

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

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WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

The weather was very warm last week and there were many children who did not bring a refillable water bottle to school. Each class has water filters and we ensure children stay hydrated but that does rely on you providing them with a water bottle each day.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform on the right days. We had children from Year 3 and 4 dressed in clothes for Forest School last week. Their sessions are now finished and they must wear their full school uniform now on a Monday. Children in Year 5 and 6 have started their Forest School sessions but last week we had children who did not wear long sleeve tops and joggers. Due to the nature of the activities, the children participate in outside they must not wear short and t-shirts. Children also need to bring a spare pair of trainers/ wellies to wear for these sessions as it can be muddy outside.

Last Thursday our boys football team played a match against Hogarth Primary. Despite going 3-0 up, the match finished 6-6 and was decided by a penalty shootout. Unfortunately, we did not win the shootout but Mr Jessop was pleased with the boys attitude.

Well done to Ethan, Oliver, Prince, Elijah, Matthew, Pacem, Abi, Alley, Connor, George, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Nihal, Samuel, Seth, and Tobechi.



Please ensure you sign and complete the consent form your child will bring home. **Our remaining INSET Days of this academic year are 28th and 29th July. School is closed for all children on these days.**

WORD OF THE WEEK: FAITH

3rd Week of Eastertide
Year C

Theological Virtue

Faith

First Reading
Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Gospel Reading
John 20:31

Second Reading
Hebrews 11:1-3

New Testament
James 1:2-18

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Prayer
Think of something you need to have faith in this week. Spend some time in prayer to ask God for the faith you need.

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Girls Football (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Orienteering (Year 1, 2 and 3)	All day 3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Mixed football (Year 1, 2 and 3)	3:15 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Boys football (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Friday Breakfast Club	TB Sport:	3:15 - 4:30



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Well done to year 3 and 4 who led us in scripture and song with their performance of Resurrection Rock. This tells us about Jesus' journey from entering Jerusalem to appearing after he resurrected. Thank you to Mr Treloar for your hard work with supporting the children with choir throughout the year. Thank you to all the families who joined us too.



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 we had many children absent with sickness bugs. Congratulations to year 2 whose attendance was 99.33% last week. We hope all the children feel better and are well enough to return to school this week.



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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
21.04.25		25.04.25 Whole School Mass - Easter 2pm in church	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
28.04.25	28.04.25 Resurrection Rock led by Year 3 and 4 2:15pm 01.05.25 Year 5 Retreat - Joyful Mysteries Rosary	02.05.25 House Prize Afternoon	
05.05.25	05.05.25 Bank Holiday - school closed to all pupils 08.05.25 VE Day celebrations 08.05.25 Year 4 Retreat - Sorrowful mysteries Rosary	07.05.25 Rosary led by Year 5 2:40pm 09.05.25 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
12.05.25 KS2 SATs week	15.05.25 Year 6 Retreat - Glorious mysteries Rosary	14.05.25 Rosary led by Year 4 2:40pm 16.05.25 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
19.05.25		19.05.25 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 21.05.25 Rosary led by Year 6 23.05.25: Achiever's Assembly 10am	
26.05.24 HALF TERM			
02.06.25 Year 4 Times table checks	02.06.25 St Joan of Arc Feast Day 05.06.25 Year 3 Retreat afternoon Pilgrims of Hope 06.06.25 Partake in school - Yr 1		04.06.25 New parents meeting at The Becket
09.06.25 Key Stage 1 Phonics screening	12.06.25 Year 2 Retreat afternoon Pilgrims of Hope 13.06.25 Partake in school - Yr 3	09.06.25 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm	
16.06.25	19.06.25 Year 1 Retreat afternoon Pilgrims of Hope 20.06.25 St Alban Feast Day	16.06.25 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 20.06.25 :Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
23.06.25	26.06.25 Year 4 Retreat afternoon Pilgrims of Hope	23.06.25 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 27.06.24 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
30.06.25		30.06.25 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 04.07.25 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
07.07.25 Healthy Schools Fortnight	07.07.25 Transition Visits in school and Becket 08.07.25 year 6 visit The Becket	07.07.25 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 11.07.25 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
14.07.25 Healthy Schools Fortnight	15.07.25 Year 5 visit The Becket 17.07.25 Key Stage 2 Sports Day 1:30pm 18.07.25 EYFS / KS1 Sports Day 1:30pm	14.07.25 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm	16.07.25 Year 6 Production - 6pm
21.07.25	21.07.25 Family picnic 12:15pm	23.07.25 Achievers Assembly 24.07.25 Year 6 Leaver's Mass 2pm 25.07.25 Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 9:15am	

