

St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy



LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE *in love*
1 CORINTHIANS 16:14



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A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX

October - the month of Mary:

During his homily for the Feast of the Guardian Angels and the Opening of the Second Session, Pope Francis said the following:

“Brothers and sisters, we begin anew our synodal path with an eye toward the world, since the Christian community is always at the service of humanity in order to announce the joy of the Gospel. In such a dramatic time in our history, when the winds of war and the flames of violence continue to devastate entire peoples and nations, there is need for this message.

In order to invoke the intercession of Mary Most Holy for the gift of peace, I will recite the holy rosary and make a heartfelt plea to the Virgin in the Basilica of Saint Mary Major this coming Sunday. If possible, I ask all members of the Synod to join me for this occasion.

The following day, 7 October, I ask everyone to participate in a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the world.

Let us walk together. Let us listen to the Lord and allow him to guide us by the “breath” of the Spirit.”

The Holy Father asks that Monday 7 October, the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, is a day of fasting and prayer for peace in the world. Accordingly, Bishop Patrick, together with all the Bishops across England and Wales, is asking all of us to do this. Our school will be taking part in reciting a Holy Rosary decade as a whole school on Monday, to mark Bishop Patrick's request.

Today also marks the end of Creation Season in the Catholic Church, a fitting end being today, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, who is known for his love of animals. We reflect on all we do for our 'common home' through our support of George's Food Hub, our Laudato Si team in school and our CMAT and school commitment to educating our pupils in the importance of protecting and respecting our planet. The theme of Hope fits well with our school virtues and the Jubilee year of prayer; we are hopeful in our pursuit and pray for the beautiful world in which we live.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Mrs Cox



LET US PRAY

May all children
In the world
Share love
Share friendship and live
In the peace
Of God's love
Now and forever.

Amen.



THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

In his parish newsletter last week, Canon Peter wrote:

"Marriage, as one of the seven Sacraments of the Church, is the means by which a baptised man and woman become bound together by vows to an exclusive, lifelong, commitment to one another and to the accepting and raising of children. In this sacrament God gives that grace necessary for the fulfilment of this vocation, of these duties.

Marriage is clearly present throughout the history of human societies. It is at its origin naturally monogamous and indissoluble but, due to the fall, polygamy and divorce have often been tolerated. This though was never God's intention in Creation, as Jesus makes clear: 'From the beginning of creation God made them male and female. For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So, they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder' (Mk 10:2-9).

The Purposes of Marriage:

There are two inherent purposes of marriage: the mutual welfare and support of the couple (often called the good of the spouses), and the procreation and upbringing of children. To be a valid marriage, a couple cannot deliberately exclude either of these purposes.

The Properties of Marriage:

Unity: Marriage is between one man and one woman, forging a covenant between them in their complementarity so that they become one flesh. A husband and wife have a legitimate claim to each other's time and affection. There must be mutual trust and commitment in an exclusive relationship founded on love.

Indissolubility: At the wedding ceremony, vows are made "till death do us part". Christ taught that marriage, by which a couple become one body, is for life and the Catholic Church upholds His teaching.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms that marriage was 'raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a Sacrament' (ccc. 1601). When a man and woman are baptised, they become members of the Church, which is the 'Bride of Christ'. This relationship of Christ with His Church is then made present in their sacramental marriage, marking it with a specifically Christian character. St Paul confirms this by referring to marriage as a 'mysterion', which can be translated as 'sacrament' (Eph 5:31-32)".



CLASS-LED WORSHIP DATES

We would like to welcome our school families to join us for our class-led worship:

Thursday 10th October - Juniper
Thursday 17th October - Sycamore



Please come to the front reception for 9am.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Molly, who turns 7 on Tuesday, and to Peggy-Grace who will be 10 on Wednesday!



Everyone at St. Augustine's wishes you a very happy birthday!

ACACIA CLASS

During RE this week, our Acacia class children wrote their own prayers to Joseph to thank him for protecting the Baby Jesus and Mother Mary to get to Egypt safely.



GREEN TEAM & SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next School Council meeting will be on Monday 7th October, and our next Green Team meeting will be on Monday 14th October.



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY – MONDAY 7 OCTOBER

To mark the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary during the Year of Prayer, Bishop Patrick will be leading a decade of the Rosary from St Elizabeth's Catholic Voluntary Academy in Belper on Monday 7 October at 9.30am.

This will be live-streamed (and will also be available to view at a later time).

Please [click here for live stream](#)



E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MCKENZIE

For Parents - Smartphone-Free Childhood?

There's a lot of talk going on right now about a smartphone-free childhood. Personally I think a lot of very sweeping statements are being made without taking into consideration the individual needs of the child/family. Statements such as 'all under 16's should be banned from owning a smartphone' are neither practical nor possible, but all of this makes things very difficult for parents who want clear information to make an informed decision.

Thankfully Internet Matters have lots of clear information which should be useful for parents. In [THIS](#) article Internet Matters look at a number of aspects such as balancing concerns with safety and limiting risk.

In [THIS](#) article there's a parents guide to smart phones versus dumb phones. Together these articles and the links within the articles have lots of up to date, useful information to help them make a decision.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 91.86%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 95.56%

Sycamore - 97.04%

Acacia - 82.76%

Willow - 92.63%

Juniper - 93.6%

Being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

For more information, please visit the gov.uk website [here](#),

EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is '**Rosary**'.

The Rosary is a prayer that we can all use to meditate on the life of Jesus Christ. It is a powerful tool for prayer and spiritual growth through the intercession of Mary our mother. The Rosary can help us to grow in our faith, to deepen our relationship with God, and to find peace and comfort in difficult times.

Find time to pray the Hail Mary or the Rosary this week.



THE MEMORIAL OF ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

This week, our Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Education Service celebrated the memorial of St Thérèse of Lisieux:

"We ask for the prayerful intercession of this beautiful saint for all of our schools here in the Diocese of Nottingham.

On this comforting memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels we might reflect with St Augustine, that:

"Angel is the name of their office, not of their nature. If you seek the name of their nature, it is spirit; if you seek the name of their office, it is angel: from what they are, spirit; from what they do, angel"; or with the Catechism that

"Angels are spiritual creatures who glorify God without ceasing and who serve His saving plans for other creatures"; or with St Thomas Aquinas that *"The angels work together for the benefit of us all".*



MISSION TOGETHER; ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX – LITTLE WAY WEEK - FEAST DAY 1 OCTOBER

Little Way Week is inspired by St Thérèse of Lisieux, patron of mission. As a child St Thérèse dreamed of being a missionary. With age she understood that very few of us are called to make big and radical gestures, but that through small, loving actions we too can deliver God's love to the world.

Aged seven, Thérèse joined The Society of the Holy Childhood, known to us now as Mission Together. It was as a member of the Holy Childhood that Thérèse grew in faith and admiration for the work of the missionaries. Our five fact assembly teaches children about St Thérèse and encourages them to follow her 'Little Way'.

Little Way Week 2024 begins on Monday 30 September and ends on today, Friday 4 October. The feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux falls on Tuesday 1 October.

For more information on the brilliant work that Mission Together carry out, please click [here](#).

To download some beautiful St Thérèse quote colouring pages, please click [here](#).



FAMILY FIRST MAGAZINE

Family First is a free publication that covers everything you and your family need in order to build a happier and healthier lifestyle. Family First is a quarterly magazine specifically designed to improve the health of over 6,000,000 families across England, Scotland & Wales. Working alongside major sporting governing bodies, Public Health England, leading food & drink brands, sportswear giants, and local authorities,

Family First is helping to combat childhood obesity. Their aim is simple: to get children & young adults active, playing more sport, exercising regularly, and eating healthily.

Please click on the picture on the right to access the magazine.





YOUNGMINDS

**Hello
Yellow**
THURS 10 OCT

**Suggested
voluntary
donation
£1.**

**Wear it loud.
Wear it proud.**

Wear yellow this World Mental Health Day, 10th October,
and donate to YoungMinds to support young people's mental health.

#HelloYellow

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YoungMinds registered Charity in England (1043886) and Scotland (SC026702)



9TH NOV.
2PM

A MUSICAL

TICKETS
£10*

Extravaganza

IN FOND MEMORY OF MAGGIE MACLENNAN, AND CARRYING OUT HER
WISHES TO RAISE FUNDS TO PROTECT AND EDUCATE YOUNG GIRLS IN
THE WAJIR MISSION, NORTH EAST KENYA.

ARCHIE MACLENNAN- PIANO
STAMFORD U3A UKULELE GROUP
TINA COX - SINGING
THOMAS DAY - VIOLIN
NICHOLAS ARMITAGE - SINGING

ST.AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL HALL, KESTEVEN ROAD, STAMFORD PE9 1SR

*REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED, CHILDREN GO FREE

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