



### WHAT IS IN THE NEWS?

As Friday is an INSET Day we will have our Fairtrade tuck shop on Thursday. If you would like your child to buy a bar of chocolate please send them to school with 50p. All money raised will go to the parish Live Simply group.

At the end of the last academic year myself and Miss Greenwood met with some parents to map out family social events throughout the year. Unfortunately, due to other commitments this group has now ceased. As a result we have had to postpone our traditional Christmas Fayre this year. We are hoping to organise a Spring / Easter fayre next year but we do need parent volunteers to support us. If you are able to do so please speak to myself, Miss Greenwood, Mrs Astley or Mrs White. These events do raise funds for our school which are used to buy resources for your children. We have arranged to have a Christmas disco afternoon for the children on 13<sup>th</sup> December with further information to follow soon.

### FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

**Thank you to Amelia, Clara, Rosie, Chimmi, Evangelina, Iwar, Freda, Witold, Kinglsey, Baron, Otis, Faustina, Franklin, Joseph MB, Sinobi, Joseph J, Emmanuel, Alice, Jeremy, Milan, Alicija, Isabel, Melva, Lena, Sophie, Alex, Eliash, Ebube, Byrian, Zina, Dorian, Oliver, Mailany, John, Roman, Chiamaka, Hanelle, Evelyn, Emmanuella, Anthony S, Amelia, Cleondra, Valerie, Seth, Shalom, Lena, Diana and Joshua who joined us in church yesterday to celebrate the feast of Christ the King. You read beautifully and sang With such enthusiasm,**



### WORD OF THE WEEK: KINGDOM

**Week 34 in Ordinary Time** **Year B**

*Word of the Week*

# Kingdom

**First Reading**  
Daniel 7:13-14  
**Gospel Reading**  
John 18:33-37

**Hebrew Bible**  
Daniel 2:44-45  
**New Testament**  
Luke 23:35-43

**Theme**  
The Kingdom of God is not just a distant promise, but something we can experience here and now. It's a place where love, justice, and peace reign. We build this kingdom through our actions, our relationships, and our commitment to living out Christ's teachings. The Kingdom is a place of belonging, where everyone is valued and loved. When we work together, we can create a glimpse of heaven on earth, a place where God's love shines through in all we do.

**Altitude**  
Think of one thing you can do to make your community more like the kingdom of heaven.

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

### ATTENDANCE SHOUT OUTS!!

Our Education Welfare Officer, Miss Bradshaw, continues to monitor attendance daily. She will make home visits to support parents to ensure their child attends school regularly and on time.

**Nottingham City have issued posters which I will share weekly with parents to encourage good attendance of all pupils. Last week, we know the snow and freezing temperatures affected the weather; however, school remained open to all pupils. Well done to Year 2 achieving 99.3%, year 1 and year 3 achieving above 97%.**