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PARISH NOTICES:

CAR BOOT SATURDAY 17th MAY SACRED HEART CAR PARK to book in your car telephone Tommy on 07544 65507 £10 per car. SVP will be running a table to raise funds so are appealing for bric-a-brac items – please leave any at SH church or parish office. Thank you.

Holy Family Parish Rosary for Mary's month of May: Mondays – 7 pm

- 5th May St Augustine's Lady Chapel
- 12th May Our Lady & St Edward's
- 19th May Joseph of Peace Convent, next to SH church
- 26th May St Augustine's Lady Chapel

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi – led by our Parish Priest, Fr Chris Thomas. Flying from Birmingham on Monday 3rd November and returning Friday 7th with accommodation in Rome for 2 nights and 2 nights in Assisi. The cost is £1056 per person plus £135 for single supplement. For full itinerary contact the office:

ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk Sarah@tangney-tours.com or Tangney Tours:

PLENTY OF SPACES - itinerary includes; procession through the Holy Doors, Mass in St Peter's, guided tour of the City, visiting the Catacombs and St Paul's outside the walls.

Holy Family Parish Summer Fair Saturday 28th June 2025 1 pm donation required this week **CUDDLY TOYS** or gifts for children

Thank you: to those who catered and helped and those who attended the Cuisine evening last Saturday. What a great event and turnout. Look out for another one next year! Any other ideas?

CHURCH CLEANERS REQUIRED - could you help out for a few hours every month or two to make out church look clean and welcoming. We are very short of cleaners at our churches. Contact the office – training given.

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS. WE WILL BE HOLDING A SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CLERGY FORMATION FUND.

Do you receive emails from us? If not, either complete this on-line form or contact the office with your email address. If we do have late changes to the schedule, or any important notifications, you will be informed by email. <https://forms.gle/gmQaH68ckMQiCZsX8>

Please pray for:

- The repose of the souls of Cornelius Power (funeral 9th May, 10.30 am at SH, Paula McSweeney (funeral 14th May 2.30 pm at SH), Margaret Reynolds, Hannah Sheehan and Anna de Rosa (funeral dates to be confirmed). May they rest in peace.

This week

- **Community Café at Sacred Heart Community Centre** Thursday 12.00
- **Community Café at Our Lady & St Edward's** Wednesday 12.00
- **Parish Pastoral Committee Meeting:** 6.45 Wednesday 7th at SH
- **Meditation Group:** no meeting this week. Next meeting is on 29th May on Zoom. All Welcome

Farewell and thanks to Father Joe: at the back of churches this week are envelopes for you to contribute to a leaving gift for Father Joe who worked tirelessly on our behalf and achieved so much. You can put a donation into one of these envelopes and put it in the collection basket when it comes round during Mass. The envelopes can also be dropped into the office at Sacred Heart Community Centre. At the back of each church, there are also some blank sheets of paper on which you can write a farewell message. These will then be put together into a card for him. For his leaving 'do' on the 7th June, to which we're all invited. There is a list of food to contribute to a shared table at Sacred Heart Community Centre. Thank you.

