



**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 their nativity, we all agree they spoke, sang and acted with such confidence. Many thanks to all of you who were able to join us in church 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 has also bought home their topic mat which identifies key events, facts and vocabulary they will be learning about over the coming weeks. 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.

Thank you to all parents who completed the Parent View questionnaire last term. The results and comments have been emailed with this newsletter and available on our website. Children, families, staff and all stakeholders should be very proud of belonging to OLSE community

This term, children in Year 3 and 4 will take part in Forest School sessions with Mrs Harrison, Mrs Nicholson and Mr Jessop. 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 10<sup>th</sup> February when staff from all the schools within Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy Trust will come together. The final one is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. School is closed for all children on both of these days.**

**TRANSFER TO RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2023**

**FINAL WEEK TO APPLY**

The closing date for applications is **Sunday 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 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.



**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.

<b>Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45</b>	<b>EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</b>	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Futsal ( Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition TB Sport: Handball (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: Handball ( 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. **Last week she said, "I hope everyone has had a lovely Christmas and a rested break. I wish you all a Happy New Year! What a wonderful start back, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 all had 100% attendance! Keep up the great work everyone."**

**School Matters!**





Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
02.01.23		06.01.23 Mass to celebrate Feast of Epiphany	
09.01.23	12.01.23 Year 6 Retreat afternoon - Discipleship	09.01.23 Word of the Week Assembly - Discipleship 10.01.23 Celebration Assembly	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
16.01.23	19.01.23 Year 5 Retreat afternoon - Discipleship 20.01.23 Feast of Blessed Cyprian Tansi	16.01.23 Word of the Week Assembly - Inspire 20.01.23 Talent Show Auditions	
23.01.23	26.01.23 Year 4 Retreat afternoon - Discipleship	23.01.23 Word of the Week Assembly - Challenge 27.01.23: Talent Show Final	
30.01.23	02.02.23 Year 3 Retreat afternoon - Discipleship	30.01.23 Word of the Week Assembly - Care 03.02.23: Celebration Assembly	
06.02.23	07.02.23 Safer Internet Day 10.02.23 INSET Day	06.02.23 Word of the Week Assembly - Healing 07.02.23 Safer Internet Day Assembly 08.02.23 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly	
<b>13.02.23</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>		
20.02.23	23.02.23 Year 2 Retreat afternoon - Discipleship	20.02.23 Word of the Week Assembly – Forgiveness 22.02.23: Ash Wednesday Mass in school 9:15am 24.02.23: Celebration Assembly	
27.02.23	01.03.23 World Book Day Dance Workshop 03.03.23 World Book Day	28.02.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Prayer	
06.03.23		06.03.23 Word of the Week Assembly - Fasting 06.03.23 Lent Reconciliation Service Year 4- 6 10.03.23 Celebration Assembly	08.03.23 Parents Evening 1:15-6:30pm
13.03.23	13.03.23 British Science Week	13.03.23 Word of the Week Assembly – Almsgiving 17.03.23 Celebration Assembly	
20.03.23	20.03.23 Assessment Week 23.03.23 Year 1 Retreat afternoon 24.03.23 World Maths Day	20.03.23 Word of the Week Assembly - Sacrifice	22.03.23 – 24.03.23 Briars Residential Year 6
27.03.23		27.03.23 Word of the Week Assembly – Journey 31.03.23 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 Reconciliation and Holy Communion preparation.** The date for handing in forms has now passed, so if you didn't get it into the office by the 18th December, your child will have to wait until next year's programme. For all those who have registered, we have the introductory meetings coming up; Monday 9th at Our Lady & St Edward's, Tuesday 10th at St Augustine's and Wednesday 11th at Sacred Heart. All these are 6 – 7 pm (please be on time), are in the church halls or at OLSE in the church itself – and these are for parents only – children do not need to come. Enrolment for the children will take place during Mass on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th January at whichever church you and your children normally attend.

