



**WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?**

Last week was another busy week. Year 3 and 4 were amazing when they participated in the carol service at The Good Shepherd Church on Tuesday evening. Thank you to all parents for your support and making this possible for the children to attend as well as staff who gave up their evenings too.

There is still lots happening in school until the end of term. Today we have Year 5 leading us in our Second Advent Liturgy linked to peace. On Wednesday, we have a live band in school performing to the children. Also on Wednesday (1:30pm) and Thursday (10.00am) EYFS and Key Stage 1 will perform their nativity to families.

**Our third INSET of this year is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. School is closed to all pupils on this day.**



**DAART GRADUATION**

Congratulations to Year 5 for all of your hard work over the last ten weeks in your DAaRT sessions. Thank you for sharing everything you have learnt during your graduation on Thursday. You all looked great in your DAaRT t-shirts too. Thanks to all the families who were able to join us.



**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 17th December. Any forms returned after this date will not be accepted. They must be returned to the parish, not school.**



**WORD OF THE WEEK- PEACE**



God gave himself to the world, not as a powerful king but as a tiny baby. He brought a message of peace and humility to a world that needed it more than ever. Think this week about the peace in our world. Does everybody live in the peaceful communities that we do? This week let's try and remember that during Advent we are called to bring the peace of Christ to everyone we meet.

<b>Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:40</b>	<b>EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</b>	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Basketball ( Year 4, 5 and 6) TB Sport Wrap Around Care	3:30 - 4:30 3.30-5.30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition TB Sport: Gymnastics (Year 1,2 and 3) TB Sport Wrap Around Care	All day 3:30 - 4:30 3.30-5.30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Basketball ( Year 1,2 and 3) TB Sport Wrap Around Care	3:30 - 4:30 3.30-5.30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Dodgeball ( Year 4, 5 and 6) TB Sport Wrap Around Care	3:30 - 4:30 3.30-5.30
Friday Breakfast Club	No afterschool provision TB Sport Wrap Around Care	3.30-5.30

**ATTENDANCE**

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.

Whole school attendance was down last week at 93%. But, the winners of last weeks attendance was YEAR 4 with 100%!



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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
04.09.23	05.09.23/06.09.23: INSET Day 06.09.23: School opens to pupils	06.09.23 Whole School Assembly	TB Sport Wrap Around Care begins
11.09.23	13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> Residential to Hathersage Year 3 and 4	13.09.23 Welcome Mass led by Year 6. 9:15am in school 14.09.23 Year 6 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 15.09.23: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	TB Sports Extra Curricular starts
18.09.23	22.09.23: International Day of languages	18.09.23 Whole School Assembly 20.09.23 Choir begins for Year 3 and 4 21.09.23 Year 5 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 22.09.23 International Day Assembly 2:30pm	18.9.23 Meet the Teacher 3.20-3.45pm 19.09.23 Year 6 information evening here at school 6pm 20.09.23 Year 6 Open evening at The Becket 6pm and 7.15pm
25.09.23		25.09.23 Whole School Assembly 28.09.23 SEN Coffee Morning 9.30-11am 28.09.23 Year 4 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 30.09.23 St Therese of Liseux Feast Day- Assembly	
02.10.23	06.10.23 World Mental Health Day	04.10.23 St Francis Feast Day Hub Mass 05.10.23 Year 3 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 06.10.23 World Mental Health Day	Parents Coffee afternoon 2.15pm
09.10.23		11.10.23 Harvest Liturgy led by Year 5, 2:30pm 12.10.23 Year 2 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 13.10.23 Feast of St Edward Mass in church 9:15am	09.10.23 Teacher – Parents meetings 1:00pm-6:30pm
16.10.23		16.10.23 Whole School Assembly 19.10.23 Year 1 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 20.10.23 Achiever of the Half Term Awards	
23.10.23	<b>HALF TERM</b>		
30.10.23	<b>HALF TERM</b>		
06.11.23		06.11.23 Whole School Assembly linked to Anti-Bullying 10.11.23: Remembrance Day 10.40am	
13.11.23		13.11.23 Whole School Assembly 17.11.23: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
20.11.23		20.11.23 Whole School Assembly 24.11.23 Judaism Assembly 2.30pm	
27.11.23		27.11.23 Whole School Assembly 01.12.23: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
04.12.23	08.12.23 Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Fayre	04.12.23 Advent Liturgy led by Year -6 2.30pm 06.12.23 Advent Reconciliation year 4 and 5	
11.12.23		11.12.23 Advent Liturgy led by Year 5 2.30pm 13.12.23 EYFS/KS1 Nativity 1.30pm 14.12.23 EYFS/KS1 Nativity 10 am	
18.12.23	20.12.23 Christmas dinner and party afternoon	18.12.23 Advent Liturgy led by Year 1 and 2 21.12.23 Achiever of the Half Term Awards 9.15am 21.12.23 Advent Wreath Service led by Year 3 and 4 2pm	22.12.23 INSET DAY





