



**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 half term, children in year 5 will continue with their swimming lessons so need to bring their swimming kit each Wednesday.

On Monday afternoon, we have a selection of children from year 3 and 4 representing our school with competing in a football festival. They will return to school for 4pm so please ensure you are prompt in collecting them.

Year 3 and 4 will continue their choir sessions again with Mr Treloar and we look forward to listening to what they learn during the season of Lent.

A reminder it is Parent / teacher meetings this week being held on Wednesday during the afternoon and evening. Staff will have allocated a time for you to attend. Please note Year 5 will still be going swimming in the afternoon so those parents will need to come and collect their children at the normal end of day time.

**Please make a note of our remaining INSET day this academic year. The final one is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. School will be closed for all children on that day.**

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**WORD OF THE WEEK: FASTING**



We often give up things for Lent but fasting is not just about going without chocolate. It's about going without something you don't need in order to focus on the things you do. You might fast from watching TV or going on your phone and spend more time with your family and friends.

What can you give up for Lent that will help you understand the really important things in your life?

<b>Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45</b>	<b>EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</b>	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Volleyball( Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition TB Sport: Badminton(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: Athletics ( Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Friday Breakfast Club	No afterschool provision	

**FOREST SCHOOL**

Year 3 and 4 are thoroughly enjoying their Forest School sessions. Last week In Forest School today we have been learning to share ideas, listen and show empathy through group challenges: learning new knots, making shelters and the blindfold rope challenge. Super teamwork.



**CINEMA AFTERNOON**

**Congratulations to children from Blessed Cyprian Tansi house who collected the most house points last half term. They chose to enjoy a cinema afternoon with popcorn and sweets.**



**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. **School attendance last week was fantastic, the upper year groups are really setting an example for the rest of the school. Year 4 with 99.3%, Year 6 with 98.7% and Year 5 with 98.1% Well Done!**

**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  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 13.03.23 Lent Reconciliation Service Year 4- 6 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 started our Lenten journey celebrating Mass together in church on Ash Wednesday. Thank you to some children from our Chaplaincy Team who distributed ashes, some of our parish ambassadors who served & our Year 6 children who led us in prayer, scripture & song!

Throughout Lent the children will be leading us in reflections:

6<sup>th</sup> March – led by Year 1 and 2 theme of fasting.

10<sup>th</sup> March – led by Year 3 and 4 theme of almsgiving

20<sup>th</sup> March - led by Year 5 on theme of sacrifice

27<sup>th</sup> March – led by Year 6 on theme of Journey.

These will begin at 2:30pm and parents are welcome to join us for these.

Children in year 4, 5 and 6 will also have the opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation next Monday. Thank you to Fr Joe and fr Philip who has made this possible.



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## PARISH NOTICES:

**Change in Mass Times:** with effect from 16th April 2023 9 am - Our Lady & St Edward's, 10.15 am - Sacred Heart 11.30 am - St Augustine's

### **Lent in Holy Family Parish**

- Lenten reflection evening; Tuesday 14th March 7-8pm. Our Lady & St Edward's. Led by Sr Treasa entitled "You are The Body of Christ".
- Evening for Eucharistic Ministers; Wednesday 15th March, 7 – 8 at Sacred Heart Community Centre. For all parish Eucharistic Ministers
- 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD. Friday 17th and Saturday 18th March at St Barnabas Cathedral on Derby Road. Continuous Confessions 5 – 9pm Friday 17th and 8am – 5pm Saturday 18th. Come along and take the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Evening for musicians. Monday 20th March 7 – 8 at St Augustine's. For all parish musicians and singers.
- Lenten Reflection evening. Tuesday 21st March 7 – 8 at Sacred Heart Church. Led by Fr Marcus
- Drop in Confessions; Monday 27th 3 – 5pm at Our Lady & St Edward's. Tuesday 28th 3.30 – 5.30 at St Augustine's. Wednesday 29th 3 – 5 at Sacred Heart.
- Evening for Welcomers. Wednesday 29th March 7 – 8.30 at Sacred Heart Community Centre
- Taize Prayer Evening. Thursday 30th March. Our Lady & St Edward's. 7pm

**Calling all musicians and singers;** please come along on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm down to St Augustine's. We will look at some Eastertide music and talk through our provision of music at Mass after Easter when the new arrangements kick in.

**The Lenten evenings for Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians and Welcomers are really important.** At these, we will be looking at what changes we need to make because of the new Mass schedule and starting to form new rotas for each Mass. If you are currently involved in these ministries, please make every effort to come along so that you can continue to be involved after Easter.

**Friday Morning Mass;** please note the new time of Mass on Friday morning at Sacred Heart Church. We will start to have Mass at 9.15 each Friday, as we will be joined each week by a class from Sacred Heart school.

**Good news!!** After an absence of over two years, we will soon be able to start offering again the opportunity to receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice during Mass. It will be each individual's choice whether they receive from the Chalice or not, but we will begin offering it at every Mass in the parish, starting on Maundy Thursday evening. There is a leaflet available at the back of Church and on our website, outlining the meaning of Eucharist, our celebration of Mass, and giving some context to this reintroduction of the Chalice.

