



**WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?**

Last Monday Mr Gerard Cadwallader who is a member of the OLoL Trust Board visited school. He visited classes and joined us for our Year 5 Lent Liturgy. He said, **"I very much enjoyed my visit to your delightful school. Thank you for the generous allocation of your time in answering my questions and sharing so much with me. Thank you for giving me a tour of the school. I felt very strongly the total immersion of Catholic Life and the inspiring breadth of curriculum experiences. I felt very privileged to be invited in to the children's liturgy, which was excellent. God's many Blessings to you all and for your work."**

**Congratulations to Nadia, David, Isabel, Imelda, Ebube, Alessia, Dorian, Lilly, Pacem, Amelia, Diana, Nihal, Gordon and Joan who achieved our Mathematician of the Week Award.**

**We break up for our Easter holiday on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. We wish you all a happy and holy Easter and look forward to seeing you on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.**



**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: JOURNEY**



Lent is a truly special journey that helps us walk with, and get closer to Jesus. By trying to walk in his footsteps, we can understand better about sacrifice and love. Think about your journey through lent so far - how hard has it been? What have been the struggles you have faced? Think this week about what you have learnt from your journey and just how far you have come.

<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	

**FUTURE OLYMPIANS**

**Well done to Cheryl, Janka, Skyla, Tiarni and Victory from year 4 and Dawid, Jahvarn, Nadal, Serghel, Tyler from Year 5**

The children represented our school in the Ruschcliffe athletics tournament at The Becket School on Thursday after school.

The group achieved bronze in the track events and silver in the field events so were awarded silver overall.

Miss Greenwood was very proud of your hard work and effort. Well done!!



**OUR LENTEN JOURNEY**

Last week Year 5 led us this afternoon as we continue on our Lenten journey. Their theme was sacrifice and we had time to reflect on the sacrifices we make during Lent to help others but also look ahead to the greatest sacrifice Jesus made for us.



**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, **"Not a great week for attendance. There is a lot of sickness chicken pox around school at the moment. A HUGE well done to Year 4 with 98.06%."**





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

The whole school enjoyed celebrating World Maths Day on Friday. The children were able to come to school dressed in themed clothes and there were many numbers, patterns, shapes and symmetry on show. Throughout the day, each class took part in a range of practical activities including baking, measuring, investigating patterns, asking and answering questions and investigations.



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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**

- 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. Open to existing and new welcomers. We will require more people to 'welcome' people who are not used to our churches. This is a very important role as the quality of the welcome reflects the life of the community – please do come along and consider joining our teams.
- Taizé Prayer Evening. Thursday 30th March Our Lady & St Edward's 7pm. Led by Sister Patricia and music by Fr Joe Wheat. Taizé worship involves words sung over many times, prayers, silent reflection & readings. There is no preaching. Come along and 'be'.

### **Holy Week**

- Women at the Cross: Monday 3rd April 7 pm at St Augustine's
- Blessing of food: Our Lady & St Edward's, Holy Saturday 8th April, 10 am.
- Holy Thursday 6th April 8 pm Sacred Heart
- Good Friday 7th April all churches 3 pm
- Easter Vigil 8th April St Augustine's 8 pm
- Easter Sunday 9th April: St Christopher 8.45 Our Lady & St Edward's 9.30 Sacred Heart 10 am St Augustine's 11 am Our Lady & St Edwards 11.30

Please take an Easter Mass Time leaflet to pass on to family and friends.

**Flower arrangers required:** thank you to those that have already offered. We require: 1 more at Sacred Heart, 2 more at St Augustine's and 4 more at Our Lady & St Edward's. This equates to once every 10/12 weeks. No experience necessary and expenses refunded. If you could spare an hour or two, please contact the office. Training will be given. Thank you.

**Receiving from the Chalice;** after an absence of three years, on Holy Thursday Night at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we will have the opportunity to resume receiving the Precious Blood from the Chalice at Communion time. The Bishops have introduced this after assessing that any risk associated with receiving from the Chalice is no longer any greater than it was before Covid19 stopped the practice. The sharing of the Precious Blood from the one cup is a radical act of trust and communion – we are simply getting back to the practice of the Church for the past two millennia. Receiving from the Chalice is the choice of each individual, but is encouraged, as it means we share more fully in the symbolism of Mass; Jesus said 'take and eat, take and drink'. From Sunday 16th April, we will offer the Chalice at each Mass in the parish. If an individual does have cold or flu-like symptoms, it is advisable to not receive from the Chalice (a bit of common sense) and might even consider if coming to church is advisable. A reminder; after receiving the Host, we approach the Eucharistic Minister who will say 'The Blood of Christ'. We respond 'Amen' and take hold of the Chalice, sip, and then give it back to the Minister. The Minister will wipe the chalice after each person and rotate so the next person sips from a different side. The practice of Intinction (dipping the Host into the Precious Blood) is not permitted under any circumstances.

**A big THANK YOU to Frs John McCay and Michael Brown** who are helping out this weekend with Fr John saying the 10.00 and Michael the 9.30 and 11.30. This is to enable Frs Joe and Philip to both be at St Christopher's and stay around afterwards with people. We will give John and Michael a lovely welcome and won't mention that John supports Leicester City and Michael Derby County. Be gentle with them.

