



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Today, children in Year 3 and 4 begin to 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, a 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. Victoria Leisure Centre will not allow children to join in their lesson if they have pockets in their swimwear and parents must also provide a written letter for them if your child needs to wear goggles, This is not our school policy but the requirements from the centre.

On Friday, we celebrate the feast day of Cyprian Tansi 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 Talent Show auditions will take place on Friday, please return your slip by Tuesday so the House Captains can organise the event.

Please make a note of our next INSET day this term. It is on Friday 9th February when staff from all the schools within Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy Trust will come together.

School is closed for all children on this day.

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PARISH AMBASSADORS

Congratulations to Tobechei, George and Pacem who are the latest recipients of our Parish Ambassador badges. Tobechei and George are altar servers within our school parish.

Also, it was lovely to receive an email from Fr Liam sharing the news that Pacem and George are such enthusiastic singers as well as serving at his parish – Holy Spirit in West Bridgford. Well done to all of you, we are very proud of you sharing your faith with others.



EPIPHANY MASS

Thank you to our Chaplaincy Team, recently formed school choir and to our altar servers who led us in our Mass to celebrate the feast of Epiphany. May we be like the wise men and spread the good news of Jesus.



WORD OF THE WEEK: DISCIPLESHIP



Discipleship is about following Jesus Christ and living your life according to his teachings. It is a lifelong journey of learning and growing in faith. As disciples, we are called to grow in our relationship with God, to live out our faith in the world, and to serve others, just as Jesus did.

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:40	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Futsal (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: Dance (Year 1,2 and 3l) TB Sport Wrap Around Care	All day 3:30 - 4:30 3.30-5.30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Futsal (Year 1,2 and 3) TB Sport Wrap Around Care	3:30 - 4:30 3.30-5.30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Handball (Year 4, 5 and 6) TB Sport Wrap Around Care	3:30 - 4:30 3.30-5.30
Friday Breakfast Club	TB Sport Wrap Around Care	3.30-5.30

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. Well done to all children who had 100% attendance last week. Three classes were the winners last week with 99%! They were: Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6.



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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
01.01.24			
08.01.24		08.01.24 Word of the Week Assembly - Epiphany 12.01.24 Epiphany Mass in church 2pm	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN 08.01.24 Parents meeting in church 6pm for children making their First Holy Communion
15.01.24	19.01.24 Feast of Blessed Cyprian Tansi	15.01.24 Word of the Week Assembly - Discipleship 19.01.24 Talent Show Auditions	
22.01.24	25.01.24 School Council working with Lay Chaplain- Catholic Social Teaching	22.01.24 Word of the Week Assembly - scripture 26.01.24: Talent Show Final	
29.01.24		29.01.24 Word of the Week Assembly - Leadership 02.02.24: Celebration Assembly	
05.02.24	06.02.24 Safer Internet Day 09.02.24 INSET Day	05.02.24 Word of the Week Assembly - Diversity 06.02.24 Safer Internet Day Assembly 08.02.24 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly	
12.02.24	HALF TERM		
19.02.24		19.02.24 Word of the Week Assembly – Prayer 23.02.24: Lent Mass	
26.02.24		26.02.24 Word of the Week Assembly – Fasting led by Year 1 and 2 01.03.24 Celebration Assembly	
04.03.24	06.03.24- World Book Day	04.03.24 Word of the Week Assembly – Almsgiving led by Year 3 06.03.24 Lent Reconciliation Service Year 4- 6	04.03.24 Parent teacher Meetings
11.03.24	11.03.24 British Science Week	11.03.24 Word of the Week Assembly – Sacrifice led by Year 4	
18.03.24	22.03.24 World Maths Day 18.03.24 Assessment Week	18.03.24 Word of the Week Assembly – Journey led by Year 5	
25.03.24		28.03.24 Word of the Week Assembly – Passion led by Year 6 28.03.24 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly	28.02.24 – 01.03.24 Briars Residential Year 6

PUPIL VOICE

Our programme for preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion has begun. Parents met with Fr Joe, and the catechists last Monday and the children enrolled at mass yesterday. Their first session will take place on Monday 22nd 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 Adam, Bryan, Dorian, Emmanuella, Eva, Evelyn, Filip C, Filip Z, Gabi, Janice, Jessica, Lily, Mailany, Nuala. Oliver, Omobolaji, Orlaith, Thomas and Zofia R.



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PARISH NOTICES

Baptism Course: our next course for those wanting their child Baptised is next Saturday, 20th January 10 am – 12 at Sacred Heart Community Centre. Please complete and return a Baptism form from the back of church and return it along with a parents Baptism Certificate if not Baptised in the Holy Family Parish before next Saturday.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: SICK & RETIRED PRIEST FUND

Welcome: to the children who will be taking their First Holy Communion this year, and their families. Let us all pray for them on this next stage. of their journey.

Today is Peace Sunday: Every year on the second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Pax Christi promotes Peace Sunday with the support of the International Affairs Department of the Bishops' Conference, England and Wales. This year the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the World Day of Peace is: 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. Whilst this might seem a strangely technical theme, we do need to think about the consequences of the advances in AI for peace and justice. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon their President has written a letter introducing Peace Sunday and encouraging us all to mark it in some way in our churches and parishes. For more information and resources and for Pope Francis' letter, visit <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday/>

Holy Family Social: Our next parish event is hosted by the Vietnamese community at The Greyfriars on Sunday afternoon 11th February. The meal will be at 2 pm and the tickets will be £10 each. Why not book a table which seats 10-12 people - invite your family and friends? Tickets on sale shortly. Licensed Bar. 2 tables have already been booked!

