



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

This may be our final newsletter of this term but there is still lots happening in school this week. Today Year 1 and 2 are leading us in our third Advent Liturgy linked to Joy. On Wednesday 20th it is Christmas dinner. Reception are also going to the theatre to watch The Boy who cried wolf and we end our term with our Advent Wreath Service on Thursday at 2pm.

Our third INSET of this year is Friday 22nd December. School is closed to all pupils on this day.

ON BEHALF OFF ALL THE PUPILS, STAFF AND GOVERNORS, WE WISH YOU ALL A PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.



WORD OF THE WEEK- JOY



The third week of Advent focuses on joy. We celebrate Gaudete Sunday to remind us of the Joy of Christmas that is almost here. It is a great chance to think about what brings us joy in our lives and to give thanks for it. It is also an opportunity to reflect on how we can bring joy to those around us and make the world a more joyful place for everyone!

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:40	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
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



Miss Whitmore and her band came to play for the whole school last Wednesday. They played Christmas carols and the children sang along.

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.

Last week's school attendance was down at 91%. The winners of last week's attendance were YEAR N2 with 96%! Well Done Nursery class!



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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 th – 15 th 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	HALF TERM		
30.10.23	HALF TERM		
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 2.30pm 21.12.23 Achiever of the Half Term Awards 10am 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 – they are waiting to be asked.

Next weekend could be confusing! Sunday morning is the 24th Dec, but is still Advent, so we will have two Masses for this 4th Sunday of Advent; 9am at OLSE and 11.30am at SA. Then Sunday evening is the start of Christmas; Masses are 5pm at SH and 6.30pm at OLSE. Monday morning is Christmas morning, with Masses at 9am SH and 10.30 SA. The ministry rotas in the newsletter are for the 4th Sunday of Advent.

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

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.

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 STILL AVAILABLE FROM CHURCHES OR THE OFFICE, £1 PER TICKET – PLEASE TAKE SOME TO SELL TO FAMILY & FRIENDS. Please return before Friday 22nd December.

Nottingham Trent University: Help in the Community, are running a soup kitchen on the Tuesday 30th of January 6-8 pm at The Level, Shakespeare St, Nottingham, NG1 4GH. They are calling this the 'Welcome meal' event. They write "we are inviting those who are most vulnerable within our local community and giving them a meal for the night, whilst providing them with clothing. With the winter rapidly approaching, we know it is harder for people to seek comfort during the cold and we want to provide that comfort during the tough winter months. This event will last a total of two hours from 6-8pm, and we're looking to facilitate around 100 people. As we are only students, it is hard to get the message out. so we seek your support in promoting this event so we can get the word out. To see the wonderful things we have achieved in our community, check out our Instagram @ntu_help_in_the_community" See poster in church.



Please pray for:

- ❖ The repose of the soul of Nora Bethell (funeral details tbc)
- ❖ The repose of the soul of Jean Sabin RIP
- ❖ Ethan, Elnathan & Ean who will be baptised this weekend.

This week in the parish:

- **Our Lady & St Edward's Café:** Wednesday 12 noon. All Welcome.
- **Community Café at Sacred Heart** Thursday 12 noon. All welcome
- **Meditation Group:** Thursday 21st December in the Sacred Heart Community Centre 7.30 pm All Welcome
- **Scripture Group:** is on Friday 22nd December at 2pm in St Joseph's Convent focussing Lk 1:26-38. All are welcome.
- **Our Lady & St Edward's School** 21st December Advent Wreath Service in school at 2pm

Wednesday Word Link: resources for children on this week's Gospel: Holiday Special!! <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/christmas-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=114.2>

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.

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.

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

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 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>

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 Thank you for your support.

Message from Bishop's House: The ongoing reorganisation of the diocese, enabling us all to become more missionary in a way which recognises that we now have fewer clergy and fewer parishioners, continues to make steady progress. To date the 108 parishes we had in 2017 have been reduced to 88, with 32 parishes having been amalgamated to form 12 new larger parishes. Parishioners in all our parishes are on a journey of working more closely together, in a more missionary fashion, in our united effort to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ, and to put that love into practice across the East Midlands.

Christmas Eve children's Liturgy - Sacred Heart: If you'd like your child to be part of the Nativity gospel mime (at the 5pm mass on Christmas Eve at Sacred Heart) please bring them along to the practice on Saturday 23rd December at 3pm in Sacred Heart Church. Costumes are provided and this is a lovely way to start off your Christmas celebrations. Thank you to Emma and the team.

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



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.

Well done to some of Year 3 and 4 who represented school last Tuesday singing Christmas Carols at Albany House. The residents thoroughly enjoyed the carols.



Thank you to all the parents who join Nursery and Reception each Friday morning to support with reading. We really appreciate your support. We are looking at implementing this throughout school in the new 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.