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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
02.09.24	02.09.24: INSET DAY 03.09.24: INSET Day 04.09.24: School opens to pupils	04.09.24 Welcome back Assembly	
09.09.24	11.09 -13.09 Hathersage residential – Year 3 and 4	09.09.24 Mass led by Year 6 12.09.24 DAaRT commences for Year 5 12.09.24 Year 5 Retreat afternoon	
16.09.24	16.09.24 Individual and family photographs.	16.09.24 Whole School Assembly 18.09.24 Choir begins for Year 4 and 5 19.09.24 Year 4 retreat afternoon	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
23.09.24	27.09.24: International Day	23.09.24. Whole School Assembly 26.09.24 Year 6 Retreat afternoon 27.09.24 International Day Assembly 2:30pm	18.09.24 Year 6 Information Meeting at The Becket
30.09.24	04.10.24 St Francis Feast Day	30.09.24 Whole School Assembly 30.09.41 St Therese of Liseux House Feast Day	
07.10.24	07.10.24 Parent / teacher meetings 11.10.24 World Mental Health Day	11.10.24: The Selfish Giant Pantomime 08.10.24 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm via Microsoft Teams	
14.10.24		14.10.24 Whole School Assembly 17.10.24 Year 3 Retreat afternoon 18.10.24 Achiever of the Half Term Awards	crosoft T 13.10.21: Harvest Celebration y Year Microsoft Teams
21.10.24	HALF TERM		
28.10.24	HALF TERM		
04.11.24		04.11.24 Whole School Assembly 08.11.24: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
11.11.24	11.11.24 Remembrance Day Liturgy 10:45am	11.11.24 Remembrance Day Liturgy 15.11.24: Celebration Assembly	
18.11.24	Judaism Week in school 21.11.24 Flu vaccinations	18.11.24 Whole School Assembly 22.11.24 Celebration Assembly	
25.11.24	29.11.24 INSET DAY	25.11.24 Whole School Assembly	
02.12.24		02.12.24 Advent Liturgy led by Year -6 06.12.24: Celebration Assembly	
09.12.24	11.12.24 EYFS Nativity 1:30pm 12.12.24 EYFS Nativity 9:30am 13.12.24 Christmas jumper day	09.12.24 Advent Liturgy led by Year 5 09.12.24 Advent Reconciliation Year 4 -6	
16.12.24	17.12.24 Reception visit the Theatre 18.12.24 Christmas Dinner and party afternoon	20.12.24 Advent Wreath Service led by Year 3 and 4	

## PUPIL VOICE

**OLSE ECO team hope you are rising to the challenge of Cut Your Carbon month. Please return your results by 29th November. Thank you for your support.**





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## PARISH NOTICES:

**Christ the King School:** on this, the school Feast Day, we welcome Assistant Headteacher Mr Pearce Baxter to Mass at Sacred Heart. Mr Baxter will be around after Mass to chat to parents or anyone who wants to ask him about school life. He'll have some literature to hand out too – take a chance to find out a little about this great local Catholic secondary school.

**New Lectionaries:** will be blessed today at Mass. These are the books from which we read and proclaim the Word of God during Mass and other liturgies. Thank you to everyone who made a donation towards the cost of these books; dedications are on the inside front cover. All readers will be invited up to also receive a blessing as part of us focussing on these new lectionaries. To order a new Sunday Missal, visit: <https://www.ctsbooks.org/product/sunday-missal/>

**Eucharistic Ministers Meeting:** this Wednesday 27th November. 6.45 – 7.30pm (after the evening Mass) at Sacred Heart Community Centre for all involved in this ministry who distribute Holy Communion during Mass or to the sick and housebound in their homes. It will be a chance for the 8 newly-commissioned Ministers to get to know about the role in our parish and for us all to reflect on this important ministry.

**Shared Table Next Sunday,** 1st December at St Augustine's Parish Centre after 11.30 Mass. Bring along some food to share with each other and stay for lunch!! We will also draw the parish lottery.



**Christmas Wreath Workshop:** Thursday 5th December 6.30 pm at Our Lady & St Edward's meeting room. The cost includes all supplies is £30 per wreath. Tickets on sale from church.

**Church Shop:** all of our churches sell religious items in their 'Repository' at the back of church. We have Christmas cards, candles, diaries and other religious items. Do take a look, all are reasonably priced. Thank you to the volunteers who staff these shops.

**Calling all young people of secondary school age .....** We have loads of Christmas gift bags to put together for Emmanuel House. Come along Wednesday 4th Dec, 7.30 – 9pm at St Augustine's to help out. Donations of new hats, gloves, scarves, socks, plus toiletries, gift bags and sweet treats need to be in by 3rd December. Thank you!

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** during Advent, Confessions will be available at extra times in this season, to help us prepare spiritually for the celebration of Christmas; Sat 30th Nov, 7th Dec, 21st Dec 10am – 11am at St Augustine's. Also, we have a parish Reconciliation Service for Advent; Thursday 12th December, 6.30pm at Our Lady & St Edwards. Confessions are also being offered in our three parish primary schools and in Christ the King Secondary during Advent.

**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 for your invitation.

**First Reconciliation and Holy Communion preparation 2025;** forms are available from church to register for this preparation which will start in January 2025. Please return to church or office by 15th December.

