



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

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 wet and muddy. They need a hat, scarf, pair of gloves and bring wellies to wear. Also this term, children in year 5 have started their swimming lessons so need to bring their swimming kit each Wednesday.

Year 5 will enjoy a retreat afternoon on Thursday led by our Chaplain Joe. They will focus on Bishop Patrick's theme of discipleship. We also celebrate the feast day of Cyprian Tansi on Friday and all children in that house will join the parish for Mass on Friday morning. This will be a non-uniform day for children in that house as long as they wear something yellow. If you are unsure what house they are in, please check the back of their organiser and if their name is written in yellow, they are in Cyprian Tansi house.

Our house Captains have organised our annual talent show. Auditions will take place on Friday, please return your slip by Wednesday so the House Captains can organise the event.

Please make a note of our remaining two INSET days this academic year. The first one is on Friday 10th February when staff from all the schools within Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy Trust will come together. The final one is Friday 30th June. School will be closed for all children on both of these days.

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NEW YEAR, NEW HOPE.

Each child in school has had the opportunity to contribute to our tree of hope for 2023. It shows the maturity of so many children that they hope for better opportunities for others before themselves.



YEAR 6 VISIT THE BRIARS 22ND – 24TH MARCH

Year 6 head to the Briars again in March. On route, we will be visiting Conkers, which has 120 acres of indoor and outdoor adventure. Please pay £20 deposit by Friday 20th January and any outstanding balance by Monday 20th March. Payments can be made at any time online on Arbor or by popping in to the school office. We ask you do not send your child in to the office with cash as we would like to issue you with a receipt due to the larger than usual amount. If you have any concerns/ difficulty paying, please make an appointment to come and see me.

WORD OF THE WEEK: INSPIRE



The word inspire means "filled with the spirit" and there are times when all of us take inspiration from the events and people around us. St Paul was inspired by a vision of Christ to change his ways and be a better person on the road to Damascus - we too can be inspired by Christ to change for the better. This week, think about how you can be inspirational. How can you give others a great example or show others how to live their lives in a better way?

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
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. **A fantastic week for school attendance last week! Four classes were over 98%! But the winner last week was... YEAR 2 with 100%! Well Done Year 2**





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	
13.02.23	HALF TERM		
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

Our programme for preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion has begun. Parents met with Fr Joe, Fr Philip and the catechists last Monday and the children enrolled at mass yesterday. Their first session will take place next Monday at 6pm. If you cannot attend this session, please attend at St Augustines on Tuesday or Sacred Heart on Wednesday. It is important that you and your child attend each session as outlined in the programme.

Congratulations to Pacem, Michelle, Enudi, Tobechi, Hanelle, Evelyn, Charlie, Oliwia, Sara, Shalom, Max, Olivia, Leo, Lena, Ashley, Philip, Natan, Anthony, Amelia, Katie, Cleondra, Valerie, Nikodem and Julia.



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PARISH NOTICES:

Peace Sunday; today is a world day of prayer for peace. Pope Francis has issued a message to mark this important day. You can read it on the parish website or by clicking this link; <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20221208-messaggio-56giornatamondiale-pace2023.html> For resources visit: <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2023/>

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 February at 7 pm at a venue in the parish.

Second Collection; this weekend: is for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund. By contributing you will help ensure all of our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need, after years of service to us.

Live streaming of Masses; we are experiencing problems with the internet in Our Lady & St Edward's church, so for the time being, only two Masses each week will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel; 10am on Thursdays and 11am on Sunday, both from St Augustine's. We still have a good number of people who follow Mass in this way, so it is still worth doing.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion preparation. Congratulations to all the children who this weekend enrolled on the preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Let's continue to pray for them and their families as they embark on this journey of faith.

Safer Recruitment Policy; With effect from the end of last year, as a Diocese, we are following a new process for any person who would like to volunteer in any capacity in the parish, this includes those who wash the linen, cleaners, help with children's Liturgy and in fact any activity that requires a volunteer in our 3 churches. The new process is as follows:

For new volunteers whose role does not require a DBS, you will require:

- volunteer recruitment form – to be completed and returned and passed onto the Safeguarding Representative
- job description – to be kept
- health & safety information if required – to be kept
- code of conduct- to be kept
- volunteer reference request – to be completed and returned and passed to our Safeguarding Representative.

