

OUR LADY & ST. EDWARDS PRIMARY AND NURSERY CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

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.

We will enjoy our OLSE's got talent final on Friday so it will be a non-uniform day and every child can wear clothes of their house colour.

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 2 in Ordinary Time

Year C

Word of the Week

Discipleship

First Reading
Isaiah 61:1-5

Gospel Reading
John 21:1-22

Discipleship
Discipleship is all about learning from Jesus and following His example. It's about putting our faith into action, living out the Gospel in our daily lives. We can learn so much from Jesus' teachings, His compassion, and His love for others. As His disciples, we're called to do the same, to be a light in the world and share His message of hope.

Reflection
Think of someone in need in your community who you can help and support this week.

WHICH GIFT WILL YOU SHARE IN 2025?

Well done to the Chaplaincy Team who led mass last Monday to celebrate the feast of Epiphany. We were reminded that Jesus, who was born in the stable at Bethlehem, was born for us all throughout the world. The wise men had travelled a long way to see Jesus. They did not know where the way to go. The star led them all the way to Bethlehem and there they found Jesus. It was a sign from God for them to follow. We do not have a star, or a sat nav, to follow each day, to show us which way that God wants us to go. But God has given us Jesus, to show us how we should try to live

our lives. The wise men bought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to baby Jesus. What gift would you give to baby Jesus?

What is a gift you can give to others?

How will you share your gift with others in our school community?



RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our programme for preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion has started. Parents met with Fr Joe, and the catechists at the beginning of January and the children enrolled at mass last weekend. Their first session will take place tonight at 6pm in the Community Café. If you cannot attend this session, you must 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.



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	

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.

Well done to Year 1 who had the highest attendance last week a super 99.33% and to year 5 and year 2 who both achieved 98.44% and 98.33% 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

Year 3 & 4 made a great start to Forest School by undertaking the RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch and making cheerio bird feeders to help the birds in this cold winter weather. Well done everyone.



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PARISH NOTICES:

SECOND COLLECTION: TODAY FOR THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS FUND. Thank you for your generosity.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI 3rd – 7th November 2025: To celebrate the Holy Year 2025, a 5-day pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi has been organised. The pilgrimage will be quite demanding with early morning starts, and pilgrims will need to be mobile. This is a pilgrimage with all its hardships, not a holiday tour. The trip will start by flying from Birmingham on Monday 3rd November 2025 and returning Friday 7th. Accommodation in Rome is on a Bed and Breakfast basis for 2 nights, followed by 2 nights in Assisi on Half Board basis. Price is £1056 per person, based on 2 sharing. Single Room Supplement: £135 per person. This price includes all flights, transfers (not to Birmingham airport), accommodation, and Comprehensive Travel Insurance. The itinerary includes:

Procession through the Holy Doors of the main Basilicas in Rome, hopefully including the Holy Doors of St Peter's Basilica. This is part of the Holy Year celebrations.

Early morning Mass in St Peter's Basilica

A half day guided tour of the City with coach and local guide to visit the Catacombs and St Paul's Outside the Walls

1 day Hop On/Hop off bus ticket included in order to see the sights of Rome

Attend the Papal Audience in St Peter's Square

Transfer to Assisi – enroute visit Basilica di Santa Maria degli Angeli, which houses the Porziuncola. The Porziuncola chapel was given to St Francis by the Benedictines, and is important because it was the initial nucleus from which the Franciscan order was born

Guided tour of historical centre of Assisi - Guided tour of St Claire's Basilica and St Francis' Basilica

Visit to Church and Convent at San Damiano, where St. Francis first received his miraculous calling and where St Clare died in 1253

Booking forms can be obtained by contacting the Parish Office. The Booking form needs to be returned directly to Tangney Tours, the tour organisers, with a non-refundable £300 deposit per person, with balances due 10 weeks prior to departure date.