**New Year's Resolution:** The Church relies on people getting involved. Our Church, our world needs you. CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for people to give some time and join in its mission. Could you help in your parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or by visiting local schools? Maybe you could raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See [cafod.org.uk/Volunteer](http://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer) for more information, or get in touch with Will Cruddace, at [wcruddace@cafod.org.uk](mailto:wcruddace@cafod.org.uk) or 07710094455.

**Rise Park Catholics and surrounding area:** their next meeting, at Rise Park Community Centre, is on Saturday 14th January 10.30 – 12 for friendship and support. This month they will discuss Catholic outreach in the area and exchange contact info. Thank you to those who came to their last meeting from; Our Lady's, Good Shepherd and the Cathedral churches.

**Baptism preparation;** coming up in February .... If you have a child to be baptised, take one of the forms from the back of church, complete it and hand it back into the office or sacristy. Attendance at the two preparation sessions is necessary before the baptism can be scheduled. They will take place on 1st and 8th Feb.

**Second Collection:** next weekend: is for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund.

**Vaccinations:** Have you had your Covid 19 booster and Flu Vaccinations? If not, book one today. We still need to protect each other and our NHS, who are struggling to keep up with admissions from flu and Covid. Take a look at the news – encourage others to get vaccinated.

### **This week:**

- Community Café (Warm space): this Thursday at 12 pm in the Sacred Heart Community Centre - everyone welcome to soup & roll.
- Warm space at Our Lady & St Edward's Café: next Wednesday, 11th January, 12 noon. All Welcome.
- Warm Space at St Augustine's Community Centre: on Monday 16th January 2023 join us for soup and roll from 12 noon until 3 pm. All welcome.
- Meditation Group: this Thursday, 12th January on zoom. Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w at 7.30 pm.  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIkbkVHINMwMTRDdkMEpUz09>
- Scripture Group Thursday 12th January, 2 pm in the St Joseph of Peace Convent focussing on Jn 1:29-34
- Exploring Catholic Faith Course -our next meeting for those who want to know more about the Catholic Church is this Thursday, 12th January, 7 pm at Our Lady & St Edward's Café.

### **Please pray for the repose of the souls of;**

- Gerrard Diamond (Thursday 12th January 1 pm at Sacred Heart)
- Mary Murphy (Monday 16th January 9.30 at Our Lady & St Edward's)
- Ignatius Jordan (Tuesday 24th January 12.30 our Lady & St Edward's)
- Rosalynn Ann McCue-Smith (26th January 11.30 Our Lady & St Edward's)

**Nigel Leaney RIP;** the vast majority of people in the parish will never have heard of Nigel, who died just before the new year, but whenever you go into Sacred Heart Church, you will be reminded of his contribution to the life of the parish. When, in 2018, the parish received a significant legacy from the estate of Keith Pratt, a decision was made to use this money to restore and redecorate the church. Nigel was an advisor to the diocese on historic church architecture and undertook the task of trying to discover what the original decoration would have been and then propose the colour scheme you see in the church now. He gave many hours of his time free of charge and was very kind and helpful through the entire process. What we see in the beautiful interior of Sacred Heart church is largely down to his expertise and generosity. May he Rest in Peace.

**Warmer Welcome Workshop** takes place on-line on Tuesday 10th January at 4.00pm. Anyone in the diocese involved in running a 'warm hub', community café or drop-in is welcome. It will be an opportunity to exchange ideas and good practice and ask for advice from peers and from diocesan staff, with a focus on defining volunteer roles and safe recruitment. Further workshops are planned for 13th February and 14th March at 7 pm. To book visit: [bit.ly/WarmerWelcome](http://bit.ly/WarmerWelcome)

**Towards a politics of communion** on Wednesday 18th January at 7.00pm on Zoom: an ideal taster for anyone who wants to know about Catholic social teaching but was afraid to ask! Paul Bodenham from Nottingham Caritas is hosting a talk by Dr Anna Rowlands, professor of Catholic social thought and practice at the University of Durham, and one of the most engaging experts on the topic in Britain today. To book a place visit [bit.ly/AnnaRowlands](http://bit.ly/AnnaRowlands)

