



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

We hope you have all enjoyed a lovely long weekend with your family and friends and enjoyed the sunshine.

The week may only be 4 days but it is as busy as ever.

As we have now entered the month of May, year 5 will be leading the whole school on Wednesday with rosary. The purpose of the Rosary is to help keep in memory certain events or mysteries in Jesus. Ministry and life. Fr Liam is also coming into school to talk to children about training to be an altar server. If this is something you can support your children with doing, then please complete the letter and return to school.

We also have Partake visiting school this week. On Wednesday, they will be working with Year 1 looking at the history of toys and then they will return on Friday afternoon to work with reception to retell the fairy tale Sleeping Beauty.

On Friday Years 4 and 5 continue with their 6-week program with Notts County learning vital team building skills which involves an hour practical and 1 hour of classroom based activities.

School uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging within the school community. These factors contribute to students' wellbeing, removing the additional pressures of deciding what to wear and added worries of meeting the expectations of their peers. We are proud of how our children behave and present themselves in school. However, we continue to have a small number of children wearing the incorrect uniform. Trainers are not allowed to be worn on days when your child should be wearing their uniform. On PE days, children should not be wearing branded clothes, our PE uniform is red t-shirt with the school badge and black shorts. If the weather is cold, it is plain navy / black joggers and hoodies. Thank you to all families who support our school uniform and ensure every child feels valued and included.

Our final INSET Day of this academic year is Wednesday 27th July.

School will be closed for all children on this day.

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FAMILY MASS

SUNDAY 8TH MAY AT 11:30AM

Father Joe has asked school to lead the parish in Mass on 8th May. We will be asking altar servers to join us, children to volunteer to read and choose the hymns to sing. We ask that the children wear their school uniform, sit with staff at the front of church and contribute to a special celebration. Please return your letter to indicate if you are able to come so we know how many benches to reserve and if your child would like to read / is able to serve.



WORD OF THE WEEK: FAITH



Having faith can be tough. It means believing in something that you do not know for certain and in a world where there is almost an answer for everything this can be difficult. Have a think about your faith and what you believe in.

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Boys football (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Multiskills (Rec, Year 1,2 and 1) Basketball (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)	All day 3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Mixed football (Year 1 and 2)	3:15 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Girls Football (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Friday Breakfast Club	TB Sport:	3:15 - 4:30

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:

The winners of last week's attendance was Year 2 with 99.7%! Congratulations Year 2! An extremely close second goes to Year 5 with 99.1%! How amazing! Keep up the great work everyone.



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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
18.04.22		22.04.22 Easter Mass led by Chaplaincy Team	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
25.04.22	27.04.21 Partake in school - Reception	25.04.22 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 29.04.22 Celebration Assembly 2:20pm	
02.05.22	02.05.22 Bank Holiday Monday, school is closed 04.05.22 Partake in school – Year 1	04.05.22 Rosary led by Year 5 06.05.22 Celebration Assembly 2:20pm	
09.05.22 KS2 SATs week	11.05.22 Partake in school – Year 3	09.05.22 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 11.05.22 Rosary led by Year 4 13.05.22 Celebration Assembly 2:20pm	12.05.22 Year 5 Residential to Colwick
16.05.22	20.05.22 Reception visiting White Post Farm	16.05.22 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 19.05.22 Rosary led by Year 3 20.05.22: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
23.05.22	23.05.22 Partake in school – Year 4 25.06.22 Jubilee Party in school 26.05.22 St Joan of Arc Feast Day 26.05.22 Partake in School – Year 2	23.05.22 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 26.05.22 Rosary led by Year 6 27.05.22 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly	
30.05.22	HALF TERM		
06.06.22	09.06.22 Partake in school – Year 6	06.06.22 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 10.06.22: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
13.06.22	17.06.22 St Alban Feast Day	13.06.22 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 17.06.21: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
20.06.22	23.06.22 Partake in school –Year 5	20.06.22 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 24.06.22 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
27.06.22		27.06.22 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 29.06.22 St Peter and Paul Feast Day Mass 01.07.22 Celebration Assembly 2:20pm	
04.07.22		04.07.22 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 08.07.22 Celebration Assembly 2:20pm	
11.07.22	Healthy Schools Fortnight 13.07.22 Year 5 visit Trent Bridge 14.07.22 Life Education Van in school	11.07.22 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 16.07.21 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
18.07.22	Healthy Schools Fortnight 21.07.22 Key Stage 2 Sports Day 1:30pm 22.07.22 Year 5 visit The Becket 22.07.22 EYFS / KS1 Sports Day 1:30pm	18.07.22 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm	
25.07.22	25.07.22 Family picnic	25.07.22 Achiever of the term Assembly 26.07.22 Year 6 Leavers Mass 1:30pm	

