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"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."

## Newsletter 31: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents

I hope that you and your families have all had a good week.

We had a wonderful First Holy Communion Mass last Saturday! I hope that all of your family celebrations went well. Thank you to Father Jibu, Father Solomon (Natu's uncle) and all who helped to make this celebration such a success. In school, we would like to especially thank Miss Edmunds and Miss Chahal for all of their hard work 'behind the scenes' to organise the Mass and prepare the children.



Please note that the Y3 Thanksgiving Mass which was originally scheduled to take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May will now be taking place on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** due to a request from the parish. All parents are invited to join us for this special celebration.

Year Six took their SATS tests this week and worked very well. It is a big pressure; they handled themselves brilliantly and did their very best. We are all very proud of them and Mrs Kavanagh!

Please remember to continue to follow your Eastertide 'Walk with Me' calendar to which ends this Sunday – The Feast of Pentecost!

### HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SCHOOL OPENING:

Our school is **70 years old this year!** Holy Name Catholic Primary School has been open since **4<sup>th</sup> January 1954!**

To commemorate this amazing milestone, on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**, there will be a special celebration of Mass at **12.30pm** in Holy Name church followed by our PTA summer fair which will include our school being open for past pupils, parents and staff to visit and take a look around.

Miss Edmunds would like to collect photographs, school reports and memorabilia from the past seven decades to display as part of our celebration. If you think you may have any items of interest and you would like to share or lend them to us then please speak to Mrs Potter in the school office. Thank you.

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – HOLY NAME PARISH – HELP FOR FAMILIES:

The St Vincent de Paul society in the parish of Holy Name have asked for this information to be shared with our families:

The aim of our society is to seek and find those in need and provide them with practical support and friendship in a spirit of justice, while tackling the causes of poverty. The help we give **is not limited to Catholic families** - poverty, loneliness and the need to share problems are as urgent and relevant to all communities in Great Barr just as they are in the rest of the country.

The help we can give covers all aspects of daily life. We have been providing families within the parish with food bags every fortnight for the past three years and we can provide access to the local foodbank if that is required. We are able to help parents, and guardians, **with the purchase of school uniforms** and associated items such as **shoes and P.E. Kit**. When the weather turns cold, we can also help to provide winter coats. Families have also been provided a family with bedding, electrical white goods such as washing machines and energy bills.



**Firstly, everything we do is confidential and is not shared with others.** Secondly, we do not give anyone money, all purchases are made by ourselves on behalf of our beneficiaries. Thirdly, we cannot help everybody consequently it is necessary for us to be able to talk face to face to those requiring help so that we can build a relationship with them for when further help may be needed.

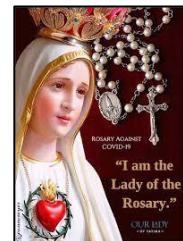
To access this help, please contact the Parish Office, and leave your name and contact telephone number and ask for the SVP to contact you. The SVP will then take it from there:

**Parish Office: 0121 357 1351 holyname.bham@rcaob.org.uk**

**May - The Month of the Rosary:**

May is one of the special months of the year where we focus our minds, hearts and prayers on Mary, our Mother. During the month of May we aim to pray the rosary each day. Each weekday has a special focus on a set of mysteries of the rosary.

Days of the Week	Mysteries of the Rosary
Monday & Saturday	The Five Joyful Mysteries
Tuesday & Friday	The Five sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday and Sunday	The Five Glorious Mysteries
Thursday	The Mysteries of Light (Luminous)



**Hot Weather:**

Please send your child into school with a suitable hat and a labelled bottle of water to help to reduce the potential for any ill effects which could possibly result from hot weather conditions. Please also make sure that your child has a **coat** in school in case the weather changes!



**Number Fact of the Week:**

It is really important for our pupils to learn their multiplication facts as quickly as possible. By the end of Y4, it is expected that all pupils will be able to instantly recall all of these up to 12 x 12.

Every week, Mr Shanahan, our maths leader, will be setting a challenge to learn a specific number fact.

Be prepared: when he sees you around school he will be testing you!

This week's number fact is:

$$8 \times 5 = 40$$

or

$$5 \times 8 = 40$$



**Y1 & Y2 Music Showcase:**

On **Friday 24th May** at **2.40pm**, Y1 and Y2 will be performing some of the songs that they have learnt this year in their music lessons. We hope as that as many parents as possible will be able to join us for this performance.



**Masses this Half Term:**

All **parents** and **parishioners** are warmly invited to all of our school masses in **school** at **9.15am** or in **church** at **11.30am**.

Date:	Information:
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in school at <b>9.15am</b>



**Diary Dates:**

Date:	Information:
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Y5 &amp; Y6 Hockey Club 3.15pm - 4.15pm</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Reception Multi Skills Club 3.15pm – 4.15pm</b>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Guitar lessons begin
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Y3 Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in school at 9.15am</b> <b>Y1 &amp; Y2 Music Showcase in the school hall at 2.40pm</b>

**Happy birthday to:**

Ryan B (Y6), Brody B (Y4), Tina Q (Reception) who all have a birthday to celebrate next week.

Yours sincerely

*A. Neenan*

Mr A.G. Neenan

Headteacher

One of the precepts of being a Catholic is to attend Sunday Mass (or the vigil Mass for Sunday) every week and on all Holy Days of Obligation. This weekly commitment gives us the opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord which is why Sundays are known as the Lord's day.

**Mass at Holy Name Church:**  
**Saturday 12.30pm**  
**Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am**

## Pentecost Sunday (Year B)

### Gospel: John 20:19-23

In this Sunday's gospel, the disciples were scared of people they thought would hurt them and so they were hiding away. But when Jesus came they rejoiced, and he gave them a very special gift, the gift of the Holy Spirit.



What do you remember from the first reading today?

Suddenly the room that the disciples are sitting in was filled with the sound of a strong wind. Then the disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit. They go outside to tell people about Jesus and everyone can understand them – even people from far away who speak a different language! How do you think this happens?

Why do you think Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to the disciples? What difference do you think the Holy Spirit made to them?

The Holy Spirit can be a difficult idea to understand. We can't see it, like we can see each other.

The Holy Spirit is like the wind. We can't see the wind, but we can certainly feel it on a windy day. We can see the leaves moving in the trees because of the wind, or a kite flying high in a sky. The wind can be very strong and powerful.

Just like the wind, we can see the effects of the Holy Spirit. Can you think of how we might see the effects of the Holy Spirit in our world?

The Holy Spirit can work through us when we are kind to our family and friends, when we think about other people around the world, and when we work for people who are in need. Can you think of the last time you did any of these things?

### Our Catholic Mission:

What will you do this week to show the effects of the Holy Spirit in your life?

### Prayer:

God of hope,  
send your Spirit and fill us with courage and hope of a world where all people have the chance to live free from poverty.  
Amen.

*Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy*