



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Last week was Anti Bullying Week. We shared with the children the different types of bullying – physical, verbal and cyber. We spoke to them about consent and no means no.



Also, we spoke to the children about protected characteristics which do not define a person and that they should not be discriminated for their gender, age, race, religion or disability. We will remind them what they need to do if they ever find themselves in a situation when they feel uncomfortable and frightened. It was lovely to see so many children and staff wearing odd socks to show it is okay to be different.

Our third INSET of this year is Wednesday 4h January. School will be closed to all pupils on this day.

FAMILY MASS

Thank you to all the children and families who joined us at mass yesterday. As we celebrated the feast of Christ the King, it is great to know that the church will continue to build over the coming years with these amazing young people. **Well done to Brenda, Olivia, Iviera, Finlay, Tiffany, Mijret, Nduka, Sewryn, Nicole, Emmanuel, Colby, Alice, Milan, Adiel, Mila, Michelle, Chiwetara, Patrick, Sinead, Elizabeth, Chi An, , Lena, Sophie, Abigail, Joseph, Eliash, Byrian, Rozalia, Amara, Ethan, Eva, Dorian, Olly, John, Janice, Roman, Zofia, Daniel, Enudi, Jessica, Anthony S, Abraham, Thomas, Cleondra, Leo, Valerie, Tobechi, Olivia D, Sara, Olivia H, Lena, Zuzanna, Axel, Nicola, Diana, Serghel, Tyler, Andzelika, Gordon, Karyn, Debbie, Osinachi, Bethlehem, Caitlyn, Favour, Thomas, Oskar, Emilia, Zuzanna, Emily, Mollie and Dominik.**



RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If your child is baptised Catholic and in Year three or above and has not yet received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion there is some information available about the programme which will commence in January for children and families. Forms to enrol on this preparation are available from the sacristy at each church after Mass. **They must be returned by 18th December. Any forms returned after this date will not be accepted. They must be returned to the parish, not school.**



WORD OF THE WEEK: KINGDOM



We are called to build the Kingdom of God. Not out of bricks and stone but out of each other - we are living stones. Christ came to establish the Kingdom of God here on Earth and this week in the lives of the saints we celebrate, we see people who give everything they had to build the Kingdom of God.

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Basketball (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:30 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition TB Sport: Gymnastics (Year 1,2 and 3)	All day 3:30 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Basketball (Year 1,2 and 3)	3:30 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Dodgeball (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:30 - 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. Mrs Bradshaw said: **A huge well done to Year 2 last week with an amazing attendance of 99%! Please remember, you are allowed to send your child into school with a slight cough or snuffle. Please be reassured if your child is unwell whilst in school, we will contact you to collect.**



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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
29.08.22	31.08.21: INSET Day 01.09.21: School opens to pupils	01.09.22 Welcome back Assembly	
05.09.22		05.09.22 Whole School Assembly	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
12.09.22		14.09.22 Welcome Mass led by Year 6. 9:15am in school 16.09.22 Choir begins for Year 3 and 4 16.09.22: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
19.09.22	23.09.22: International Day of languages	19.09.22 Whole School Assembly 23.09.22 International Day Assembly 2:30pm	
26.09.22		26.09.22 Whole School Assembly 30.09.22 St Therese of Liseux Feast Day 30.09.22 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	26.09.22 Year 6 Information Meeting at The Becket 6pm 27.09.22 Parents Meetings regarding residential to Hathersage
03.10.22	07.10.22 World Mental Health Day	04.10.22 Our Lady of Lourdes Mass 07.10.22 World Mental Health Day	03.10.22 Teacher – Parents meetings 1:00pm-6:30pm
10.10.22	10 th – 12 th Residential to Hathersage Year 3 and 4	10.10.22 Whole School Assembly 12.10.22 Harvest Liturgy led by Year 5, 2:30pm 13.10.22 Feast of St Edward Mass in church 9:15am 14.10.22 Achiever of the Half Term Awards	
17.10.22	HALF TERM		
24.10.22	HALF TERM		
31.10.22		31.11.22 Whole School Assembly 01.11.22 All Saints Day Mass 03.11.22 Year 6 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 04.11.22: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
07.11.22		07.11.22 Whole School Assembly 10.11.22 Year 6 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 11.11.22: Remembrance Day Liturgy 10:45am	
14.11.22	Anti-bullying Week	14.11.22 Whole School Assembly 17.11.22 Year 5 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 18.11.22 Judaism Celebration	
21.11.22		24.11.22 Year 4 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter	21.11.22 INSET Day – school closed to pupils
28.11.22		28.11.22 Advent Liturgy led by Year -6 2:30pm 02.12.22: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
05.12.22	09.12.22: Christmas jumper day	05.12.22 Advent Liturgy led by Year 5 9:10pm 05.12.22 Advent Reconciliation Year 4 -6	
12.12.22	14.12.22: Foundation Nativity 1:30pm 15.12.22: Foundation Nativity 10am	16.12.22 Achiever of the half Term awards.	
19.12.22	19.12.22: Christmas Dinner	21.12.22 Advent Wreath Service led by Year 3 and 4	