PUPIL VOICE

Thank you to our Chaplaincy Team for supporting our parish Fairtrade group with a Final Friday Fairtrade tuck shop. Thanks to all the families who supported too, the children loved eating their chocolate bar at playtime.

Tuck Shops will take place on the final Friday of each month for the rest of this academic year.

Dates are: 27th May, 24th June and 22nd July.

Thank you for your support.



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PARISH NOTICES:

Time for Tea! We will be holding an Afternoon Tea on Sunday 15th May at the Sacred Heart community Centre 4 – 6 pm. Tickets on sale this weekend at Masses or from the office (contactless payments accepted in the office) - £5 a ticket. All welcome.

Interested in learning a bit more about the Catholic faith, maybe with a view to joining the church? We are having a 'come and see' evening for any adults interested; Thursday 19th May, 7.00 at Our Lady & St Edward's on Gordon Road. If you are interested, just turn up or contact Pauline Baptist to find out more; adultformshouse@gmail.com

And I would walk 500 miles in May, Fr Joe is walking Hadrian's Wall over 6 days to raise money for Rainbows Hospice Loughborough and the Lewis Sewell Memorial Trust. The walk is about 85 miles and Fr Joe and another fool have promised that if £10,000 is raised before the walk, he will do the last day in a kilt with pictures to prove it. The link to a Just Giving page is here <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/WalkforLewisHadriansWallChallenge> and there are sponsor forms at the back of church. Lewis died in August 2020 at the age of 18, the son of friends of Fr Joe. A trust has been set up in his name to support budding young actors. Rainbows Hospice was where Lewis spent his last few days and died.

Holy Family Pilgrimage to Walsingham 11th June: we still have places left on our coach to Walsingham leaving St Augustine's at 7.45 am and picking up outside Sacred Heart Church at 8 am. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick at 12 noon followed by picnics and visits to the Slipper Chapel. We then walk the Holy Mile and for those who cannot walk, coaches are provided. The visit concludes with Benediction in the Abbey Grounds with coaches for home leaving at 5 pm. The cost is £20 and payment is now due. Contactless payment available in the office or pay by cash in a named envelope. **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Beauvale** in honour of St John Houghton & St Robert Lawrence on Sunday May 8th at Beauvale Priory, New Road, Moorgreen, NG16 2AA at 3.30pm MASS celebrated by Rt. Rev. Patrick McKinney Refreshments available afterwards. For further information tel 01773 713532

Baptism Preparation: Our next course is on Wednesday 8th June 7 – 8 pm at Sacred Heart Community Centre and Wednesday 22 nd June 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.

Diocesan re-structuring; things are moving on. This summer, there are 8 Parish Priests retiring and there is no-one to replace them. The next ordination to the priesthood is projected to be in 2027. We still have the same number of churches we had in 1985 with 60 fewer priests and 25,000 fewer people attending church. How long will we have the luxury of three priests in Holy Family parish? Already Frs Joe, Marcus and Liam are part-time in the parish due to their other responsibilities. There is no simple solution to this situation; to import priests from overseas deprives the growing church of priests and creates a clash of cultures here; to ordain women as priests may be the right thing to do in the future, but the experience of other churches tells us that it doesn't address the underlying problem and the same is true of removing compulsory celibacy for priests. Pope Francis has identified the underlying problem; clericalism thinking that the only way of serving or leading the church is to be a priest. The solution is for us to take lay ministry and leadership seriously. Maybe the time will come soon when a parish is not led by a priest, but a well-qualified and experienced lay person and the priest is part of the team serving the parish. Watch this space. Fr Joe

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This week: • Scripture groups Thursday 5 th May in St Bernadette's Room at Sacred Heart, at 2 pm on Wednesday 4 th May in Our Lady & St Edward's café at 2 pm. Both groups focussing on Jn 10:27-30. Try and join them if you can. All welcome • Community Café: Thursday at 1.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Community Centre - everyone welcome. • Meditation Group – no meeting this week. • 1 st Holy Communion parents meeting Wednesday 7 – 8, Sacred Heart Community Centre • Fr Joe is away 6th – 13th, walking Hadrian's Wall. Thank you to Fr Simon Gillespie (Bishop's Secretary) for helping out with Masses on 8th May.

