

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

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## WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Last week we celebrated the feast day of one of our houses, Blessed Cyprian Tansi. The children and staff in that house joined the parish for Mass. Thank you Fr Dennis for moving mass into church so we could attend.

On Friday we joined with pupils around the country as Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a Jubilee Year. We are all invited to enter into a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, strengthening our relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

We have our Fairtrade tuckshop on Friday so children can bring 50p to buy some chocolate at breaktime.

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



## LOL SYNOD

Last Tuesday myself, Sr Patricia and three pupils from Year 6 Joshua, Skyla and Tobechi attended the Our Lady of Lourdes Synod Day. All three pupils play a vital role in the pupil leadership groups in school. Joshua is a House Captain and Eco Warrior, Skyla is a House Captain, Chaplain and a Well being Champion, Tobechi is a Chaplain, Well-being Champion and a Parish Ambassador.

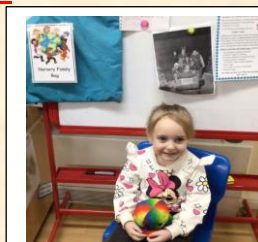
We reflected on various pieces of Scripture and discussed with fellow students and staff from across OLoL about how we will further build relationships, be better listeners and ensure our school is a place where we reach

out to those who feel excluded or marginalised. Joshua joined the OLoL Eco Team and has already shared information with Mrs Harrison and the Eco Team. Bishop Patrick has asked that during this Jubilee Year we will all become Ambassadors of Hope for a better future for all.



## NURSERY FAMILY BAG

Thank you to all the families who support our family bag. Each week a child takes the bag home and fills it with items to share about their families. The children are demonstrating super oracy skills of talking aloud to an audience and listening to others.



## WORD OF THE WEEK: SCRIPTURE

Week 3 in Ordinary Time

Year C

Word of the Week

# Scripture

**Scripture**

First Reading  
Lev 22:26, 27-28  
Gospel Reading  
Luke 11:2, 41-52

**Scripture**

Hebrew Bible  
Leviticus 22:26-28  
New Testament  
Matthew 23:23-27

**Scripture**

Scripture is the Word of God. It is a collection of sacred writings that tell the story of God's love for humanity. As we read scripture, we learn about God's plan for our lives, and we are inspired to live a life of faith. Scripture can also be a source of comfort and guidance in difficult times and speaks to us throughout our lives.

**Scripture**

Find a passage from the Gospels that you've not read before - reflect on what it might mean to you.

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 2 who had the highest attendance last week a super 99.33% and to year 1 and year 5 who both achieved 97.33% and 97.19% 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	
<b>17.02.25</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>		
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 our School Council team who led us in our Celebration of the Word linked to our word of the week Discipleship.**

**They reminded us that by being a disciple, we show human dignity because we are made in God's image and other people are too. We need to treat others people equally and with respect.**

**Children had the opportunity to reflect upon symbolising how God has made us in his image and how we should not be afraid to be the amazing people we are.**





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## **PARISH NOTICES:**

**PARISH 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. 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
- 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:** 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](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk) <https://forms.office.com/e/9qvH5SjRHh> [ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:ccen@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](mailto: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.

**Blessing of St Colette** at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Brooklyn Road, Bulwell NG6 9ES on Saturday 1st February at 11 am. A Franciscan prayer event to which all are welcome. St Colette is one of the patron saints of; couples who long to conceive a child, expectant mothers and sick children.

**Summer Fair 2025:** Date for your diary – Saturday 28th June 2025 on Our Lady & St Edward's School field. If you will be undertaking a Spring clean and find unwanted gifts or have unwanted Christmas presents, please donate them to our Summer Fair from now. We would like tombola items, raffle prizes and cuddly toys!! THANKS! Let's make it a success!!

### **This week:**

- **Community Café at Our Lady & St Edward's** Wednesday 12 noon. All Welcome.
- **Marriage preparation course begins.** Wednesday 29th, 7 – 8 at Sacred Heart Community Centre
- **Parish Music Practice:** Wednesday 29 January at 7.30 pm at Sacred Heart. All welcome.
- **Community Café at Sacred Heart Community Centre** Thursday 12.00. All welcome
- **Parish Finance Committee;** Meet Thursday 30th 6pm. Sacred heart Community Centre
- **Meditation Group:** next meeting is on Thursday 30th January 2025 in Sacred Heart Community Centre 7.30 pm All Welcome
- **BAPTISM COURSE:** 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 by Monday.

**Wednesday Word:** resources for children on the Sunday Gospel <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

**Service of Sacrament of the Sick and Anointing;** Sunday 9th February, 3 pm at Sacred Heart Church. This is to coincide with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and is a wonderful opportunity to receive this Sacrament of Anointing NOT the 'last rites', this is for anyone who feels in the need of healing. With Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, it's a lovely way to ask for God's healing and strength.

**Live Simply lunch;** Sun 23rd March. Watch this space for details and ticket info nearer the date.

**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!!

Thank you to our House Captains **Alley, Skyla, George, Rose, Josh, Victory, Kyanna and Seth** who organised our annual talent show. Our whole school community joined together to enjoy the grand final. We witnessed a wide range of talents on show – acting, comedy, dancing, gymnastics, juggling, singing and tap dancing from our finalists who were chosen by their peers.



Mrs Prince and Mr Bruccoleri, two members of our governing body had the difficult task of choosing a top three from each Key Stage 2. Well done to **Evanna, Shanelle and Nadia** in Key Stage 1 and to **Kendall, Ethan, Oliver, Pacem, Roman and Patrick** in Key Stage 2 winning some bonus points for their house.



## MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	9am (OLSE)	<b>MASS</b> Holy Souls RIP
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January <b>St Thomas Aquinas</b>	10am (SA) 6pm (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Service of Word and Holy Communion Reception and Vigil for Winnie Hopkins RIP
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	10am (SH) 6pm (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Requiem Mass for Winnie Hopkins RIP Bert & Margaret O'Grady RIP
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	10am (SA) 7pm (OLSE)	<b>MASS</b> Mary Fitzmaurice RIP Reception and Vigil for Kitty O'Sullivan RIP
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January <b>St John Bosco</b>	9:15am (SH) 11am (OLSE)	<b>MASS</b> Rev J Toomey RIP (Foundation Mass) Requiem Mass for Kitty O'Sullivan RIP
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> February		<b>VIGIL MASS</b>
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February <b>Presentation of the Lord</b>	9am(OLSE) 10.15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	<b>MASS</b> Brenda Jackson RIP Patrick & Annie Coyle RIP Diane Flynn's intentions

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

**FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY AT 2:30PM**

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

**NURSERY: Elsie and Isaac**

**RECEPTION: Koby and Oskar**

**YEAR ONE: Franklin and Maria**

**YEAR TWO: Joyce and Seweryn**

**YEAR THREE: Alessia and Chi An**

**YEAR FOUR: Ethan and Evelyn**

**YEAR FIVE: Charlie and Emmanuella**

**YEAR SIX: Amelia and Max**

**PARENTS OF THESE CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**