



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Last week our Eco Team led us in our Celebration Of the Word. Our jubilee half termly theme is how we care for God's creation. They reminded us we all have our part to play. This year we will litter pick, save energy, make ECO bird feeders, support Waste Week and garden.

Children in EYFS celebrated Lunar New Year. They tasted different foods; retold the story of how the years got their names; tried copying some Mandarin numbers and coloured & made snakes, as 2025 is the year of the snake.

This week on Friday, 12 children from Year 5 and 6 will represent our school at a cross country event at Wollaton Hall.

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: HUMILITY

Week 4 in Ordinary Time

Year C

Word of the Week

Humility

First Reading
[1] Jeremiah 14:5, 17-19
Gospel Reading
[1] Luke 4:21-30

Hebrew Bible
[1] Proverbs 22:1-4
New Testament
[1] Peter 5:6-7

Meaning
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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	

THANK YOU

Our Chaplaincy Team put their faith into action giving up their break time to sell chocolate at our Fairtrade Tuck Shop.

Thank you to all our families who supported as we raised £78.50 for CAFOD.



RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our programme for preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion has started. The second 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.



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 3 who had the highest attendance last week a super 99.33% and to year 6 and year 4 who both achieved 98.06% and 96.88% 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 1 had a wonderful afternoon in their 'special people' retreat afternoon with Joe and Tom.

**We talked about who is special to us and who is special in church.
We made special people candles🕯**



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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. 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 and need to be returned directly to Tangney Tours with a non-refundable £300 deposit per person, with balances due 10 weeks prior to departure date.

Parking at Our Lady & St Edward's. Yet again, we are getting complaints from local residents about the inconsiderate parking by people coming to the 9am Mass on Sunday at Our Lady & St Edward's. This includes parking on the pavement, blocking driveways, parking on restricted areas. Fr Joe has asked the local police to come on a Sunday and issue tickets to anyone parking in this manner.

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 Friday 28th February Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass at Saint Barnabas Cathedral at 10pm for Young Adults (18-35) making use of the beautiful lighting in the Cathedral for 'Nottingham Night Light'. If you would like to support the Mass in any way, eg reading, serving, welcoming, then please contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk

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Please pray for

- All staff and pupils at Christ the King School. First Friday confessions and Mass is this week.
- The repose of the soul of Martin McCourt RIP (Reception into St Augustine's Church Thursday 13th Feb, 3.30. Funeral Mass Friday 14th 11.30) Elizabeth Simon RIP (Funeral Monday 24th Feb 1pm, SH).

This week

- **1st Holy Communion Classes: Monday - OLSE, Tuesday STA & Wednesday SH. All at 6 -7 pm**
- **Welcomers' Meeting:** Monday 3rd. 7.30 – 8.30. St Augustine's Hall.
- **Live Simply Meeting:** Tuesday 7th Feb 7.20 OLSE café.
- **Community Café at Our Lady & St Edward's** Wednesday 12 noon. All Welcome.
- **Parish Council meeting** Wednesday 5th 6.45 – 7.45. Sacred Heart meeting room.
- **Community Café at Sacred Heart Community Centre** Thursday 12.00. All welcome
- **Meditation Group:** No meeting this week. Next one on zoom, 13/2

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 Exposition, Benediction and Anointing of the Sick. Next Sunday, 9th, 3pm at Sacred Heart. To coincide with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (11th Feb). This is a lovely opportunity to celebrate this Sacrament of Anointing. It is for anyone who feels in need of the Lord's healing touch, through physical or mental illness or even general infirmity and the effects of ageing.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion programme. Coming up; parents (only) meeting on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thursday 13th Feb. 7 – 8 at Sacred Heart Community Centre. All parents to attend please.

Coming Up: Race night – Saturday 1st March at Sacred Heart Community Centre 7 pm. Licensed Bar! How it works – A DVD is shown of a horse race on the big screen but beforehand, after a horse preview, bets are placed on the horse that you think might win - £2 per bet per horse. Cheer your horse on during the race, you may come first and win the cash!! Sponsor prizes required. Invite your family and friends to an exciting evening. Tickets on sale from Piety at SH, ask the welcomers at OLSE & STA.

