



WHAT IS IN THE NEWS?

As we enter into the season of Advent there are many opportunities for you to come in to school for our liturgical celebrations to prepare us to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. Please join us on

- Monday 2nd December at 2:30pm, led by Year 6 theme of Hope.**
- Monday 9th December at 9:15am, led by Year 5 theme of peace.**
- Wednesday 11th December at 1:30pm EYFS Nativity with KS1 choir**
- Thursday 12th December at 9:45am EYFS Nativity with KS1 choir**
- Monday 16th December at 2:30pm, led by Year 1 and 2 on theme of joy.**
- Friday 20th December at 2:15pm Advent Wreath Service and carols led by Year 3 and 4.**

Tomorrow, children in year 3 and 4 join with our primary schools within OLoL and sing at St Barnabas Cathedral Carol Service. Children need to wear their full school uniform on this day and bring a packed tea as we will take them at 2:15pm. The carol service begins at 6pm and all families are able to join us. If you cannot attend and your child is singing, please ensure prompt collection from the Cathedrall hall at 7pm.

On Thursday, all children in year 5 will graduate after completing their DAART program. Please join us at 10:30 to celebrate with them.

FAIRTRADE TUCKSHOP

Thank you to everyone who supported our Fairtrade Tuck Shop on Thursday. We raised £77.84 which will be donated to the parish Live Simply group. This is clear we are living out Bishop Patrick's priority of us as Missionary Disciples, as we are like Jesus reaching out to those less fortunate than ourselves. Within the past 12 months we have raised £800 which is an incredible amount. The parish group have asked that the Chaplaincy Team spend this We will share their choices with you soon!



WORD OF THE WEEK: HOPE

1st Week of Advent Year C

Theological Virtue

Hope

Scripture
 First Reading: Isaiah 33:14-16
 Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Prayer
 We believe that even in the darkest of times, God's love and light shine through. This hope isn't just wishful thinking, but a confident expectation of God's promises. Hope is a powerful virtue that can give us strength to persevere, even when things get tough, and to trust that God is always with us, guiding us towards a brighter future. In the season of Advent, we hope for the coming of Jesus and that he will bring peace, joy and love to the world.

Reflection
 Think of a reason that you have to be hopeful. Share that hope with someone this week.

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
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. Well done to Year 2 and Year 6 achieving above 98%, and to Reception, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5 who all achieved above 96%.



Miss school... MISS OUT

Term-time holidays can be a downer

The School Blues: Why Term-Time Holidays Can Be a Downer

It might seem like a great idea to take your kids on a family holiday during the school term, but the reality can be quite different. For many children, returning to school after a term-time holiday can be a worrying experience. Here's why...

Disruption to Learning: Missing school days can disrupt their learning pattern and make it harder to keep up with their friends.

Social Isolation: Being away from school can lead to feelings of loneliness and can disrupt friendships.

Anxiety and Stress: The fear of falling behind, the pressure to catch up and the loss of friendships can cause anxiety and stress.

Prioritize your child's education and well-being to help their long-term success. By avoiding term-time holidays, you are helping your child to maintain a positive and stress-free learning experience.

#SchoolHolidaysNotTermTimeHolidays
 #InvestInYourChildsFuture

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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	Microsoft 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

We have organised celebrations with the children, which will raise funds for school too. On Friday 13th December, it is Christmas Jumper Day and we have arranged a disco. Children in EYFS, KS1 and year 3 and 4 will take place in the afternoon. Year 5 and 6 will take place from 3:30-4:30pm. We are asking children pay £2.50 and they will receive entry to the disco, a glow stick, a drink and treats. We ask that this is paid in cash to the office by Wednesday 11th to enable us to purchase treats and pay the DJ.

We have also arranged for a pantomime afternoon after our Christmas dinner and ask for a contribution of £1 per child to watch it. This will need to be paid by Monday 16th December.



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PARISH NOTICES:

Thank you for your generous donations last weekend towards our second collection for the hospices in our Diocese. A fantastic amount of £948 was raised!!

Calling all young people of secondary school age We have loads of Christmas gift bags to put together for Emmanuel House. Come along THIS 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!

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.

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; 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.

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

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.

Holy Family Foodbank: this week the request is for; toilet rolls, shampoo, tinned pineapple, ginger biscuits and weetabix. Thank you for your continued donations which support families in need in our parish.

HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: TICKETS NOW AND SALE. PLEASE TAKE A BOOK TO SELL TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

Is God calling me to be a priest? Do you feel that God might be calling you to the priesthood? If so, please contact Father Neil Peoples, Vocations Director, at vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk to book a place at the next discernment meeting, taking place in Cathedral House, Nottingham, NG1 5AE after 10.00am Mass on Saturday 7th December.

Parents: at Communion time, if your young child is coming up for a blessing – please come with them to guide them. If they are sent up on their own, they sometimes don't know what to do or where to go and we run the risk of them wandering around and getting tangled in other people's feet. Thank you.

Golden Shamrock Club: at the Irish Centre, Wilford Street, Nottingham NG2 1AA offering friendship and support for the over 50's. Tuesday 11- 3

Please pray for:

•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:

•Live Simply Meeting: Tuesday 3rd December 7.30 pm at Our Lady & St Edward's Café. Christmas Fuddle!!

•Community Café at Our Lady & St Edward's Wednesday 12 noon. All Welcome.

•Community Café at Sacred Heart Community Centre Thursday 12.00. All welcome

•Meditation Group: next meeting in Sacred Heart Community Centre is on Thursday 5th December at 7.30 pm. All Welcome.

Wednesday Word: resources for children on this week's Sunday Gospel - <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/advent?pid=MTA101634&v=156.3>

This week: St Augustine's car park is out of bounds Monday – Wednesday due to the completion of garage demolition. There will be no service on Tuesday.

Mandatory Level 3 Safeguarding Course: is required to be undertaken by those volunteers in a DBS role. This can be done on-line at <https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk> (60-75 minutes). Our next face-face session is on Monday 9th December 3 pm at Our Lady & St Edward's Meeting Room. Home visitors also require ID badges, photos can be taken then or sent by email to the office (or pop in). Thank you to those that have attended these sessions, they have found it worthwhile.

This week's reflection from Pope Francis: The world in divided in two: those people who do not give thanks and those who do; those who take everything as if it is owed them, and those who welcome everything as a gift, as grace. The prayer of thanksgiving always begins from here: from the recognition that grace precedes us.

HOLY FAMILY DATABASE: ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? DO WE HAVE YOUR ADDRESS? OR HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS? Please complete our registration form on this link or go to the website on 'new to the parish' and find it there: <https://forms.gle/wp8J8vTrFMJbTSzc7>

A big THANK YOU to all those who organised the Italian Meal last week; a full hall, great food, good company a really good evening for the parish, an amount of £1075 was raised for parish funds!! Thank you also to all those who came along and enjoyed the evening.

Thank you to all the children from our schools who helped lead Masses last weekend; it was a lovely way to mark the Feast of Christ the King; a day when we pray in particular for young people in the Church. Thanks to Mrs Greenwood, Mrs Byrne and Miss Hornsby and their staff for accompanying the children.





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 2 nd December	9am (OLSE)	MASS Maria Nguyen Thi Lieu RIP
Tuesday 3 rd December	10am (SA)	MASS No service due to St Augustine's car park being closed.
Wednesday 4 th December	3.30; Sneinton Library 6pm (SH)	MASS Switching on of Sneinton Christmas Lights Jane Power RIP
Thursday 5 th December	10am (SA)	MASS James Francis Dore RIP
Friday 6 ^h December	9:15am (SH) 10.30; Funeral; SH	MASS Peace for my Mom Requiem Mass for Carmine Baffa-Scinelli RIP
Saturday 7 th December	10am (SA)	Confessions available 10 – 11am at St Augustine's
Sunday 8 th December	9am(OLSE) 10:15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS Michael Rahilly RIP Marjorie Stephenson Mary & Dave Ryan RIP

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER AT 2:30PM

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY THEIR TEACHER TO BE IN ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

NURSERY: Amelia R and Mikolaj

RECEPTION: Anna and Witold

YEAR ONE: Janelle and Olivia

YEAR TWO: Alicija and Milan S

YEAR THREE: Medet and Patrick

YEAR FOUR: Adam and Sophie

YEAR FIVE: Emmanuella and Oskar

YEAR SIX: Javonna and Shalom

PARENTS OF THESE CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND