



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers...

“Dying you restored our life, rising you restored our death,  
Lord Jesus come in glory.”

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	School Mass for Holy Week	9.30am
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 trip to Ormiston Academy	
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>School closes for Easter holiday</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school	8.55am
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Holy Communion Parents' Meeting	3.30pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Holy Day – Feast of the Ascension – Day of Observation	
w/c Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs Week	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	School Photographer	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Family Day Trip to Weston-Super-Mare	

## Term Dates

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

## END OF TERM

A reminder that we break up for TWO WEEKS next Thursday. School will be finishing at **1.00pm**, so please ensure that you are here promptly to collect your children.

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## After School Clubs

Please note that **all afterschool clubs have now finished**. They will start back after the Easter holidays from the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

## School Mass

School Mass next week will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am for Holy Week, and will be led by Year Four. This is a very special time of year for all Christians, so please come along and join us. You are all very welcome to attend – you do not have to be Catholic to come to Mass.

## Wear Green Day / Sponsored Bounce

Thank you for all your fantastic support with our fundraising events over the last week. We will let you know totals at the end of Lent, but the sponsored bounce alone raised around £600, which is fantastic!

## Y1 Cake Sale

A huge 'well done' to Year One, who raised a fantastic £41 with their cake sale on Thursday. Thank you for all of your hard work!



## Easter Egg Raffle

There is an Easter Egg Raffle taking place in school at the moment. 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.

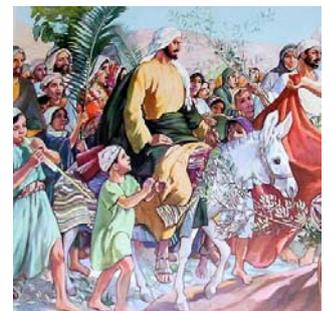
## Fr. Hudson's Boxes

We will be collecting in the Father Hudson's boxes next week. Please bring them back into school as soon as you can. Thank you!

## Lent – Palm Sunday

This Sunday is the sixth in Lent, and is known as Palm Sunday. It is the beginning of 'Holy Week', which is the most important week of the year in the Catholic and Christian faiths

On Palm Sunday, we remember Jesus' journey into Jerusalem for the Jewish feast of Passover. After hearing about Jesus and the miracles that he had performed in Galilee, the people were starting to believe that Jesus was the Son of God and that he would be their King. When they heard that he was coming to their town, they were keen to see him and gathered along the road. They waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!" (John 12:12-13). The people were excited and it was a time of great joy and happiness for them. However, while Jesus was happy that people believed in him and wanted him as their King, it was also a time of great sadness and fear for him because he knew what was going to happen later that week and that those same people would disown him and turn away from him, saying that he should be crucified. So, while the story of Palm Sunday helps us to remember that Jesus is our King, it also helps us to think about times that we have turned away from God.



**All the children have received a palm cross today.** The symbolism of the palm cross helps us to remember that although Palm Sunday is a time of joy and celebration, we should also remember the importance and sadness of the week that is to come. The palm represents the joy and happiness of Palm Sunday, while the shape of the cross represents the cross on which Jesus died, and so the sadness of Jesus' death. Some

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Christians display the palm crosses in their homes during the year as a symbol of their faith. Traditionally, the blessed palms are burned at the start of Lent the next year, which makes the ash that we use on Ash Wednesday.

## Holy Week Services

All of the Holy Week services this year will take place in Sacred Heart Church.

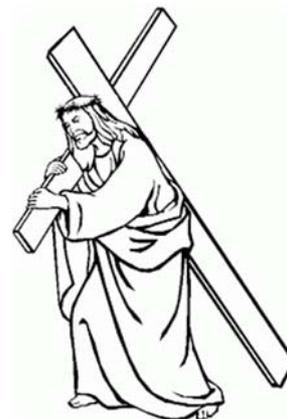
<b>Maunder Thursday</b>	7.30pm	Mass of the Last Supper followed by the Gethsemane Watch.
<b>Good Friday</b>	3.00pm	Good Friday Liturgy
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	8.30pm	The Easter Vigil (First Mass of Easter)

**On Easter Sunday there will be a Mass at St. Joseph's Church at 12.00pm**

## 2018 Good Friday Walk of Witness, Nechells

Churches Together in Nechells invite you to join them for the annual Good Friday 'Walk of Witness' procession. They are meeting at 09:15am for 09:30am start from St Matthew's Church, Wardlow Road then onto St Matthews School - Dovey Tower - St. Vincent's Church - Nechells Parkway - Rupert Street - Shops opposite Red Cross- then assemble outside Bloomsbury Clinic - The POD- Bodmin Grove - Nechells Parkway - Heartlands Academy - Great Francis Street

It will finish at the Church of God of Prophecy, Long Acre at around 12pm with final prayers and songs followed by refreshments.



The route will be outdoors throughout unless the weather forces us to pray indoors at key points. There will be Scripture readings, songs & hymns and prayers at various stopping points for relevant church, school, parklands, shops, flats, housing etc; duration app. 2 hours. A plain Cross will be carried - your own banners welcome. Please wear clothing & footwear suitable for the weather. ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE



## 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 Taisia (Year One) and Heven (Year Four).



## Attendance - week ending 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Well done to Year Two who achieved an incredible **100%** attendance for last week. The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	98%	Year One	93%	Year Two	<b>100%</b>	Year Three	97%
Year Four	98%	Year Five	95%	Year Six	97%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 97%

Many thanks,  
**A. Treadwell**  
 Head Teacher

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