One bedroomed flat at St Augustine's Church: available to at £700 per month including gas, water & internet charges. It has off-road parking, a new carpet & has recently been painted - suitable for one person or a couple. We are a working parish, so events/services do happen on site at unusual times. For all enquiries, please email the letting agent: anthony@arresidential.co.uk

CHILDREN'S LITURGY DATES COMING UP

- **Our Lady & St Edward's** - first Sunday of the month – 2nd February
- **Sacred Heart** - Term time 2nd Feb, 9th Feb
- **St Augustine's** - twice monthly – 9th & 23rd Feb

The feast day of Saint Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery, takes place on Saturday 8th February. There are 50 million victims of human trafficking across the world and as many as 130,000 in the UK, hidden in plain sight in your neighbourhood. Pope Francis describes human trafficking as "blood money" and a "crime against humanity". We are all called to combat this evil trade. To find out more and what you can do, go to santamartagroup.org/resources

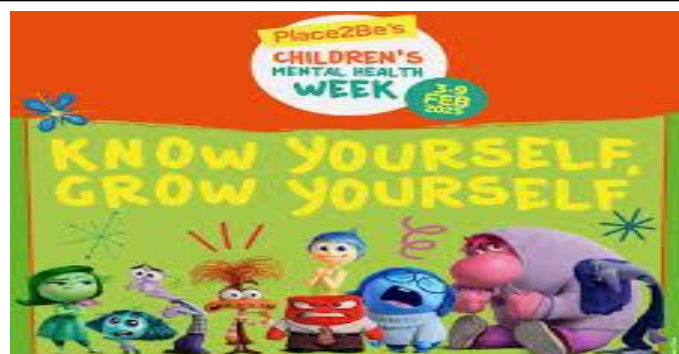
VOLUNTEERS/HELP REQUIRED - At our churches we need Welcomers, Cleaners and help with Refreshments after Mass. We need to build up our teams in order for it to be not too onerous for those already on the rotas. Please do consider helping out by contacting the office on 0115 9118266 or email All helpers need to undergo the Volunteer Recruitment Process if they are not already on a rota, so we do need your name beforehand.



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week in school, we are celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'Know yourself, grow yourself,'

This theme will encourage children, young people and adults to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them. It will help them grow and develop resilience to cope with what life throws at them. This links in with our school values of compassion and respect as well as our Catholic Social teaching of Human Dignity. On Monday, our children will join a live stream assembly giving the children time to reflect on their strengths and those people who support them when they find something challenging.



Each class have chosen a wellbeing activity to take part in on Wednesday afternoon, these include baking, yoga and a movie afternoon.

On Thursday, we are asking everyone to wear a SCARF to school. This action will show that we follow the values of Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship in our everyday behaviour.

On Friday, we are having a dress to express day, which will be a non-uniform day. On this day, your child may want to wear something that represents them as a person, eg their favourite colour, football team, animal, hobby etc.



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 3 rd February St Blaise	9am (OLSE)	MASS Pat Cunningham RIP
Tuesday 4 th February St Gilbert of Sempringham	10am (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 5 th February St Agatha	6pm (SH)	MASS Ann Garibaldi RIP
Thursday 6 th February Ss Paul Miki & companions	10am (SA)	MASS James & May Dore & dec. family members RIP
Friday 7 th February	9:15am (SH) 11am (CTK)	MASS Noel Maguire RIP Christ the King School; Holy Souls RIP
Saturday 8 th February	9.30 Mass; prison	VIGIL MASS Fr Joe is covering for a local prison chaplain; Holy Souls RIP
Sunday 9 th February Fifth Sunday of the Year	9am(OLSE) 10.15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS Ints' of McKenzie family Jimmy Greaney RIP Bill Stanton RIP

NO PEN DAY

On Friday 7th February 2025, we are holding a no pens day to support with our Oracy curriculum. We are hoping this will emphasise to the children how important speaking and listening are and how much we can learn from talking. So parents are involved we are posing the question, '**Are pens essential to learning?**' We would like it if you could discuss this at home. Children will be following their normal timetable however all lessons throughout the day will be practical. For example if your child is learning fractions in maths, they will be using maths resources to undertake a lesson linked to this theme.

In Literacy they might be holding a debate on a specific topic or reading poetry, retelling and acting out stories.

In art children might be using water colours or different mediums to showcase a piece of art.

In history children might be looking at timelines.

In Geography children might be using atlases, globes and digimaps.

Pupils will share their experiences with other classes.

We hope that the day is enjoyable for the children and staff and there will be lots of photographic evidence in books as well as on X so please look out for these!