

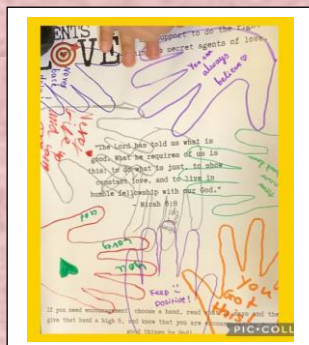


## WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our parent / teacher consultations. If you were unable to attend, it is important to contact your child's class teacher to rearrange. Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their two night residential last week. On Wednesday, they enjoyed a funfilled day at Conkers in Leicestershire and two days at The Briars in Criche. We were joined by year 6 from Bishop Ellis school in Leicester and I know the children enjoyed making new friends. Thank you to Mrs Longmoor who stayed over with me and the children and also to Miss Callaghan who joined us on Thursday and to Miss Greenwood and Mrs Astley who joined us for dinner and the disco on Thursday evening.

Please make a note of our remaining two INSET days this academic year. These are 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> July. School is closed for all children on these days.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK: ALMSGIVING

3rd Week of Lent

Year C

Word of the Week

# Almsgiving

First Reading

[1] Exodus 23:18, 23:15

Gospel Reading

[1] Luke 12:1-9

Second Reading

[1] Hebrews 13:1-2

New Testament

[1] Matthew 25:36-40

Almsgiving is the practice of giving to those in need. It is a way of showing love and compassion for others. Almsgiving can also be a way of expressing our gratitude for God's blessings. Almsgiving is an important part of Lent, as it allows us to share with those in need and to be an example of mercy in the world.

Find a way to give something to charity or to someone in need 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	

## OUR LENT JOURNEY IN SCHOOL

Last Monday, year 3 led us in our Lenten Celebration of the Word on the theme of fasting. During this season of Lent we go without something we enjoy, helps us to grow closer to God.

Throughout Lent, the children will be leading us in reflections:

24th March at 9:15am - led by Year 4 theme of almsgiving

31st March at 2:30pm – led by Year 5 theme of sacrifice

4th April at 2:30pm – led by Year 6 theme of passion.

Our Chaplaincy team will lead Stations of the Cross within the parish too. These will take place at 2:30pm on 26th March for Reception and Year 4 2nd April for Year 2 and 3. All are welcome to join us.



## 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.

**Last week's attendance was high. Year 2 and Year 6 classes achieved a perfect 100%. Year 1 and year 4 achieved above our school target with 97.33% and 98.44%**

**School Matters!**



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**

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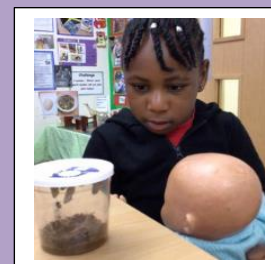
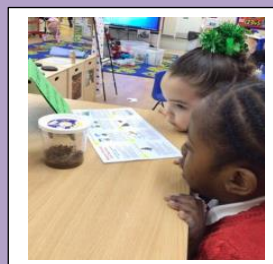
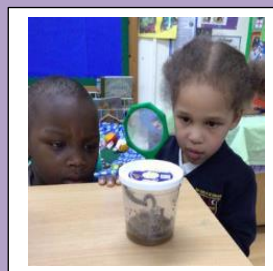
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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
06.01.25			EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
13.01.25	17.01.25 Talent Show Auditions	13.01.25 Mass to celebrate Feast of Epiphany	
20.01.25	24.01.25 Talent Show Final	20.01.25 Blessed Cyprian 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

As part of nursery's learning to develop their knowledge and understanding of the world, they have been observing the life cycle of a caterpillar. They have watched them grow bigger, make their cocoons and are now eagerly waiting for them to turn into beautiful butterflies.





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## PARISH NOTICES:

**CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection.** Thank you for your generous donations last Sunday totalling £1167! You can still donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope). You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

### **Lent in Holy Family Parish:**

**Stations of the Cross** is a lovely devotion that we pray through Lent and we will pray it at different times in the week; Wednesday 2.30pm at Our Lady & St Edward's, Friday 9.45am at Sacred Heart (after Mass) and Friday 7pm at St Augustine's.

**Confessions:** Saturday mornings 10 – 11 at Sacred Heart

**Parish Reconciliation Service** with several priests hearing confessions on Monday 24th March, 7pm at Sacred Heart.

**Reflections at the Cross:** Monday 14th April 2025, 7 pm at St Augustine's, an evening of reflection and music through the eyes of the witnesses at the crucifixion.

**Blessing of Easter food** on Holy Saturday 19th April, at 10am at Our Lady & St Edward's Church

**The passion:** a moving and memorable retelling of the Easter story at St Paul's Church, Daybrook, NG5 6JD Saturday 12th April 7 pm. Tickets £10 from: [tiny.cc/thepassion](http://tiny.cc/thepassion) see poster in church.

**Retiring Collection this weekend,** for National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham.

**One bedroomed flat at St Augustine's Church:** available to rent from now 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 various times. For all enquiries, please email the letting agent:

[anthony@arresidential.co.uk](mailto:anthony@arresidential.co.uk)

**Holy Family Parish International Cuisine Evening** at St Augustine's on Saturday 26th April 7 pm. Would you be able to provide a sample of food from your country of origin for about 8 people? We have 47 nationalities in our parish, so far we have Irish, English and Italian. This is a great opportunity for our nationalities to come together and celebrate our diversity. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time. Please add your name, contact details and nationality to the list at the back of church, contact the office or take a form from the back of church. Thank you.

**The Nottingham Diocesan Jubilee Lourdes Pilgrimage** lead by Bishop Patrick 14th - 18th July, includes a full liturgical programme, flights from East Midlands Airport with full board. Prices from £899, more details are at:

[www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes) For 18-35 year olds, contact [charles-archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles-archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk) **Planned**

**Giving** envelopes are available at the back of church for the few who continue to donate this way. If you are a taxpayer and donate by loose cash in the basket, please consider moving to standing order. Thank you. Gift Aid form link on website:

<https://forms.gle/mjfpzUBLaXH5KgFN7>

**ITEMS REQUIRED FOR FOODBANK THIS WEEK:** toilet rolls, washing up liquid, decaf coffee, tinned fruit, sugar and rice pudding. Thank you to recent donations totalling £460 to the foodbank – this means we can buy short shelf-life products. Thank you for your generosity.

**Please pray for** The continued recovery of Pope Francis.

### **This week**

- Community Café at Our Lady & St Edward's Wednesday 12 noon. All Welcome
- Lenten Reconciliation Service; Monday 24th March, 7pm at Sacred Heart. Several priests available for confessions.
- Community Café at Sacred Heart Community Centre Thursday 12.00. All welcome
- Meditation Group: our next meeting is on zoom, Thursday 27th March at 7.30 pm Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHNMWtMRDdkMEpUZz09> All Welcome.

**Wednesday Word:** Resources for children on this Sunday's Gospel: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/goodnews?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY DATES COMING UP:** Our Lady & St Edward's - first Sunday of the month – 6 th April, Sacred Heart - Term time - next ones 23rd & 30th March, St Augustine's twice monthly, 23rd March & 13th April.

**Our next parish music practice** is Wednesday 2nd April at 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Church. All are welcome.

**Holy Family Parish Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi** lead by our new Parish Priest Fr Chris Thomas Monday 3rd - Friday 7th November 2025. Hard copies of details & the booking form are available at the back of church or from the office. Email: [Sarah@tangney-tours.com](mailto:Sarah@tangney-tours.com) for more info.

**Hayward House, Nottingham City Hospital, Spring Fair** – Saturday 26th April 10 -3. Entry Fee £1 – tombola, stalls, cakes & refreshments.

**Car parking at Sacred Heart:** our car park is always full on a Sunday but there is alternative parking on Southcliffe Drive behind the Church outside the school. Parking is allowed on hatched lines and there are two walk throughs to the church. Please leave the car park spaces for those who need to park close to Church. Thank you.

**The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Walsingham with Bishop Patrick** takes place on Saturday 14th June, gathering at the Anglican Shrine with procession to Catholic Shrine starting at 1.00pm. Mass will be celebrated at 4.00pm followed by departures. If you would like a seat on Holy Family Parish coach leaving at 8.30 from Sacred Heart Church, email: [ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or phone the office to reserve a place – cost is £26 payable in advance. The coach will be advertised around the Deanery. Car parking is available on site all day.

**Turning the Church inside out.** Join the diocesan Justice and Peace Commission to receive the fruits gathered by the Synod from around the world and bring its hopes to life here in our parishes, on Thursday 3rd April, 7.00-8.30pm online. The Synod on Synodality began with parish conversations in 2021. It continued in Rome last Autumn. And now it's back with us in Nottingham Diocese to plant it locally and bring it to life. The Synod's final report offers an inspiring vision of a Church rich in the relationships, gifts and vocations of all its people. Find out more and book at [bit.ly/insideoutchurch](http://bit.ly/insideoutchurch)



## YEAR 6 ON TOUR!!!

Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful three days away on residential. First stop was Conkers in Leicestershire where they enjoyed playing in the indoor and outdoor areas, explored the discovery centre and got blown about and splashed in the 4D cinema.



Leaving there we travelled to Derbyshire to The Briars where we would stay for 2 nights. On our first night we took part in some small activities and after a little sleep we were all wide awake ready for breakfast and a jam packed day.

We started our day beginning our Agents of Love programme. We thought about how we are attentive to others, resilient when faced with a challenge, trustworthy, show self-control, serve others and discern what is just.



On Thursday afternoon we enjoyed a lovely walk in the Derbyshire countryside and danced the night away at our disco. We celebrated mass on Friday and received our affirmations from each other and graduated as Agents of love.



## MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	9am (OLSE)  7pm (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Mabel Williamson, Frank, Margaret & Harold Jennings RIP Lenten service of Reconciliation
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March <b>The Annunciation</b>	10am (SA)  1pm (St Barnabas Cathedral )	<b>MASS</b> Service of Word and Holy Communion Chapter Mass at the Cathedral; Fr Anthony Dolan RIP
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00pm (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Bill Stanton RIP
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	10am (SA)	<b>MASS</b> Patricia Bird RIP
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15am (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Mary Greaney RIP
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	10-11am (SH)	<b>VIGIL MASS</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation available
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday</b>	9am(OLSE) 10.15am (SH)  11:30am (SA)	<b>MASS</b> Paul Bowe – get well Con & Patricia Fitzsimmons RIP John Heverin RIP

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

**FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 2:30PM**

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

**NURSERY:** Elta and Rosie

**RECEPTION:** Koby and Samuel

**YEAR ONE:** Antonina and Omolola

**YEAR TWO:** Anaijia and Jeremy

**YEAR THREE:** Grace and Liam

**YEAR FOUR:** Olly and Orlaith

**YEAR FIVE:** Eva-Joy and Isabella

**YEAR SIX:** Diana and Tobechi

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