**Easter and Lent Leaflet:** please take a leaflet from the back of church for Easter times and pin it to your notice board or deliver it to a friend, relative or neighbour. Who would you like to invite?

**Refreshments after Mass:** please contact the office if you would like to be added to the refreshment rota at the church. Informal visits will take place to show you the ropes if unfamiliar with the set-up. We do need more helpers. Thank you.

**Easter Raffle:** first prize is 2-night stay for 4 people at Saints Meadow Luxury retreat cabin, Crich, Derbyshire – see poster – plus other prizes. £1 per ticket available from the back of church. £5 per book.

**Not sure of some of the responses at Mass?** There are Order of Mass leaflets at the end of each bench in all of our churches. Please use these and join in with the responses at Mass – we are not meant to be passive, silent participants, Mass is a celebration in which we all play our part. At the end of Mass, please leave the leaflets on the bench for the next person to use – do not put them at the back of church. Thank you.

**Furniture required:** please phone Roz on 07847 954613 to see what's urgently needed.

### **This week:**

- Community Café at Sacred Heart (Warm space): this Thursday 12
- Warm space at Our Lady & St Edward's Café: this Wednesday 12

ALL WELCOME TO SOUP AND ROLL AT OUR WARM SPACES

- Meditation Group: this week on zoom at 7.30

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHINMWtMRDdkMEpUZz09> Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w

- Scripture Group: this FRIDAY 2 pm in the St Joseph Convent focussing on Jn 4:5-42. No meeting on 10th & 17th March.

The Warm Space at St Augustine's has now finished – thank you to all the volunteers who helped out – a great team effort!!

**Wednesday Word:** this week's link for children's resources for the Gospel:

<https://www.paperturnview.com/uk/wednesdayword/encouragement?pid=MTA101634&v=85.8>

**Priest's mobile phone numbers:** Fr Joe and Fr Phil both make their mobile phone numbers readily available – but this is for urgent calls only such as someone at the end of life wanting Anointing of the Sick, and for when they are on-call for the hospitals. Please do not use the priest's mobile phone numbers for routine calls – these should always go through the office and a message can be left if there is no answer. From Easter, Fr Joe is on sabbatical until the end of July and must not be contacted during this time.

**Receiving Holy Communion:** There have been a couple of incidents recently of people not treating the Sacred Host with sufficient reverence.

The Eucharist is a precious gift from God and is the Body of our Lord, so Communion must be received with respect and reverence.

Some simple guidance;

- If wearing gloves in church, remove them before coming forward to receive Holy Communion.
- If receiving on the hand, make a flat 'altar' with your hands to receive the Host.
- When the priest says, 'The Body of Christ', respond 'Amen'.
- When the host is placed on your hand, pick it up and consume it immediately – do not walk off and consume off to the side.

Parents: if your child is coming up for a blessing – which is to be encouraged – please come up with them. Small children often come up and do not know what to do or where to go after receiving a blessing. Do not send them up with you remaining in the pew.



**WORLD BOOK DAY**

Last Wednesday we celebrated World Book Day in school. The children were able to dress as their favourite book character or wear their pyjamas. Throughout the day, the children took part in a dance workshop to retell the story of Alice in Wonderland.



Throughout the day the children created bookmarks, designed front covers, used their oracy skills to retell and role play their favourite stories.



**MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

**ALL MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED**

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	9am (SH) 10:30am (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Holy Souls RIP Funeral of Carla Palinczuk RIP
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Ss Perpetua and Felicity</b>	10am (SA) 1:45 (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Felix Kowal RIP Ann Leondra Garibaldi RIP
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March <b>St John of God</b>	9am (OLSE)	<b>MASS</b> Brigid Sheeran & Paric Corcoran RIP
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March <b>St Frances of Rome</b>	<b>10am (SA)</b>	<b>MASS</b> <b>Sean Murray RIP</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	9am (OLSE) 9:15 (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Eddie & Rita Duggan RIP Fr Kieran Dodd RIP
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	6:30pm (SH)	<b>VIGIL MASS</b> James Smith RIP
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	8:45 (St C) 9:30am(OLSE) 10.00am (SH) <b>11.00am (SA)</b> 11:30am (OLSE)	<b>MASS</b> Holy Souls RIP May & James Dore RIP Malcolm Ellis RIP Sr Rita Lee RIP People of the parish

**SCIENCE WEEK**

During the week beginning 13th March we will be celebrating, exploring and investigating 'British Science Week' at OLSE. The theme for this year's British Science Week is "Connections". We will be encouraging our young people to think about the different ways, as humans, we are connected – through transport, communication systems, through our senses, technology and within our environment.

On Monday 13th March there will be a Science Week introduction assembly for the whole school. Each class will be set a connection theme and an investigation challenge to support the development of pupils' 'working scientifically' skills. We aim to share and display our findings with each other in school and online,

**Our OLOL Trust** is also running a science week competition challenge that we will be undertaking during our **Science Activity Day on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**. The challenge is to see which class can build the longest marble run from recycled materials – the winning class will receive a construction kit prize for their class. **We need help from home with this challenge – please can your child bring in any recycled materials for this competition, e.g. card tubes, plastic bottles, cardboard boxes, insulation tubes etc. Thank you.**

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