PUPIL VOICE

Thank you Fr Philip for supporting classes with their RE work. EYFS went across to church to Baptise baby Sam. Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed listening to your calling to the ministry and appreciate you answering all their questions. They were inquisitive!!!



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PARISH NOTICES:

Feast of Christ the King: At Masses we are joined this weekend by pupils from our primary and secondary schools who will help lead our liturgy. Thank you to them for coming along. Particular welcome to pupils, staff and parents associated with Christ the King School – and happy feast day!

Inter Care is a small charity based in Leicestershire that send surplus medical supplies to around 100 health units in sub-Saharan Africa. Bishop Patrick McKinney is their patron and recently ventured to Tanzania alongside Claudia (Fundraiser), and two trustees on the Inter Care team. Claudia will be visiting Holy Family Parish over the next 2 weekends to give an insight into the challenges being faced at the Health Units they visited. They have an exciting Advent Campaign which they hope you can support. For more information on their mission please visit www.intercare.org.uk We will be having a second collection and Claudia will be at Sacred Heart Saturday 19th and Our Lady & St Edward's 9.30 and St Augustine's on Sunday 27th Literature will be available at other Masses.

Full, active, conscious participation This is how the church describes how we should participate in Mass. This means being on time to Mass as best we can, joining in with the singing, making the prayers and responses At some of our Masses, there is little participation with a really passive attendance. It is not fair for a few voices and the priest to be the only ones who speak – so let's make an effort to join in better and make our celebrations alive and vibrant.

Not sure of the responses in Mass? At the end of each bench in all our churches, there is a printed card with the prayers and responses for Mass. Please use this as a guide to help you make the responses during Mass And then leave it in the bench at the end of Mass.

Advent in Holy Family Parish

This beautiful season of preparation helps us take time to get ready for Christmas and not just get the Christmas shopping done!

Walk with me prayer books: available at the back of church for just £1 – a great way of spending a bit of time each day in prayer.

Advent reflection evening: Thursday 1st December, 7pm at Our Lady & St Edward's, led by Father Marcus in the (warm) day chapel.

Carol Service: Thursday 8th December, 7pm at Sacred Heart Church. Led by Bishop Patrick and organised by PACT, the prison support charity.

Parish Retreat Day: Saturday 10th December 10 – 2.30 at Sacred Heart Community Centre. Led by David Wells.

Reconciliation Service: Monday 12th December 6.30 at St Augustine's Church. Several priests available for Confession.

Day for All Parishioners: Saturday 10th December 10 – 2.30 at Sacred Heart Community Centre – open to anyone who wants to have a bit of time out to reflect on our faith and belonging to the parish. David Wells is coming to lead this – David has worked in teaching and adult education in our own diocese and is now an international speaker who addresses Catholic conferences and meetings all over the world. He is a really funny, engaging and insightful speaker and this day will be well worth coming to. This is in response to the Synod meetings and feedback forms we received.

Thank you: Ivy Cundy would like to thank all parishioners who remembered her late husband, Rex, and who sent their condolences. It meant a lot.

Thank you ---- to our sacristans at each church. They arrive early to Mass, open up, switch the lights on, set everything up on the altar ... and stay after Mass to clear away and lock up. Fr Joe recently visited a church where there was no sacristan and the priest had to get everything ready. We are so fortunate in having a great team in our parish, so you know who you are and thank you.

Thank you: also to those that helped out last Friday with the Confirmation Mass and Celebration We received some great comments and the young people were a credit to us. The church looked beautiful, and the liturgy and celebration afterwards matched it. We are a 'Holy Family' – working as one.

SVP1833 Young Adults' Retreat: a weekend retreat of prayer, reflection and mission in the Vincentian Spirituality. It includes talks by inspirational speakers, moments of prayer and reflection as well as a visit to Leeds Community Support Project where you will experience some of the vital work of the SVP. The Retreat is being held next weekend (25th – 27th November) at The Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley- £35. To book email youngvincentians@svp.org.uk or go to https://SVP1.formstack.com/forms/young_adult_s_retreat_application

This week:

• Scripture Group at Sacred Heart: Thursday 24th November at 2 pm in the sisters of St Joseph of Peace Convent focussing on: Mt 24:37-44

• Community Café (Warm space): Thursday at 12 pm in the Sacred Heart Community Centre - everyone welcome to soup & roll.

