big journey today IV. Allow us to be led – see where we go V. Should extend the discernment process – every couple of months 'we are discerning pray about it

This week:

- Fr Liam is away Monday – Friday.
- Tuesday 29th; Taizé prayer evening. 7.00 at Our Lady & St Edward's.
- Wednesday; Holy Family Parish Council meeting. 7.00 at Our Lady & St Edward's.
- Scripture Group: Our Lady & St Edward's - no meeting this week.
- Scripture group in St Bernadette's room at Sacred Heart, Thursday 2pm, this week's reading: Jn 8:1-11
- Community Café: Thursday at 1.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Community Centre - everyone welcome
- Meditation Group in Sacred Heart community Centre 7.30 pm on Thursday 31st March

Link for this week's Wednesday Word children's resource: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesdayword/forgiveness?pid=MTA101634&v=56.14>

Congratulations! This past week, our children celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. They came along with their families after school and the atmosphere in our churches was very prayerful as they received the Lord's forgiveness and grace. Thank you to their catechists and parents who have prepared them for this Sacrament.

Sign up! We need people to help lead our Easter Services, so if you are a reader, welcomer, altar server, Eucharistic Minister, or are willing to have your foot washed please sign at the back of church

Walsingham Young Adults' Pilgrimage (18-35s): £60 which includes lunch and dinner on Friday 10th June, breakfast and lunch on Saturday 11th and accommodation on Friday night (a twin room in Dowry House). A full pilgrimage programme integrated with the diocesan schedule on Saturday 11th June will be hosted. Places can be secured with a £30 deposit. Shared travel options are available. Register at: shorturl.at/cBOU1

NDCYS & The Briars are excited to announce the opening of Saints' Meadow Luxury Retreat Cabins. This new initiative, to support the work of the Diocesan Youth Service, gives anyone a chance to stay in the beautiful Derbyshire Peak district in custom built, fully serviced, en-suite cabins. With fantastic views and a stunning location in the grounds of The Briars it has to be the most enjoyable way to support NDCYS and the young people they work with. You can find out more and book right now at www.saintsmeadow.com

St Augustine's Catholic School and Nursery, Park Avenue, Mapperley Park - Open Day. Join them for a tour every Wednesday at 9.30 am and find out more about our wonderful inclusive school. Full time Reception Class places available and nursery places available. To book, enquire at the school reception or email admin@st-augustines.nottingham.sch.uk or telephone 0115 9156995. The tours are a fantastic opportunity to see the school day in action and have any questions answered. St Augustine's School is currently rated as GOOD by Ofsted and OUTSTANDING by the Diocesan Canonical Inspection.

Ukrainian refugees: an online workshop for anyone interested in knowing more about or developing the Church's welcome for Ukrainian Refugees is being held this coming Monday, 28th March, at 2.00pm-3.30pm. To register for the event visit

bit.ly/ParishesofWelcome email caritas@dioceseofnottingham.uk

OLSE Foodbank Appeal: the SVP are appealing for; tinned ham, corn beef, tuna, tinned meats, tinned tomatoes, rice pudding, tinned fruit, cereal and biscuits.

Thank you for your support.

Taizé Prayer Evening
7 pm at Our Lady & St Edward's
Tuesday 29th March



STAYING SAFE ONLINE

We know how popular technology is and we work hard in school to teach the children how to remain safe whilst using technology whether it is a phone, I Pad or gaming console. When our Director of Performance and Standards Mrs Tibble visited recently to look at our computing curriculum she was impressed with the knowledge the children shared about staying safe online. However, last week we were informed that some children in Key Stage 2 were involved in making a video and posting comments on Tik Tok. This particular video made reference to inappropriate content about other children in their class. Although the video was posted over the weekend these comments were discussed with other children outside of the group and have caused some extra children in school to be upset. As a result, myself and Miss Greenwood spent a lot of time talking to the children and parents of those involved.

As we approach the Easter holiday we know the children will be spending increased time on their electronic devices and we wanted to remind all children that:

- Once they press send, the message doesn't belong to them anymore, it can be screenshot and passed on.
- If it is a comment that they would not say directly to someone or wouldn't want someone to say it to them, it shouldn't be sent
- If your child deletes messages so you don't see them, they know they are making a mistake
- Passcodes should be shared with adults at home and it is okay for parents to check devices regularly.

Social media platforms including Tik Tok, Instagram and Snapchat are not suitable for children of primary school age and we would advise you to not allow your children to use these.

We are grateful to those parents who are attentive and do take notice of messages that we send out from school. Our priority is to keep your children safe, not only in school but outside of school; this is the duty of all adults who care for children. While we want to encourage our children to be independent, we must also be aware of the consequences that might arise from allowing too much independence through the internet and social media sites at such a young age.

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ALL MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED

Monday 28 th March	9am (OLSE) 9am (SH)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion In thanksgiving (Uzuegbu)
Tuesday 29 th March	10am (SA)	MASS Kate Ridge RIP
Wednesday 30 th March	9.00am (SH) 9.00am (OL)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion Ann Khuong Thi Le
Thursday 31 st March	10am (SA)	MASS Noel Flood RIP
Friday 1 st April	9am (SH) 9am (OLSE)	MASS Mary Kate & Jack Dunbar RIP Service of Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 2 nd April	6:30pm (SH)	VIGIL MASS James Finn RIP
Sunday 3 rd April Fifth Sunday of Lent	8:45 (St C) 9.30am(OLSE) 10.00am (SH) 11.00am (SA) 11:30am (OLSE)	MASS Jose Preira RIP (anniv) Eamonn Keating RIP John T Gatley RIP Kathleen Garrett RIP People of the parish

Lent and Easter services.

Stations of the cross:

Sacred Heart: Wednesdays 2.15 – 3pm 30th March 6th April Our Lady & St Edward's: Fridays 2.15 – 3pm 1st, 8th April

St Augustine's: Fridays 7.00pm 1st, 8th April

Reconciliation Service at Sacred Heart: Monday 11th April. 7 – 8pm

Good Friday – Walk of Witness: 15th April St Ann's Walk of Witness 11.00am start at Our Lady & St Edward's, joining with other churches in the area, finishing at St Augustine's.

Carlton Walk of Witness 11.00am start at St John the Baptist, Oakdale Road, finishing at St Paul's.

Holy Week masses are listed on the Parish Easter card your child bought home last week.

We break up for our Easter holiday on Friday 1st April. We wish you all a happy and holy Easter and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 19th April.



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