



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 9th March 2018



Dear Parents and Carers...

"The lights are kept on for you. Come Home."

Pope Francis - 24 Hours for the Lord

Dates for your Diary

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| Monday 12 th March | Sacrament of Confirmation | 7.00pm |
| Tuesday 13 th March | Y2 Parents/Carer SATs meeting | 2.00pm |
| Thursday 15 th March | Y6 Parent/Carer SATs meeting | 2.00pm |
| Friday 16 th March | Wear Green Non-Uniform | cost £1 |
| Thursday 22 nd March | Sponsored Bounce | |

Term Dates

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| Thursday 29 th March | School closes for Easter holiday | 1.00pm |
| Monday 16 th April | Return to school | 8.55am |
| Monday 7 th May | School closed – May Day Bank Holiday | |
| Friday 25 th May | School closes for half-term | 3.15pm |
| Monday 4 th June | Return to school | 8.55am |
| Monday 2 nd July | School Closed - INSET day | |
| Friday 20 th July | School closes for Summer | 1.00pm |

Confirmations

The Mass of Confirmation for this year's candidates takes place at 7.00pm on Monday evening in St. Joseph's Church. Everybody is more than welcome and encouraged to attend. It would be lovely to see lots of people there to support and welcome the children as they become fully initiated into the faith of the Catholic Church. Please come along and celebrate with your friends in this very special event in their lives.



Bishop Robert Byrne will be confirming the children, and we are very much looking forward to his visit.

Just a reminder to all children being confirmed that you need to be at church by 6.15pm with your sponsor.

School Mass

School Mass next week will take place on Tuesday 13th March for the fourth week of Lent. It starts at 9.30am. You are all very welcome to attend – you do not have to be Catholic to come to Mass.

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St. Patrick's 'Wear Green' Non-Uniform Day – NEXT Friday 16th March

Next Friday 16th March we will be having a non-uniform 'Wear Green day' to celebrate the Feast of St Patrick. The cost of this will be £1 per child, which will go towards our Lenten Charities Fundraising.



SATs Meetings – next week

Our SATs meetings take place next week. There will be a meeting for Y2 parents and carers on Tuesday 13th March at 2pm and a meeting for Y6 parents and carers on Thursday 15th March at 2pm. This is an important meeting which will be an opportunity for you to find out about the SATS tests and their importance to your child's education. We will show you the sort of work that your children have to do and discuss the ways that you can be more involved in your child's progress.



Mother's Day

We would like to wish you all a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday and a happy day with your families. We especially think of all expectant mothers and pray that they and their unborn child are kept safe from all harm. We also remember at this time mothers who have lost children, mothers who are no longer with us and those who have lost their mothers, as Mother's Day is also a time of celebrating the happy memories that we have shared. You are very much in our

thoughts and prayers at this time.

Easter Egg Raffle

There will be an Easter Egg Raffle taking place in school over the next few weeks. Each member of staff has donated Easter Eggs and I would like to thank them for that. Tickets are priced at 20p each. If your child would like to buy some, please send the correct money in an envelope, clearly marked. All money raised will go to our Lenten Charities. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term.



Sponsored Bounce

Sponsor forms were sent home on Tuesday for our 'Sponsored Bounce' which will take place on Thursday 22nd March. We will have a bouncy castle, and each child that is sponsored will have the chance to complete their bounce session. This is to raise money for our Lenten charities. Thank you for your support with this.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

This weekend is the fourth Sunday of Lent. The theme of the readings you will hear at church this week is one of 'salvation'. There are a number of occasions in the Bible when we hear of God saving his people, one you might remember is when God helped Moses to part the Red Sea, so that the Israelites could escape from the Egyptians. In the Old Testament reading on Sunday, we hear of another time when God saved the Israelites from their exile and slavery in Babylon. The King allowed the Israelites to go home, because God had spoken to him and it was God's will. This was a very happy ending for the people – think about what it means to be exiled from your own country and suddenly to be allowed to return.

As you know, for Christians, Lent is a very important time of preparation for Easter, when Jesus died and was resurrected to save God's people from sin. In the Gospel today, Jesus tells Nicodemus, who was a Jewish religious teacher,

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"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

Christians believe that this tells us Jesus has come to save us from sin, so that we can have eternal life in heaven. This is harder to understand than the other times that God's people were saved in the Bible, as being saved from slavery or exile, or danger is easy to see. But God says that sin is just as dangerous as any other thing that threatens us as people, and so this salvation that comes about through the Easter miracle is the most important salvation, because it gives us eternal life. This is why Easter is the most important time of year for Christians and Catholics



St. Joseph's Mass Times

Weekly Mass at St. Joseph's is on Saturday evening at 6.00pm. St. Joseph's Church can be found on Thimblemill Lane and the telephone number is 0121 327 0235. All families are invited and more than welcome to attend church. I look forward to seeing you there!

Father Stephen

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday this week to Lamek (Reception)



Attendance - week ending 23rd February 2018

Well done to Year Five who achieved 97% attendance for last week. The full attendance figures are as follows:

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| Rec | 96% | Year One | 94% | Year Two | 95% | Year Three | 93% |
| Year Four | 93% | Year Five | 97% | Year Six | 93% | | |

This gives a whole school attendance of 94%

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

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