

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

At St George's, God calls us by name to love,
Learn and achieve together, safe in the palm of His hands.

'I have called you by your name; you are mine' Isaiah 43



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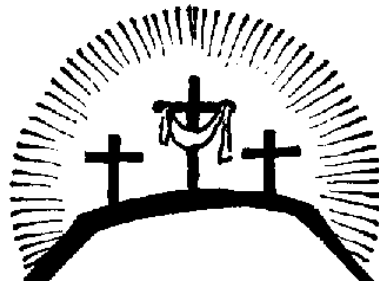
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Dear Parents,



No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

John 15: 13

Today, on Holy Thursday, we recall Jesus sharing a Last Supper with his disciples, where the bread and wine were transformed into His body and His blood, beginning the Institution of the Eucharist. Tomorrow, on Good Friday, we reflect on Jesus' final journey to the cross, where he was crucified and died to save us all. Finally, at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Mass, we will rejoice at his Resurrection. This is the highlight of the Church's year and we encourage you to attend Mass over these three days to celebrate this display of Christ's love for us, his friends. There will be a Children's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, 10 – 10.45am at St George's Church.

Mass Times

Maundy Thursday ~ 8pm at St George's

Good Friday ~ 3pm at St George's

Easter Vigil (Saturday night) ~ 8pm at St George's

Easter Sunday ~ 8.45am at St Gregory's & 10.45am Family Mass at St George's

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very holy and happy Easter as you spend time with families and friends.

Dates for your diary

29TH MARCH ~ 13TH APRIL - EASTER HOLIDAY

April

- Mon 16th First Day of Summer Term
Children to return in SUMMER UNIFORM
- Sat 21st St. George's Day Fun Run



Good News!

Yesterday, our Year 3 & 4 children began the school's preparation for Easter, by telling the story of Christ's passion in their Easter performance, 'Good News'. The children were AMAZING! They dramatized the sorrowful events ending up in Christ's death on the cross and then His glorious Resurrection. I would like to thank all the staff involved in preparing the children, especially Mrs Walls, Mrs Howell, Mrs Heal, Mrs Ellegard, Mrs Gillett, and of course, our amazing children. At the end of the performances, we held a collection for HCPT 192, our parish pilgrimage group who take children to Lourdes. Your donations raised £200.36 to support this year's pilgrimage at Easter. Thank you very much.

Fun Run



St. George's Day Fun Run 2.2 miles

Saturday 21st April 2018

Registration: 9am – 9.30am

Commences:

Years 5 & 6 – 9.30am

Years 3 & 4 – 9.40am

Years 2 & 1 – 9.50am

Year R and Nursery – 10.00am

Start Line: Sealife Adventure

Finish Line: Uncle Tom's Cabin



We will be joining with Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Lourdes this year, a real competitive event! For that reason, we ask that the children wear their red P.E. top so that we can spot you all and can also identify our year group winners!

There is no entry fee, but we ask that individuals are sponsored by family and friends with all money raised going towards PTA funds. Once you have filled in the entry form please return it to the office. Sponsor forms will be handed out once you have confirmed that you are taking part.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated a birthday this week

Samuel (St Francis), Samuel B. (St Therese)

William (St Elizabeth) and Sian (St Joseph)



And to those who are celebrating over the Easter holidays

Matthias & Ted (St Francis), Declan, Daniel, Lucy & Florence (St Therese)

Charlie (St Elizabeth), Casey & Jason (St Bernadette)

Eliana, Richard & Regan (St Joseph), Oliver S. (St Anthony)

And Mrs Parascandolo

Mercy Awards

Congratulations to this week's recipients:

Morten (St Joseph) ~ for showing great kindness and care to a friend in Year 4 who was feeling unwell during the matinee Easter Performance, then continuing to give support and encouragement later in the final performance.

Liam (St Anthony) ~ Liam has wowed us with his kind and thoughtful attitude. He has been enthusiastic to help his peers and staff. Thank you for being a star!

Reading Awards

Well done to **Polly** (St Therese) who gained her bronze award this week.

Congratulations to **Julia** (St Francis) & **Chloe** (St Elizabeth) who have reached 100 reads and earned their silver reading certificate...

...and our gold awards for 150 reads

Samuel & Harry (St Francis), **Aubrey & Leah** (St Therese)

Oliver & Jasmine (St Elizabeth), **William** (St Bernadette)

& **Lily, Phoebe & Nadia** (St Joseph)

...and FIRST our diamond award winners:

Thomas & Georgina (St Therese)

Harry C (St Elizabeth)

Fred (St Bernadette)

Eliana & Emily (St Joseph)

Times tables challenge

Congratulations to the children who celebrated their tables award this week:

For their bronze award:

Isla & Hannah (St Elizabeth) & **Jacob** (St Joseph)

...and for their silver award:

Edward & Jessica (St Bernadette) & **Holly** (St Peter)

...and for their gold award:

Kie, Ella & Gabriel (St Anthony)

...and our diamond award winners:

Emily, Lily-Grace, Joseph & Lily (St Joseph)

Maddie & Grace (St Anthony)

Brian & Callum (St Peter)

Sports Awards

Well done to our winners this week

Most improved ~ **Lily** (St Peter) and Performer of the week ~ **Olivia** (St Peter)

100% Attendance

Well done to the children who received their bronze for 100% attendance this term

Ottilie, Edison, George, Mia & Freya W. (St Francis)

Jamie, Samuel B., Leah, Joseph, Kundai and Daniel (St Therese)

Charlie, Cillian, Ocean, Harry L., Nate & Samuel (St Elizabeth)

Casey, Noah, Daisy, Grace, Jason, Liwia, Florence & Loui (St Bernadette)

Declan, Lexi-Rose, Oliver, Lyric & Phoebe (St Joseph)

Riley & Oliver Ba. (St Anthony)

Maisie, Brian & Daisy (St Peter)

And congratulations to those children who received their silver badge for 100% attendance since the first day back in September

Freya F. (St Francis)

Thomas, Eva, Florence R., Georgina, Polly & Alexander (St Therese)

Harry C., Charles, Elicia, Isla, Julia, Isis, Harley, Hannah & Jasmine (St Elizabeth)

Charlotte, Edward, William, Jessica, Kyrea, Fred & Florance V. (St Bernadette)

Emily, Marley, Lucy, Sian, Amelie, Eden, James & Lily (St Joseph)

Catherine, Henry, Maddie, Murphy, Chantelle, Charlotte, Grace & Dan (St Anthony)

Markus, Isabel, Holly, George, Jessica, Hugh, Ben R., Olivia & Rose (St Peter)

Summer Uniform

Just a reminder that we will be changing from our winter uniform to our summer uniform on the first day back after the Easter holidays, 16th April.

Signed Southend United Shirt

A very kind parishioner has given St. George's Church a Southend United football shirt signed by the current team for fund raising purposes. The shirt is a small size but given it is signed is more likely to be framed and displayed in a fan's bedroom.

We feel the best way of raising money for the Church is to offer it for sale by sealed bids. The starting bid is £15 and any bid should be handed into the Church Office in a sealed envelope marked "Shirt" no later than Friday 20th April.

These will then be opened by Fr Brett and Graham Alcock on Monday 23rd April and the highest bidder advised.

Prayers



Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time.

Have a wonderful holiday, see you on the 16th April.

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado