



St. Joseph's Newsletter

Each one of us has been created by God for a special purpose and is therefore uniquely special. Together, we pray, grow and learn in the footsteps of Jesus.



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Diary Dates

Date	Event
11/11/2024	Remembrance Day
12/11/2024	Anti-Bullying Week—wear odd socks
13/11/2024	Phonics & Reading Worksop—Y1/2 parents
15/11/2024	End of Anti-Bullying Week—children wear a blue item
15/11/2024	Emerald Class Assembly
20/11/2024	Reading Workshop—Y3-6 Parents

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - St. Mary's
- 2nd - St. Joseph's
- 3rd - St. Ursula's
- 4th - St. Angela's

HEAD'S AWARD

This week the Head's Award goes to Mrs Hinton for her extremely hard work throughout the whole week. Thank you Mrs Hinton you are a star!

Mark 12: 38-44

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents.

Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."



Attendance

Our winning classes this week

EYFS & KS1	Amber - 100%
KS2	Sapphire & Lavender 100%

Punctuality

Our winning classes this week

EYFS & KS1	Amber
KS2	Cobalt

Y1 Trip to Valence House

This week Sunflower Class visited Valence House as part of their Childhood Topic. The children, staff and parents had a great day and learnt lots about different toys through history. As always our children behaved impeccably and were a credit to our school. Thank you to the parents who supported the trip, we really appreciate the help.

Diary Dates

November Events

12th November—Anti-Bullying Week - **children wear odd socks**

12th November - Year 6 Mass 1.15pm

13th November—Phonics & Reading Workshop for Y1/2 parents 9.00am

15th November—End of Ant-Bullying Week—**children wear one blue item**

15th November—Emerald Class Assembly 9.10am

18th November—Road Safety Week

20th November—Reading Workshop for Y3-6 parents 9.00am

21st November - Reception Gruffalo Visit

22nd November—Sapphire Class Assembly 9.10am

25th November - Parliament Week

28th November - Year 2 Animal Day

28th November - Year 5 Mass 1.15pm

29th November—Christmas Decorations Day—**Home clothes day**

December Events

3rd December - Year 4 trip to Valence House

3rd December - Year 3 Stone Age Day

4th December - Pantomime

5th December - Rock Steady Concert 2.00pm

6th December—Christmas Bazaar 3.30-5.30pm

10th December—Nursery & Reception Christmas Presentation 10.00am

11th December—Year 1 & 2 Christmas Presentations 10.00am & 2.15pm

12th December—Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day

17th December—Carol Service led by 3 & 4 2.00pm

19th December—Christmas Class Parties—**Home clothes day**

20th December—End of Term Mass 9.30am

20th December—End of Term **1.15pm finish**



Scarlet	Gurbaaz	Ruby	Eliora
Sunflower	Whole Class	Amber	Bezawit
Pumpkin	Zion		
Sage	Mikhael	Emerald	Michael
Cobalt	Pico	Sapphire	Beniamin
Lavender	Thomas & Bernard	Amethyst	Julian
Fuchsia	Nala	Magenta	Aleksandra

WALKING THE PATH



32nd Sunday in Ordinary time

10th November 2024

Marks Gospel:

“Fors he gave all she had.”



Walking the Path ~ ... of Courage...

Many philosophers have identified **courage** as the greatest of all virtues since it takes courage to sustain all others. For example, in order to be a *peace-maker* it takes courage. In order to uphold *justice* it takes courage.

And many times to really truly *love* someone it takes courage. So what is courage? Some people think that in order to be *courageous* you need to be *fearless*.

But this isn't totally right...because courage isn't really the absence of fear, but it's the ability to act in spite of fear.

“Although you have not seen him you love him.” (1 Peter)

The Missionary journeys of St Paul

Damascus:

The Chapel of St. Paul is a modern stone chapel in Damascus that incorporates materials from the Bab Kisan, the ancient city gate through which Paul was lowered out of a window in Acts 9:25.

Straight Street is the Roman street that runs from east to west in the old city of Damascus. It was mentioned in the story of Paul's conversion to Christianity in Acts 9. God speaks to Ananias in a vision, and tells him to go to the Damascus Straight Street. At the house of Judas, he was to look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, as Paul was then known. Ananias is hesitant but goes anyway. After Ananias lays hands on Saul, his eyesight is restored and he is baptised.

St Edmund of Canterbury: 16th November



St Edmund, along with Our Lady of Lourdes, St Erconwald and St Cedd, is one of the patrons of the Diocese of Brentwood. He was a renowned scholar of the universities of Paris and Oxford and was appointed as Archbishop of Canterbury in 1233. St Edmund's Hall, one of the colleges of the University of Oxford, is named after him.

“Christians must be able to hope with courage, and freely welcome God's grace.”