## **PARISH NOTICES:**

**Advent and Christmas in Holy Family Parish – For service times take a leaflet from church or visit our website. Give one to your family and friends and ask them to come along.**

**Last call!!** Forms for **CONFIRMATION** preparation programme (Confirmation by Bishop Patrick is on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024), and **1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION** preparation (for those in school year 3 and above), **MUST** be returned to church by **17<sup>th</sup> December**. Forms are available at the back of church. No forms received after this date will be accepted.

**Next weekend;** Blessing of the Bambinos; bring along to Mass on Sunday the figure of Jesus from your crib set; there is a lovely blessing prayer we will use at each Mass to send you back home with the figure, ready to go into the crib on Christmas morning.

**Deacon Anthony** will be out of action for a couple of weeks - a victim of the ice – he's broken his wrist! We wish him a speedy recovery.

**Hymn Books:** the hymn books at Our Lady & St Edward's and St Augustine's are very tired looking and a bit out of date. We plan to replace them in the next few months with Laudate; this is the best Catholic hymn book on the market and it will mean that we all use the same book across the three churches. **If you would like to dedicate a hymn book for a particular intention, take a green form from the back of church and return it with a donation; suggested amount £10.** The dedication can be in memory of someone who has died or any other prayer intention. It's lovely to open a hymn book and see a prayer request. There will be 150 books each at OLSE and SA. There are a few books at Sacred Heart without dedications, but most already have them in from a few years ago. Any current dedications in hymn books at OLSE will be transferred over to the new books.

**Church Flower Arrangers Meeting at Our Lady & St Edward's:** 13th December at 7pm in the café to welcome new and current members. Refreshments will be available. For more information call the office or Yvonne on 07921912326. All our flower rotas require new people, can you help out at **St Augustine's or Sacred Heart as well as OLSE?**

**School admissions** to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception Year) - Children born between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020. The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is 15th January 2024. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you should also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You **MUST** also include the supporting evidence\* as required with this form, eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place.

\*If you do not have the required evidence please contact the parish where your child was baptised for a copy certificate in good time.

**HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FROM CHURCHES OR THE OFFICE, £1 PER TICKET – PLEASE TAKE SOME TO SELL TO FAMILY & FRIENDS. To be drawn on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.**

**Hamper items wanted:** Christmas Pudding, tinned salmon, speciality crisps, savoury biscuits, tinned pate, Christmas cake, mince pies etc



**Easyfundraising:** If you are intending to do any on-line shopping this Christmas, why not raise funds for our parish by shopping from the easyfundraising website or app. If you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and is turned into a donation - magic! More information via the website or app – take a look.



**Please pray for:**

- ❖ Peace in Palestine and Israel
- ❖ Raffaele & Esther as they get married this weekend.
- ❖ The repose of the soul of Nora Bethell (funeral details tbc)
- ❖ Ethan, Elnathan & Ean who will be baptised next weekend.