### **Please pray for:**

- The staff and pupils of Christ the King Secondary School as we celebrate their patronal Feast Day this weekend.
- The ministry of all Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who help distribute the Eucharist at Mass and take it to the sick and housebound.
- The repose of the souls of Carmine Baffa-Scinelli RIP (Funeral Mass Sacred Heart, Friday 6th Dec, 1.30am) and Lurline Heron RIP (Funeral service OLSE Friday 13th Dec. 11am)

### **This week:**

- Community Café at Our Lady & St Edward's Wednesday 12 noon. All Welcome.
- Eucharistic Ministers Meeting: Wednesday 27th 6.45pm. Meeting for all Sacred Heart Community Centre
- Community Café at Sacred Heart Community Centre Thursday 12.00. All welcome
- Meditation Group: next meeting via zoom is on Thursday 28th Nov Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w at 7.30 pm. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHINMlRMRDdkMEpUZZz09> ALL WELCOME
- Day for Catechists: next Saturday 30th November, the Diocese is hosting the first in-person day of reflection and formation for catechists since lockdown! Contact Lee summers, our Faith Formation coordinator, if you would like to join him in Newark.

**Wednesday Word:** resources for children on this week's Sunday Gospel - <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesdayword/leader?pid=MTA101634&v=155.3>

**This week's reflection from Pope Francis:** We reflect on how constant prayer was the driving force of the missionary activity of the first Christians. Saint Luke tells us that they "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42). In prayer we experience the life of the risen Jesus who, in the power of the Spirit, continues to be present to our world, especially in the Church's teaching and sacraments, and our efforts to advance his kingdom of reconciliation, justice and peace. Like the early Christians, may we learn, through personal and communal prayer to be ever more closely united to the Triune God of love, and to bring that same love to the world around us.

**Word of the Week; Kingdom.** The Kingdom of God is a place of peace, justice, and love. It is a place where everyone is welcome and everyone is loved. The Kingdom of God is not a place that we will find on a map, but it is a way of life that we can work towards building in our own lives and in the world around us. Think of one thing you can do to make your community more like the Kingdom of God.

**What is Word of the Week?** Every week, our Catholic schools have a particular word to focus on as part of their prayer life. Each word is linked into the Gospel for the corresponding Sunday. We will start including it in our parish bulletin as a way of us joining with our schools in having a focus for prayer.



## IMPORTANT DATES

### RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Reconciliation and Holy Communion preparation; forms are now available to register for this preparation in Holy Family Parish which will start in January 2025. **Forms are to be collected from church and MUST be returned to church or the parish office by the 15th December.** Do not return them to school. Forms received after this date will not be accepted. This preparation is open to children who have reached their 7th birthday by 31st August 2024 (are in Year 3 or above in school this academic year). The forms are available at St Augustine's Church, Our Lady & St Edward's Church and Sacred Heart Church.



### TRANSFER TO RECEPTION CLASS IN SEPTEMBER 2025

The window for applying for a reception place for your child for September 2025 is now open and closes on 15th January 2025. If you apply after the deadline this may reduce your chances of getting a place at your preferred school, particularly if it is popular. Failure to apply will mean the City Council will place your child in a school within Nottingham City where there is a space available.

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. Priority is given to baptised Catholic children. In order to be placed in this category you must bring your child's original Baptism certificate into school and our admin team will take a copy of it and return it straight back to you. We are unable to accept copies to ensure validity of our admissions policy.

## MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	9am (OLSE)	<b>MASS</b> Rev G Holland RIP
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	10am (SA)	<b>MASS</b> Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	6pm (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Intentions of the Baptist family
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	10am (SA)	<b>MASS</b> Holy Souls RIP
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	9:15am (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Holy Souls RIP
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	10am (SA)	Confessions available 10 – 11am at St Augustine's
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	9am(OLSE) 10:15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	<b>MASS</b> Anna Nguyn Thi Thuy RIP Seamus Regan RIP Bill Stanton RIP

### INSET DAY FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

**A gentle reminder school will be closed to all pupils on this day as all staff complete essential training.**