• Warm space at Our Lady & St Edward's Café: Wednesday 23rd November 12 noon – all welcome for soup & Roll

• Warm Space at St Augustine's Hall: Monday 21st November – all welcome for soup & roll

• Meditation Group: this Thursday 24th November on Zoom Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w at 7.30 pm.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHINMWtMRDdkMEpUZz09>

PARISH QUIZ - Our Annual Quiz takes place this Saturday 26th November in the Sacred Heart Parish Community Centre at 7.30pm. There will be a bar and raffle and the usual mix of challenging questions delivered by our celebrated Quiz Master. Tickets priced at £3.50 are now on sale after Masses and from the office. Don't miss it!!

Wednesday Word: for children's resources on today's Gospel: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/mercy?pid=MTA101634&v=75.7>

Live Simply Meeting: 29th November Our Lady & St Edward's 7 pm – all welcome to share their ideas and hear about others.

Parish buildings and finance: we have 9 buildings across our parish and each takes a lot of effort and money to keep going. As a parish, we have had, and are facing, some significant bills at the moment:

• Final payment (last week) on Sacred Heart Community Centre; £17,000

• Urgent electrical work at St Augustine's Hall and Church; £6084 commencing 5th December after inspection costing £1032

• Urgent electrical repairs at OLSE; £2052 commencing 7th December

• Fire alarm/emergency lighting upgrade to ensure compliance and electrical inspection at OLSE; £3072 - completed

• Insurance; £6306 to be paid 21st November

• New boiler for St Augustine's presbytery; £4370 - completed

The recent Health & Safety Inspections will also incur considerable costs.

All this means that we have no reserves and if we break even this financial year, it will be nothing short of a miracle. Fundraising for parish funds is really important at the moment, so when you see an opportunity, do see if you are able to come to the social events or buy a raffle ticket. Equally, if your weekly contribution to the parish is the same as it was five years ago, maybe think about increasing it? Thank you to everyone for their generosity towards the parish.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!

We are very excited to be holding our Christmas Fayre in school on Friday 9th December beginning at 1:15pm. Raffle tickets will be given out this week. They cost 20p per ticket or £1 per book. Please return payment and stubs to the office. If you are unable to buy tickets, please ask your child to return them to the office so somebody else will be able to buy them.

We will be holding a dress as you like day on Friday 2nd December in return for a bottle for our bottle stall. This may be a bottle of wine / lager, coke / lemonade, perfume / bubble bath etc. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

On the day, the older children will organise some Christmas themed games for the children and Santa has confirmed he will be visiting us too.

We appreciate that with the current cost of living crisis, we do not want this to be an extra expense. Myself, Mrs Astley and Mrs White have met to suggest ways we can keep the cost to a minimum whilst enabling families to enjoy time together as a community.



BRINGING LEARNING TO LIFE

Thank you to Mr Adby from Partake History for visiting Year 4. They had lots of fun re-enacting the story of Jason and the Golden Fleece as part of their Ancient Greece topic.



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MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED

Monday 21st November Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9am (SH)	MASS Tom & Agnes Glynn RIP
Tuesday 22nd November St Cecilia	10.00 (SA)	MASS Holy Souls RIP
Wednesday 23rd November	9am (OLSE)	MASS Edmund & Rita O'Leary RIP
Thursday 24th November St Andrew Dung-Lac and companions	10am (SA)	MASS Marie Costelloe RIP
Friday 25th November	9am (OLSE) 9am (SH) 10am (SA)	MASS Holy Souls RIP Frankie O'Toole's intentions Requiem Mass for Felix Kowal RIP
Saturday 26th November	6.30pm (SH)	VIGIL MASS Holy Souls RIP
Sunday 27th November First Sunday of Advent	8.45am (St C) 9.30am (OLSE) 10.00am (SH) 11.00am (SA) 11.30am (OLSE)	MASS Holy Souls RIP Eddie McCusker RIP Holy Souls RIP Caleb Wakely RIP June Pauline Folan RIP

TRANSFER TO RECEPTION CLASS IN SEPTEMBER 2023

The window for applying for a reception place for your child for September 2023 is now open and closes on 15th January 2023. 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 too on your application. Failure to do so will mean the City Council will place your child in a school where there is a space available.

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