**This week in the parish:**

**Fr Joe is on call for the hospitals**

- **Our Lady & St Edward's Café:** Wednesday 12 noon. All Welcome.
- **Community Café at Sacred Heart** Thursday 12 noon. All welcome
- **Meditation Group:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December on zoom 7.30 pm Link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHINMWTMRDdkMEpUZz09> Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w
- Our Lady & St Edward's Café: FLOWER MEETING 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 7 pm
- **Scripture Group:** is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in St Joseph's Convent focussing on Jn 1:6-8.19-28. All are welcome.
- **Our Lady & St Edward's School** events: – Parishioners welcome
  - 13<sup>th</sup> December EYFS / KS1 Nativity in school at 1:30pm
  - 14<sup>th</sup> December EYFS / KS1 Nativity in school at 9:30am
  - 21<sup>st</sup> December Advent Wreath Service in school at 2pm

**Wednesday Word Link:** resources for children on this week's Gospel:

This week's word is HOPE: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/hope?pid=MTA101634&v=113.2>

**Confirmation preparation:** will start in the New Year and we need a team of people to lead our work with young people of secondary school age, training and support will be given ..... if you are interested in being part of the team, let Fr Joe or Diane Williams know.

**Admissions Policy Consultation:** Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust is proposing to improve the clarity of their Secondary Schools Admissions Policy by amending the wording of the oversubscription criteria. It is a statutory requirement that they publicly consult on this amendment. Further information on the consultation which will run between Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 visit: [www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/governance/admissions](http://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/governance/admissions)

**Mass intentions;** when a specific date and time is requested, we try to honour it, but it is not always possible. At the moment, there is a long list of Masses waiting to be said, so they will be said as soon as we can, on a first come, first served basis.

**Thank you Message from HMP Whatton:** "A huge thank you from us here for all your contributions of Jigsaws. We are overwhelmed with your generosity. We issue about 150 jigsaws each month and your kind donations mean that our collection is frequently refreshed."

**Year of Prayer Podcast:** Encounter Prayer. This month, the first episode is given by Bishop Patrick who introduces the Year of Prayer, his hopes for it, and shares insights from his own prayer life. The Podcasts can be found on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music and Audible by searching Diocese of Nottingham; they are also on the diocesan website: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)

**Thank you:** We recently sent Cafod £656.24 from the parish, they have written: "Thanks to your generosity and prayers, families facing the toughest challenges such as floods, conflict and economic turmoil will receive the practical support they need to rebuild their lives and pursue their hopes for the future". If you would like to donate to the Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal either place money in a marked and put in in the collection basket or drop it in the office or donate on-line by visiting: <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/parish-fundraising/parish-fundraising-for-emergencies>

**Second Collection:** to be taken next weekend: Poor & Needy Parishes.

**Gift Aid Declarations:** the Diocese has asked us to remind you that if there are changes in your personal circumstances such as **name change / address change / no longer a taxpayer** or a bereavement of the holder please inform the parish office or contact the Diocese at [parish.giftaid@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:parish.giftaid@dioceseofnottingham.uk) Thank you for your support.





### **TRANSFER TO RECEPTION CLASS IN SEPTEMBER 2024**

The window for applying for a reception place for your child for September 2024 is now open and closes on 15th January 2024. 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.

### **PUPIL VOICE**

On Wednesday, some of Year 5 led us in our Advent Reconciliation Service. Just as the wise men were guided by a star to meet baby Jesus, we wrote our hopes during Advent on holly leaves and promised to be a light & a guide to others during this time of preparation. Thank you to Father Joe who supported the children.



### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE THANKYOU!**

Thank you to Mrs Astley, Mrs White, Miss Bates and Mrs Nicholson for all their hard work in preparing for our fayre. Thank you to Year 6 for leading the activities for everyone and a big thank you to Santa as we know how busy you are at this time of year!



### **ADVENT WREATH SERVICE**

Year 3 and 4 are working hard to lead us in prayer, reflection and song during our Advent Wreath Service in school. This will take place on Thursday 21st December beginning at 2pm. All families welcome.