For existing volunteers in a new role, you will require:

- volunteer recruitment form - to be completed and returned, it will then be passed to our Safeguarding Rep who will let the Diocese know of the new role.
- job description - to be kept
- code of conduct – to be kept (not given to those who already have one)
- Volunteer reference request if no DBS or previous form completed

For new volunteers who need a DBS, so those working with children and adults at risk:

- volunteer recruitment form – to be complete and returned and passed to the Safeguarding Representative.
- job description – to be kept
- code of conduct – to be kept
- volunteer reference request for DBS – to be returned and actioned by the Safeguarding Representative.

We see this as a really positive process, it encourages us to know who our volunteers are, and lets the volunteers know who to go to for help and advice in their role and to know that they are supported. Thank you to the parishioners who have volunteered recently and have undergone, or who are undergoing this process. Give us a ring or drop us an email if you would like to volunteer or pop into the office. Someone can be available after Mass to offer advice on volunteering and form filling or meet you at one of our churches during the week. It is a simple process which will benefit us all as we get to know each other by working closely together.

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, 18th 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.
- **Meditation Group:** this Thursday, 19th January in Sacred Heart Community Centre 7.30 pm.
- **Scripture Group** Thursday 19th January, 2 pm in the St Joseph of Peace Convent focussing on Mt 4:12-23
- **Exploring Catholic Faith Course** -our next meeting for those who want to know more about the Catholic Church is this Thursday, 19th January, 7 pm at Our Lady & St Edward's Café.

Wednesday Word: for this week's link on the Sunday Gospel for children: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/witness?pid=MTA101634&v=80.3>

Please pray for the repose of the souls of;

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)

May they rest in peace.

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

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 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.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting coming up; Wednesday 25th Jan, 7pm at Sacred Heart Community Centre.

Thank you to our church cleaners. All three of our churches always look spick and span, because during the week, several people descend with duster, broom and hoover thank you to them for their time and energy making sure we have clean churches for us to gather in.



OLSE'S GOT TALENT 2023

Our House Captains are very keen to begin 2023 with our traditional talent show. Children can sing, act, tell jokes, perform magic tricks, dance, show off their sporting prowess – the list is endless! The children in each house will vote for their favourite act in EYFS / KS1 and KS2 and then the two House Captains can choose a wild card to go through to the final.

Auditions will take place on Friday 20th January and the winners will go through to the final on Friday 27th January. We are able to invite parents of the finalists in to school to watch. This will begin at 1:15pm. We will ask some members of our Governing Body to come and judge the event!

Please encourage your child to take part and share their talent within our school community. Once your child has decided what they would like to do, please complete the slip and return to their class teacher. These need to be returned by Wednesday 18th January.

Thank you,

Bethlehem, Thomas, Emilia, Victor Horeyb, Osinachi, Debbie and Emily

OLSE House Captains



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ALL MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED

Monday 16 th January	9am (SH) 9:30am (OLSE)	MASS John Gately RIP Requiem Mass for Mary Murphy RIP
Tuesday 17 th January St Anthony	10am (SA)	MASS Dec. mem. McGuire family RIP
Wednesday 18 th January	9am (OLSE) 1pm (SH)	MASS Anna - Phero Funeral of Antonia Colagiovanni RIP
Thursday 19 th January	10am (SA)	MASS John Francis Dore RIP (anniv)
Friday 20 th January Blessed Cyprian Tansi	9am (OLSE) 9am (SH)	MASS Peter Quang Tran RIP Holy souls
Saturday 21 st January	6:30pm (SH)	VIGIL MASS Bert & Margaret O'Grady RIP
Sunday 22 nd January Third Sunday of the Year	8:45 (St C) 9.30am(OLSE) 10.00am (SH) 11.00am (SA) 11:30am (OLSE)	MASS Eddie Walsh's intentions – special birthday Peg Floyd RIP Julia Towey's intentions People of the parish Diane Cafferkey RIP

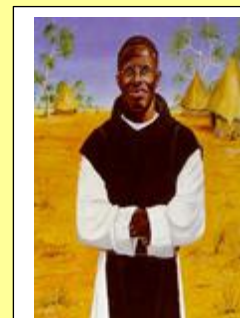
FEAST DAY OF BLESSED CYPRIAN TANSI

On Friday 20th January, we celebrate the feast day of Blessed Cyprian Tansi.

We chose to name one of our houses Cyprian Tansi because he was born in Africa and moved to England. We have lots of children in school whose families share African traditions. We believe it is important to celebrate the diversity of our school and the different countries and cultures that make up our school.

We can use Cyprian Tansi's skills of courage, faith, bravery, kindness and respect by working as a team, sharing our knowledge and helping others.

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