**Flame 2023:** Saturday 4th March – are you interested in attending the UK's largest Catholic Youth Conference? It is being held at the OVO Arena, Wembley – to book tickets email: [beth@ndcys.com](mailto:beth@ndcys.com) or phone The Briars 01773 852044. For more information visit: <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/>

**Marriage preparation;** coming up in February and March. Any couples wishing to marry in the parish must attend these preparation sessions. Contact one of the priests if this applies to you.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Huge congratulations to David, Rylinn, Melva, Zofia, Pacem, Isaiah, Gordon and Osinachi who were our Achievers of the Half Term. As it was the end of term, I also chose a child and awarded a badge to Hollie-Mae in Year 5. Independent, confident, lovely, focused, consistent, determined, enthusiastic, organised and polite are just some of the many qualities used to describe you all.



Well done to St Alban house who again were our House Point winners for last half term. They enjoyed a Christmas cinema afternoon with popcorn and sweets. Will they make it 3 in a row as we move into this term?



**CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**

**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023 AT 2:30PM**

**NURSERY:** Evanna and Julia

**RECEPTION:** Jolie and King

**YEAR 1:** Amara and Byrian

**YEAR 2:** David and Nuala

**YEAR 3:** Oscar and Philip M

**YEAR 4:** Oliwia D and Seth

**YEAR 5:** Keira and Jessy

**YEAR 6:** Dararn and Modupe

**MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

**ALL MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED**

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	9am (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Betty Williamson - recovery
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>10am (SA)</b>	<b>MASS</b> <b>John Van Bau Nguyen RIP</b>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	9am (OLSE)	<b>MASS</b> Margaret Ellen Floyd RIP
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	10am (SA) 1pm (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Kathleen Garrett RIP Requiem Mass for Gerrard Diamond RIP
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	9am (OLSE)	<b>MASS</b> Holy Souls RIP
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	6:30pm (SH)	<b>VIGIL MASS</b> Mary & David Ryan RIP
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	8:45 (St C)  9.30am(OLSE) 10.00am (SH) 11.00am (SA) 11:30am (OLSE)  5pm (OLSE)	<b>MASS</b> Cormac John Byrnes – safe arrival Ethel Rooney RIP People of the parish Iain Canning RIP (anniv) Peter Nguyen dinh Nguyen RIP Reception of the body of Mary Murphy RIP

**Congratulations to:**

86 children who were awarded at least 100 house points over the Advent Term and achieved their Bronze Award. Congratulations to: **Nduka, Aliciya, Seweryn, Emmanuel, Piotr, Anaija, Esosa, Joyce, Samuel, Milan S, Rylinn, Havanna, Beverly, Colby, , Byrian, Victoria, Michal, Chiwetara, Amara, Sinead, Medet, Lena, Rebecca, Evelyn, Olly, Janice, Sophie, Lilly, Gabi, Dorian, Mailany, Daniel, Filip, Freya, John, Nuala, Chiamaka, Ethan, Eva, Zofia, Roman, Eva-Joy, Evelyn, Philip M, Leo, Freya, Jessica, Valerie, , Janka, Skyla, Rose, Connor, Alley, Hollie-Mae, Sam, Dawid, Filip, Harlan, Jessy, Joan, Katie, Kayanna, Kaylin, Karyn, Paige, Serghel, Siyane, Tommy, Gordon, Julia, Keira, Nadal, Melody, Horeyb, Caitlyn, Favour, Kornelia, Jade, Ashley, Victor, Thomas, Chelsea, Vivian, Emilia, Leo and Emily.**

We also had 15 children who received their silver award. Congratulations to: **Jolie, Imelda, Milan, Laura, Isabel, Seamus, Nicole, Andrei, King, Mila, Adiel, Alice, Modupe, Bethlehem and Debbie.**

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