



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Welcome back to everyone! I hope you had a very peaceful and happy Christmas with family and wish you all a very Happy New Year! On behalf of all the staff and myself, many thanks for all the cards and presents we received for Christmas, you are very generous and we appreciate your support. We hope families of EYFS and KS1 children enjoyed watching their Nativity, we all agree they spoke, sang and acted with such confidence. Many thanks to all of you who were able to join us in church for our Christmas Carol Service, it was a lovely end to our term.

We look forward to a busy term ahead. Please see the calendar on this newsletter outlining important dates for the term ahead. Today, children in Year 3 and 4 begin their 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 muddy. They need a hat, scarf, pair of gloves and bring wellies to wear. Also, this term, children in year 5 will be going swimming so need to bring their swimming kit each Wednesday.

Please make a note of our remaining three INSET days this academic year. The first one is on Friday 14th February when staff from all the schools within Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy Trust will come together. The others are 28th and 29th July. School is closed for all children on these days.

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WORD OF THE WEEK:

Week 1 in Ordinary Time

Year C

Word of the Week

Baptism

First Reading
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Gospel Reading
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Second Reading
Hebrew Bible
Exodus 19:10
New Testament
Mark 1:9

Baptism is a sign of God's love and forgiveness, it marks a fresh start and a new beginning. When we are baptised are welcomed into the Church community of believers who love us, support us and help us grow. During baptism we are anointed as priest, prophet and king and called to live like Jesus did.

Think of one way you can be more like Jesus this week.

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Futsal (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition TB Sport: Dance (Year 1,2 and 3)	All day 3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Futsal (Year 1,2 and 3)	3:15 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Badminton (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Friday Breakfast Club	No afterschool provision	

TRANSFER TO RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2025

FINAL WEEK TO APPLY

The closing date for applications is **Wednesday 15th January**. 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 on your application too. Failure to do so will mean the City Council will place your child in a school where there is a place available and this could be further away for you to travel to.

RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Thank you to all families who returned their child's enrolment form before Christmas. **Congratulations to Sheila, Liam, Daisy, Medet, Lena, Olly, Alex, Majka, Eliash, Chiamaka, Ebube, Elizabeth, Melva, Joshua, Freya, Michelle, Chiwetara, Byrian and N'rayah.**



ATTENDANCE SHOUT OUTS!!

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

Our target whole school attendance is above 97%. Last term it was 95.4% Well done to Year 1 and 2 who both achieved 97.29% and 97.47% respectively.

School Matters!



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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
06.01.25			EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
13.01.25	17.01.25 Talent Show Auditions	13.01.25 Mass to celebrate Feast of Epiphany	
20.01.25	24.01.25 Talent Show Final	20.01.25 Blessed Cyprian Tansi Feast Day 20.01.25 Word of the Week Assembly - Discipleship 24.01.25 Jubilee Launch Day	
27.01.25		27.01.25 Word of the Week Assembly - Scripture 31.01.25 Celebration Assembly	
03.02.25	Children's Mental Health Week	03.02.25 Word of the Week Assembly - Humility 07.02.25: Celebration Assembly	
10.02.25	11.02.25 Safer Internet Day 14.02.25 INSET Day	10.02.25 Word of the Week Assembly - Diversity 11.02.25 Safer Internet Day Assembly 13.02.25 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly	
17.02.25	HALF TERM		
24.02.25		24.02.25 Word of the Week Assembly – Belonging 28.02.25: Celebration Assembly	
03.03.25	07.03.25 World Book Day	03.03.25 Word of the Week Assembly – Temperance 05.03.25 Ash Wednesday Mass in church 2pm	
10.03.25	British Science Week	10.03.25 Word of the Week Assembly - Prayer 10.03.25 Lent Reconciliation Service Year 4- 6	
17.03.25	19.03.25 – 21.03.25 The Briars residential year 6	17.03.25 Word of the Week Assembly – Fasting 21.03.25 Celebration Assembly	17.03.25 Parents Evening 1:15-6:30pm
24.03.25	24.03.25 Assessment Week 24.03.25 World Maths Day 28.03.25 Class photographs	24.03.25 Word of the Week Assembly - Almsgiving 28.03.25 Celebration Assembly	
31.03.25		31.03.25 Word of the Week Assembly – Sacrifice 03.04.25 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly 04.04.25 The Passion Led by year 6	

PUPIL VOICE

Well done to 76 children who were recognised for having 100% attendance for the whole of the Advent Term.

Well done to Clara, Janelle, Olaotan, Didaralebunoluwa, Kendrick, Kevin, Temi, Chimeremeze, Lanaola, Kingsley, Leo, Thea, Freda, Hanani, Tiffany, Omolola, Brenda, Evanna, Princess, Julia, Raphael, Luis, Shanelle, Maria, Chicago, Franklin, Jessica, Seweryn, Jeremy, Havana, Beverley, Anaija, Andrei, Milan O, Alice, Joseph, Joyce, Sinobi, Imani, Rey, Medet, Chi An, Michelle, Lena, Chiwetara, Liam, Alex, Ebube, Elizabeth, Rozalia, Byrian, Filip C, Majka, Chiamaka, Roman, Ethan, Dorian, Bryan, Louise, Eva Joy, Valerie, Sienna, Oskar, Hanelle, Hannah, Abi, Alley, Jeremiah, Tobechei, Shalom, Cheryl, Victory, Axel, Diana, Huy and Joshua



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PARISH NOTICES:

A big thank you to all those who have helped out over the last year in any capacity. What has happened in Holy Family Parish in 2024? Here's a snapshot of our busy Parish life, including, liturgical, fundraising and social events.

Baptisms; 66 Funerals; 44 Weddings; 5 Adults received into the church; 4 Young people Confirmed; 25 Children who received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for the first time; 61. B

But the statistics don't tell the whole story. We might have had just 5 weddings, but 2 other couples in the parish prepared here, but married overseas, and our marriage preparation course hosted 4 other couples from neighbouring parishes.

We saw changes in personnel in the parish as Pauline Baptist retired from her post of Adult Faith Formation Coordinator and was replaced by Lee Summers. We recruited a part time Facilitates Manager, Steve Pepper. Both are settling in well.

We had 9 parishioners commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers and continued to recruit new volunteers as the need arises.. We further consolidated our sense of one parish, three churches, with increasing numbers of people moving across the old parish boundaries and discovering a new sense of togetherness.

St Augustine's Church hosted Heritage Open Days with displays and exhibitions charting the history of the Catholic community in our area of Nottingham. Lots of people visited and were fascinated by the rich history of St Augustine's.

Where do we come from? 47 different nationalities were identified in an exercise early in the year, showing the rich diversity of our community. This was further illustrated by several language groups sharing the Our Father in their native language. We prayed the Lord's Prayer in our many languages on the Feast of Pentecost and World Mission Sunday. To further celebrate this, we will be holding an International Cuisine Evening on Saturday April 26th at St Augustine's, mark it in your diary, more details nearer the time when we will be asking parishioners to provide a sample of their national dish!

Other events during the year included: **February:** Vietnamese Meal, Parish Trip to the Mary Potter Heritage Centre **March:** Taizé Service, Women at the Cross, Stations of the Cross, Book Sale, Race Night, Flower Arranging Course, **April:** Clothes Swap **May:** Car boot, Neighbourhood Rosary **June:** Walsingham Pilgrimage **July:** Summer Fair, Service of Anointing **August:** Parish Trip to the National Memorial Arboretum, Parish Ministry Party **September:** Walking the Labyrinth, Parish BBQ, Car boot, Heritage Open Day, Film night, **October:** Neighbourhood Rosary **November:** Memorial Masses, Blessing of Graves Confirmation, Christmas decorating & activities, Italian Night **December:** Christmas Meals at our 2 community cafes, Shared Table, Christmas Wreath Workshop, Christmas gifts to Emmanuel House, Film Night, Carol Service and singing. **Regular events:** Community Cafes, Mediation group, Cake Stall, Baptism courses, Family Activity Afternoons, Women's group, Foodbank collection & Distribution, Safeguarding, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers training.

Our ministries, groups, roles: Church Cleaning, Eucharistic Minister, Reading, Piety shops, Finance Committee, Counting, St Vincent de Paul members, Home visitor, Holy Communion Catechist, RCIA Catechist, Holy Communion Catechist, Confirmation Catechist, Refreshments, Live Simply Group, Welcoming, Flowers, Parish Council, Linen, Rota Organiser, Foodbank, Safeguarding, Sacristan, Social Committee, Women's Group, Prayer Group, Altar Server, Pastoral Team, Health & Safety, Children's Liturgy, Community Café, Building & Maintenance, Choir, Musicians, gardeners, prayer groups, painters, fundraisers, event organisers, hall cleaners plus all the other jobs that go unnoticed by many. **Let's head into 2025, this Jubilee Year, open to what God will call us to do in Holy Family Parish; attentive to the voice of the Spirit guiding and inspiring us to serve God and each other.**

Please pray for • The repose of the souls of Winnie Hopkins RIP (reception in SH Church Tuesday 28th Jan 6pm, Requiem Mass Wed 29th, 10am) and Kitty O'Sullivan RIP (reception into OLSE Church Thurs 30th Jan, 7pm, requiem Mass Friday 31st 11am). • The Governing Body of Christ the King School, meeting this Monday.

This week

Fr Joe is away from the afternoon of Sunday 19th January until Monday 27th January. During this time, if a priest is needed in an emergency (for Sacramental Anointing at the end of life) please contact Good Shepherd Church; 0115 9268288. For all routine matters, please contact the parish office. Thank you to Fr Denis Tindall for covering Masses during this week.

- 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 is on Thursday 16th January 2025 on at Sacred Heart Community Centre. 7.30 pm

Reader Training: Would all readers come to a Reader Training and Information Session this Monday 13th January 7 pm at Our Lady & St Edward's Church. We will be initiating a few changes so ALL readers are required to attend. Thank you.

Wednesday Word: resources for children on the Sunday Gospel <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesdayword/baptism?pid=MTA101634&v=159.3>

Congratulations to all our children who this weekend enrol on their preparation for First reconciliation and Holy Communion. Let's keep them and their families in our prayers as they begin this journey.

BAPTISM COURSE: our next course is on Saturday 1st February 2025 10 am – 12 noon at Sacred Heart Community Centre. To register, please complete and return a form to the office available from church.

Calling all Welcomers: meeting for all those who welcome at our churches; Monday 3rd February. 7 - 8pm at St Augustine's. This is such an important ministry in our parish and we will be making some changes in how we carry out this role, so all those who are on the rotas for welcoming need to attend please

Free Meal at the Greyfriars: for OAPs on Sunday 26th January 2 pm. Look for your ticket at the back of church or put your name down on the list for a ticket to be given to you next week.

Coming Up: Race night – Saturday 1st March at Sacred Heart Community Centre 7 pm – please note change in advertised date



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Huge congratulations to Dinah, Leo, Janelle, Colby, Kendall, John, Freya and Nicola who were our Achievers of the Half Term. As it was the end of term, I also chose a child and awarded a badge to Zina in Year 4. Independent, confident, lovely, focused, consistent, determined, enthusiastic, organised and polite are just some of the many qualities used to describe you all.



Well done to St Alban house who were our House Point winners for last half term.

Well done to Year 6 for their swimming success - so many badges ranging from 25m to 400m.



OLSE'S GOT TALENT 2025

Our House Captains are very keen to begin 2025 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 can choose a wild card to go through to the final.

Auditions will take place on Friday 17th January and the winners will go through to the final on Friday 24th January.

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 13 th January	9am (OLSE) 2pm (OLSE)	MASS Ethel Rooney RIP School Mass in OLSE church; Holy Souls RIP
Tuesday 14 th January	10am (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 15 th January	9.30 Mass; (SA) 12.00 Mass; Hospital 6pm (SH)	MASS School Mass in SA Church; Fr Michael Butler RIP Mass at QMC for Catholic staff; Holy Souls RIP Betty Conlon RIP (1st anniv)
Thursday 16 th January	10am (SA)	MASS Agnes Spencer RIP & dec. friends of John Mannix RIP (Foundation Mass)
Friday 17 th January St Anthony	9:15am (SH)	MASS Vera O'Neill RIP (1st anniv)
Saturday 18 th January		VIGIL MASS
Sunday 19 th January 2nd Sunday of the Year; Peace Sunday	9am(OLSE) 10.15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS Kitty Lyons' intentions (101st birthday) Jimmy Greaney RIP Anne & Martin Burke RIP (anniv)

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

96 children who were awarded at least 100 house points over the Advent Term and achieved their Bronze Award. Congratulations to: **Anna, Oskar, Thea, Lanaola, Tiwa, Lyly, Ephron, Chimmy., Emily, Evanna, Jessica, Joseph, Maria, Princess, Olivia, Omolola, Nadia, Tiffany, Chicago, Janelle, David, Antonina, Iviera, Raphael, Kevin, Joyce, Milan O, Milan S, Alicija, Laura, Andrei, Anaija, Michal, Melva, Lisa, N'rayah, Amara, Sinead, Alex, Alessia, Patrick, Sheila, Liam, Kendall, Blanka, Ebube, Abdoul, Eliash, Rey, Sophie, Rozalia, Joseph, Daisy, Zina, Lily, Majka, William, Julia, John, Omobolaji, Lou, Zack, Evelyn, Eva-Joy, Filip, Zofia, Anthony S, Kian, Matthew, Sienna, Elijah, Hanelle, Hannah, Michelle, Thomas, Connor, George, Lena, Millie, Amelia, Tobechi, Seth, Oliwia D, Kyanna, Javonna, Skyla, Abi, Josh, Diana, Max, Zuzanna, Axel, Shalom, Nicola, Huy and Isaiah.** We also had 23 children who received their silver award. Congratulations to: **Kennelia, Leo, Chiwetara, Grace, Chi An, Medet, Nell, Elizabeth, Nuala, Orlaith, Dorian, Mailany, Eva, Chiamaka, Zofia, Evelyn, Pacem, Valerie, Nicola, Tobechi, Shalom, Axel, and Alley.**