Bishop Patrick invites all married couples to Saint Barnabas Cathedral (NG1 5AE) on Sunday 16th February for Mass at 3.00pm to mark the Jubilee of Marriages. The Bishop will lead a Renewal of Vows during the Mass, impart a special Jubilee Blessing, and afterwards host a Reception in Cathedral Hall. All married couples (and their families) are very welcome to attend, especially those recently married, and those celebrating significant anniversaries this Jubilee year.

Young Adults: On Saturday 25th January, any young adults (18-35) are invited to join Joel's Bar for a Day Retreat at Holy Trinity Church, Newark. The day starts at 3.00pm with Mass, followed by a time of worship, supper, a talk and ending in worship. To buy a ticket for just £10, visit: <https://linktr.ee/yaminthedon> If you would like to deepen your faith, grow in community with other 18-35 years olds as well as engage more fully in your parish then the brand-new Young Adult Formation Course run by the Diocese of Nottingham is the course for you. For more information contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk or sign up at: <https://forms.office.com/e/9qvH5SJRHh>

VOLUNTEERS/HELP REQUIRED - At our churches we need Welcomers, Cleaners and help with Refreshments after Mass. We need to build up our teams in order for it to be not too onerous for those already on the rotas. Please do consider helping out by contacting the office on 0115 9118266 or email ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk

All helpers need to undergo the Volunteer Recruitment Process if they are not already on a rota, so we do need your name beforehand.

Calling all Welcomers; meeting for all those who welcome at our churches; Monday 3rd February. 7.30 – 8.30 pm 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.

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). & Martin McCourt RIP (reception SA Church Thursday 13th Feb, 3.30pm. Funeral Mass Friday 14th Feb, 11.30am)

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 Thursday Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w at 7.30 pm. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHINMWtMRDdkMEpUZz09> All Welcome.

Wednesday Word: resources for children on the Sunday Gospel <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/joy?pid=MTA101634&v=160.3>

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.

Free Meal at the Greyfriars: for OAPs on Sunday 26th January 2 pm. If you haven't received your ticket, please ask at the Piety at Sacred Heart or the Welcomers at St Augustine's and Our Lady & St Edward's.

Sunday Roast at the Greyfriars only £4.99 in January – need to book in beforehand, telephone 0115 9586788 or pop in.

Would you like some chairs? The green padded chairs at St Augustine's Hall do not serve our purpose – they are too heavy to move. If so, please pop along and take some for free!!



OLSE'S GOT TALENT 2025!!

Our House Captains organised our annual talent show and children and staff thoroughly enjoyed watching the wonderful array of talent on show on Friday afternoon including singing, dancing, playing musical instruments, juggling, comedy, artwork, magic, sport and much more.



Congratulations to all the children who took part. Our finalists are:

St Therese of Liseux: Evanna, Natan and Mr Jessop, Ethan, Pacem. Oliver and Roman. Wild card is Abi

St Alban: Nadia, Hermela, Cleondra and Valerie, Evelyn L and Daisy. Wild card is Chicago

St Joan of Arc: David, Amelia and Millie, Kendall Wild card is Zina.

Blessed Cyprian Tansi: Shanelle, Patrick and Mark. Wild card is Javonna

The final will take place on Friday 24th January beginning at 1:45pm. Family members of finalists and House Captains are invited to join us.

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 20 th January Cyprian Tansi	9am (OLSE)	MASS Mary Kelly RIP
Tuesday 21 st January St Agnes	10am (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 22 nd January St Vincent	6pm (SH)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 23 rd January	10am (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Friday 24 th January St Francis de Sales	9:15am (SH)	MASS Mary Walsh RIP (6th anniv)
Saturday 25 th January Conversion of St Paul		VIGIL MASS
Sunday 26 th January Third Sunday of the Year.	9am(OLSE) 10.15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS Mary Ken Thi Nguyen RIP Celine Shallow RIP Paddy Flynn RIP

FEAST DAY OF BLESSED CYPRIAN TANSI

On Monday 20th 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.