### **This week:**

- Community Café at Sacred Heart (Warm space): this Thursday 12
- Warm space at Our Lady & St Edward's Café: this Wednesday 12
- Meditation Group: this Thursday, 30th, 7.30 pm in Sacred Heart Community Centre.
- Scripture Group: this Friday, 31st March in St Joseph of Peace Convent 2 pm
- Sacrament of Reconciliation; our children will be making their First Confession this week. We have three afternoons when the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in our churches – see the weekly timetable for locations and times. These are 'drop-in' Confessions, and anyone is welcome to come along and celebrate this Sacrament before Easter.

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

<https://www.paperturnview.com/uk/wednesdayword/compassion?pid=MTA101634&v=88.1>

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

- ❖ Noel Power (reception 27th March 6 pm, funeral 28th March 10 am at Sacred Heart)
- ❖ Brian Trotman (Wednesday 29th 10 am at St Augustine's)
- ❖ Margaret Tuohy (Thursday 30th 10 am at St Augustine's)
- ❖ Attilio Palma (Thursday 30th March at Sacred Heart at 10 am)
- ❖ Joselyn Jameson (Gedling Crematorium Friday 31st at 1pm) ❖ Doreen Mary Raynor 'Ma' (St Augustine's, Wed 12th April 12.00)
- ❖ Teresa Konopacki (St Augustine's Mon 17th April 10.30)
- ❖ Bridget McKiernan and Claire Hogg, who died recently. **May they all rest in peace.**

**Change of heart and mind;** after Easter, we will be going down from 6 weekend Masses to just 3. Although this will be a difficult time for many people the change of routine will be disruptive, we can all make it a positive process. It means that our churches are full and there will be a greater sense of community as we gather together to pray and worship. We can help this be being welcoming to people who will join a particular celebration for the first time. Being met by phrases such as 'hello stranger' or 'welcome to our church' is not helpful, particularly when people have been members of the parish for many years. Equally, people being told or given the impression that their offer of help is not required in a ministry such as reading, music, or altar serving, is very damaging and contrary to any sense of Christian community. Let's make sure we are open and welcoming to everyone who comes.

**Pilgrimage to Lisieux** by Coach from Nottingham, June 5th – 8th 2023, £380 - £410 beginning with a guided visit to the Cathedral in Lisieux and to the Basilica dedicated to St. Therese - optional excursion to Hon Fleur.

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Nevers** by Coach from Nottingham; September 23rd – 30th 2023, £715 per person which includes coach and ferry travel, overnight Bed and Breakfast stay at the Ibis Hotel, Orleans on the way out, full board at the Hotel Irlande in Lourdes, half board at the Kyriad Hotel in Nevers on the way back. In addition to this there's an optional excursion to Gavarnie, a Ski Resort in the Pyrenees. Contact Fr. John McCay at [jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk) or 07853068189 for more info/to book.



**YEAR 6 ON TOUR!!!**

Last week Mrs Wilson and I enjoyed a lovely three days away with the children in Year 6. We began our residential with a visit to Conkers where the children thoroughly enjoyed their time playing in the Enchanted Forest Play Zone, testing their knowledge in the interactive exhibits, getting blown around and a bit wet in the 4d cinema before finally helping and supporting each other in the Outdoor Adventure Play.



Once we arrived at The Briars we participated in a range of activities including Lenten snakes and ladders, a ghost walk and of course the famous Briars disco. The children had the opportunity to lead each other in prayer and it was lovely to see Fr Paul again as he celebrated Mass with us. The final activity saw the children receive their affirmations. They must believe the wonderful qualities that others see in them every day.



**MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

**ALL MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED**

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	9am (SH) 3pm – 5pm (OLSE) 6pm (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Holy Souls RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLSE. Drop-in Confessions Vigil and Reception of the body of Noel Power RIP
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	10am (SA) 10am (SH) 3;30-5:30pm (SA)	<b>MASS</b> Ann O'Donovan RIP Requiem Mass for Noel Power RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation Drop-in-Confessions
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	9am (OLSE) 10am (SA) 3-5:30pm (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Anna Le Thi Khuong RIP Requiem Mass for Brian Trotman RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation at SH. Drop-in Confessions
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	10am (SA) 10am (SH) 7pm (OLSE)	<b>MASS</b> Requiem Mass for Margaret Tuohy RIP Requiem Mass for Attilio Palma RIP Taize reflection evening
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	9am (OLSE) 9:15 (SH) 1pm (Gedling Crem)	<b>MASS</b> Mary Murphy RIP (SVP) Irene Reddish RIP Funeral Service for Joselyn Jameson RIP
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	6:30pm (SH)	<b>VIGIL MASS</b> People of the parish
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April <b>Palm Sunday</b>	8:45 (St C) 9.30am(OLSE) 10.00am (SH) <b>11.00am (SA)</b> 11:30am (OLSE)	<b>MASS</b> All Souls RIP Peter Quang Tran RIP James Queally RIP & Queally family's intentions Kitty Lyons' intention Anne & Martin Burke RIP (anniv)

**PREPARING FOR RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Our programme for preparation continues this week as **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** receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. These will take place in churches at:

OLSE: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 3:00pm – 5:00pm

St Augustines: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Sacred Heart: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 3:00pm – 5:30pm



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