Thank you to everyone in the parish who contributes to the Holy Family Foodbank. Not a week goes by without Fr Joe or others taking bags of food up to OLSE to be distributed to those in need. Be assured that it is going to support individuals and families who are very appreciative of the generosity of the parish. Thanks also to the SVP at OLSE who coordinate this foodbank. If you are in need of this support, then you can speak confidentially to any member of the Pastoral Team and they will give you a referral letter with details of how to contact the foodbank and arrange support. It is completely confidential and there is no shame in asking for a bit of help.

Do Justice: For Parishes is an opportunity, ideal for Lent, to take up Pope Francis' invitation to become "a more synodal and missionary Church, a Church that adores God and serves the women and men of our time, going forth to bring everyone the consoling joy of the Gospel". Published by Caritas Social Action Network, it comprises three sessions with suggested follow-up, either as a 'top up' or review of mission for existing parish groups, or perhaps to set the ball rolling on work for social justice. To find out more about running Do Justice locally visit bit.ly/dojusticenottingham

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: • Maria O'Connor RIP (Reception 4pm Sun 28th Jan, Funeral Mass 11am Monday 29th at Sacred Heart) • Mary Logelain RIP (Gedling Crematorium Monday 29th Jan, 4pm) • Mary Kelly RIP (Reception 6pm Thurs 1st Feb, Funeral Mass Fri 2nd , 11.30am at Our Lady & St Edward's) • Helen Dore (Reception 4.30pm Tuesday 6th Feb, Funeral service 1.00pm Wednesday 7th Feb, St Augustine's)

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 18 th January in Sacred Heart Parish Centre at 7.30 pm. All Welcome. • Scripture Group: is on Friday 19 th January at 2pm in St Joseph's Convent focussing on Mark 1:14-20. All are welcome.

Fr Joe is away from Friday 19th – Sat 27th. If a priest is required urgently in this time (for end-of-life anointing for example) please contact either the Cathedral (0115 9539839) or Good Shepherd (0115 9268288). For all other enquiries, please contact the parish office.

Hymn Books: We are replacing OLSE & STA hymn books shortly so 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. We still have plenty which need a dedication. 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. Any current dedications in hymn books at OLSE will be transferred over.

Contactless Giving: Our new machines are in all churches near the exits and are really simple to use. • Touch the screen • Select amount • Touch the card reader at the side of the screen with your phone / card To Gift Aid, you will need to insert your name and postcode and house number. This information is required only once for all our machines.

Children's Liturgy: Our Lady & St Edward's: Sunday 4th February, Sunday 3rd March St Augustine's: 14th and 28th January, 11th and 25th February, 10th and 24th March. Sacred Heart Children's liturgy is every Sunday during term time.

Next weekend: thank you to Fr Simon Gillespie (Bishop's Secretary) for saying the 9am and 11.30am Sunday Masses while Fr Joe is away. Interesting fact; Fr Joe and Fr Simon were at primary and secondary school together, went to the same seminary and attended the same university. Fr Joe is older by a few months, but looks younger

Confirmation 2024: details and dates of the programme have been sent out to all candidates by email. If you have not received the information, contact the office



OLSE'S GOT TALENT 2023

Our House Captains are very keen to begin 2024 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 will choose a wild card to go through to the final.

Auditions will take place on Friday 19th January and the winners will go through to the final on Friday 26th January. We are able to invite parents of the finalists in to school to watch. This will begin at 1:30pm. We will ask some members of our community 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 Tuesday 17th January.

Thank you,

Harlan, Paige, Nadal, Serghel, Jessy, Tommy, Hollie-Mae and Filip.

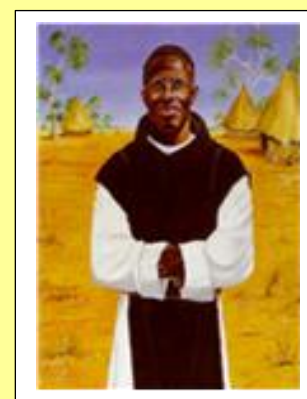


MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 15 th January	9am (OLSE) 11:30am (SH)	MASS Ethel Roney RIP Requiem Mass for Jean Sabin RIP
Tuesday 16 th January	10am (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 17 th January St Anthony	6pm (SH)	MASS Fr Peter Edwards RIP
Thursday 18 th January	10am (SA)	MASS Peter Quang Tran RIP
Friday 19 th January	9am (SH)	MASS Winifred Hopkins' intentions
Saturday 20 th January Blessed Cyprian Tansi	10am (SA)	VIGIL MASS Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Augustine's. 10 – 11am
Sunday 21 st January Third Sunday of the Year	9.00am(OLSE) 10.15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS Mary Nevin RIP Bert & Margaret O'Grady RIP Anne & Martin Burke RIP

FEAST DAY OF BLESSED CYPRIAN TANSI

On Friday 19th 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. It will be a non-uniform day for all the children in that house as long as they wear something yellow.



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