Mass at OLSE: starting this week, we will be having weekday Masses in the church. It has been lovely to use the day chapel during the winter months, but it is (just about) warm enough to be in the church now. The heating will not be on, so if you do feel the cold wrap up! We always have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.00 and then pray Morning Prayer of the Church at 8.40, leading up to Mass at 9am. It is a lovely quiet time of prayer, so you would be very welcome to come along.

Parish Visiting to the sick and housebound. To all Eucharistic Ministers, SVP members and others who visit parishioners. If you do not have a recent (3 year) DBS check from the diocese, you are not permitted to visit anyone. The Parish Office must be notified by email of any visits taking place. A DBS from another organisation is not valid in the Church. If you are visiting someone and you do not have a current DBS and have not notified the Parish Office, you must stop immediately, contact the Parish Office and the church Safeguarding Rep. We have a duty to work safely and safeguard the vulnerable, so failure to follow these regulations may result in your permission to visit or minister being withdrawn - Fr Joe

Parking at Our Lady & St Edward's: we have received a complaint from a nearby resident that cars are obstructing driveways around the church and are causing distress to residents. Could you please be mindful, when parking cars, that you are clear of driveways and not blocking exits and entrances. Thank you.

Neighbourhood Rosary: during May, the Rosary will be prayed in a number of homes in the parish. Please see the list of addresses at the back of the church. Rosary begins at 7 pm. All welcome.

St Augustine's Flat: this has now been repainted and is ready to rent out. The accommodation is over 2 floors, has one bedroom and is suitable for one person or a couple. The rent is £550 per month which includes gas, electricity, water and internet. It is furnished (except for a bed). If you would like more details or to view, please contact the letting agents:

anthony@arresidential.co.uk



WIDER CURRICULUM OPPORTUNITIES

The children in Key Stage 1 and 2 have been enjoying their music sessions with Mr Banahan. They have all been working hard in their band sessions and performed their chosen piece to the rest of the school in our music showcase. The children have been learning to play the ukulele, cajon, bass guitar as well as using their singing voices. There was a range of music genres chosen and staff and children were impressed with what has been learnt.



Eco club have been hard at work today preparing our raised beds for planting, filling the hanging baskets and feeding the birds - we want to improve the school's biodiversity.



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ALL MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED

Monday 2 nd May St Athanasius	9am (SH) 9am (OLSE)	MASS Friends & family of Rivers family Patrick Cunningham RIP
Tuesday 3 rd May Ss Philip and James	10:00am (SA)	MASS Holy Souls RIP
Wednesday 4 th May The English Martyrs	9am (SH) 9am (OLSE)	MASS Tony & Eileen Kavanagh Eamonn Keating RIP (SVP)
Thursday 5 th May	10am (SA)	MASS In thanksgiving (Kath Gill)
Friday 6 th May	9am (SH) 9am (OLSE)	MASS Irene Szabo RIP (anniv) Thomas Aquino Ngyen V. Bich RIP
Saturday 7 th May	6:30pm (SH)	MASS David Jandrell RIP
Sunday 8 th May Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday for Vocations	8:45 (St C) 9.30am(OLSE) 10.00am (SH) 11.00am (SA) 11.30am (OLSE)	MASS Alan Gilmour RIP (anniv) People of the parish Anna Cook (recovery) Zofia & Michael & Marino Mangone RIP Henry Damestoy RIP

SPORTING NEWS

Last Tuesday, some children were chosen to represent our school in a basketball match against St Augustines. Unfortunately, we didn't win the match but Mr Jessop was pleased with the commitment and team work shown. We have training this week and then another match next week. **Well done to Freddie, Dominik, Eduardo, Lemuel, Harry, Josh, Debbie, Lucia, Modupe, Olivia, Shallom and Sophie.**



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