Christ the King Celebrating a Decade of Caring for Our Common Home "The Earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth." – Laudato Si', Pope Francis. This year marks the 10th anniversary of Laudato Si', Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on the environment. Since its release in 2015, Laudato Si' has inspired millions around the world to take action in protecting our planet, addressing climate change, and embracing ecological responsibility. As part of the Jubilee Year, our school community is reflecting on its message and our commitment to sustainability and care for creation, remembering the legacy of Pope Francis. At Christ the King School, we are celebrating by planting as many seeds as possible. Our target is 1000 pots! We are using donated recycled plant pots, and we have also made over 700 pots from newspapers to share with our community. So, over the next couple of weeks, there will be some available after Mass for parishioners to take away!

Job Opportunity: The Diocese of Nottingham is looking to appoint a full-time Compliance and Support Property Officer, based in Nottingham. More details are available at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers

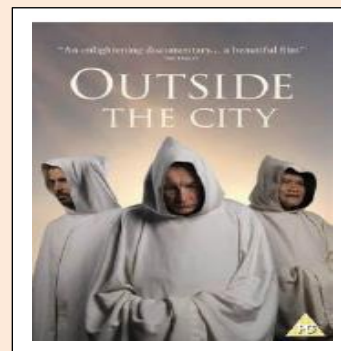
The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Walsingham with Bishop Patrick takes place on Saturday 14th June, gathering at the Anglican Shrine with procession to Catholic Shrine starting at 1.00pm. Mass will be celebrated at 4.00pm followed by departures.

If you would like a seat on Holy Family Parish coach leaving at 8.30 am from Sacred Heart Church, email:

ccen@diocesofnottingham.uk or phone the office to reserve a place – cost is £26 payable in advance. **We still have 40 places left** – could you bring a group along? For info visit: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/>

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FILM NIGHT: Outside The City documents the lives and deaths of the monks living behind the walls of a closed monastic community, as they transition from dairy farming to brewing the UK's first Trappist beer, the world famous 'Tynt Meadow.' Director Nick Hamer spent a year with the Trappist monks of Mt. St. Bernard Abbey, gaining privileged access to document their hidden lives. Please join us for this **Movie Night on Wednesday 14th May at Sacred Heart Community Centre. 7pm**





EXCITING NEWS

Over the last term, Mrs Harrison was working hard behind the scenes to ensure our school was awarded a grant from National Education Nature Park. We have received just over nine thousand pounds dedicated to green up our grey spaces and improve biodiversity around the school grounds. This involves the children completing community science work. Apparently all the school sites in the UK amount to an area twice the size of Birmingham City yet little is known about the biodiversity on these sites and we will be collecting and recording data to contribute to a national picture, it all links well with Eco and Forest School but the wider school community will be involved too.

Last Monday Mrs Harrison and the Eco Team led an assembly for the whole school sharing their curriculum challenges for this half term.



As part of their Forest School sessions, Year 5 and 6 were busy habitat mapping.



They were also busy planting wildflowers, carrots, marigolds, pansies, beetroot and lettuce in our peace garden.



We thank Mrs Harrison for her continued hard work and for being so passionate about the environment.

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 5 th May	9am (OLSE)	MASS Brenda Jackson RIP
Tuesday 6 th May	10am (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Communion
Wednesday 7 th May	6pm (SH)	MASS Mass of the Holy Spirit for the election of the New Pope
Thursday 8 th May	10am (SA)	MASS Ian Canning RIP (5th Anniv)
Friday 9 th May	10:30am (SH)	MASS Funeral Mass for Cornelius Power RIP
Saturday 10 th May	12 noon	MASS Marriage of David Bartley & Grace Chinn
Sunday 11 th May Fourth Sunday of Easter. Good Shepherd Sunday	9.00am(OLSE) 10.15am (SH) 11.30am (SA)	MASS People of the Parish David & Girtie Brincat RIP Paddy Flynn RIP

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 9TH MAY AT 2:30PM

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

NURSERY: Ebun and Kezia

RECEPTION: Ephron and Freda

YEAR ONE: David and Jessica

YEAR TWO: Imelda and Milan O

YEAR THREE: Elizabeth and Sophie

YEAR FOUR: Nuala and William

YEAR FIVE: Philip M and Timi

YEAR SIX: Jeremiah and Rose

PARENTS OF THESE CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND