



13th March 2026



Newsletter

GOSPEL VALUE: Our Gospel Value for this week is Peace. Please reflect on this at home with your child.

Weekly Reflection

This weekend we are celebrating Mother's Day and at this time we think fondly of all the mums, grandmas, aunties, godmothers in our Holy Cross Family. We also think of all of our mums and grandmas in heaven and keep those who have lost their loved ones in our prayers.

We think of Mary our mother and her love for Jesus and for us. We ask her to hold us close in her warm and loving embrace to give us courage in times that are difficult and to guide us through each day. Being a mum is the most wonderful gift but it is not easy so we ask our Blessed Mother for the gifts of patience, nurture and understanding and the strength to enjoy the good days and not feel overwhelmed by the harder ones.



Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Kerrell
Headteacher

Parent Consultations

Sincere thanks to parents who came along to Parent Consultations this week. It was good to see you and share how your child is getting on at this mid-way point in the year.

We sent out our Mid-Year parent questionnaire by email and would be grateful if you could take a few moments to fill it in as we value your feedback. Please follow this link: [Holy Cross Catholic Primary Academy Mid Year Parent Questionnaire 2025-2026 - Fill out form](#)

Year 5 and 6 Swimming

We are in the process of arranging swimming for Year 5 and 6. Mrs Slater has sent you a questionnaire. It is important that you complete the questionnaire to let us know about your child's swimming ability. Please follow this link: [Year 5 and 6 swimming lessons - Fill out form](#)

Passion Play

The Passion Play will be performed by Years 4 and 5, at 2 pm on Tuesday 24th March and Thursday 26th March. Parents are welcome to come in to school to watch.

Year 6 Stations of the Cross

Year 6 will be taking part in Stations of the Cross in the church at 9 am on Friday 27th March. Parents are welcome to join us.

Uniform and representing Holy Cross

Please remember that we are proud of our school and our uniform is the identity of our school. We want our children to wear our school uniform with pride. I ask that parents please support us by following the uniform policy which is on our school website; please follow this link: [Holy Cross uniform](#). There are lots of children without ties and this is an essential part of our Winter uniform. I have noticed this week that some of our older girls have got very short skirts. Skirts must sit on the knee please.

Please remember that pupils are not allowed to wear jewellery including earrings, so please do not have your child's ears pierced until the start of the summer holidays as they will not be able to have the gold studs in for the 6-week healing period. Also, that hair accessories must be Holy Cross colours only.

Children may wear the summer uniform after Easter and details of this are available on the school website, please follow the link above.

Healthy Snack

I would like to remind parents that at Holy Cross we have a healthy snack policy. This means that pupils may only have Fruit and Vegetables for snack. No cereal bars or other such foods are allowed at breaktime. I kindly ask that you follow our policy please and if children do not have a snack which follows this policy they will have this taken away and it will be substituted with fruit if it is available.

Parking

We have again had telephone calls about inconsiderate parking. Please ensure you are not blocking drives and entrances and park safely and legally. We have access to Nicholls Field car park, which is just a short walk away, down the cycle path. [Link to Nicholls Field map](#)



Times Tables Rockstars

Congratulations to the following children for trying really hard with their times tables this week.

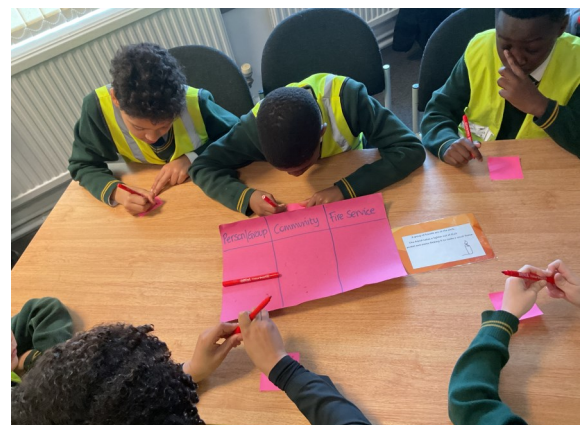
Hedgehogs:	Olivia	Squirrels:	Lilah
Badgers:	Chloe	Foxes:	Nihiniolawa
Hares:	Kyren	Rabbits:	Benjamin
Kingfishers:	Summer	Robins:	Hayley
Eagles:	Amelia	Owls:	Filip

Crucial Crew.

Today, the Year 6 children walked to the Latton Bush Centre to attend Crucial Crew. The aim of Crucial Crew is to provide a fun and stimulating environment for children to learn to:

- become more aware of personal safety;
- learn how to react correctly to dangerous and threatening situations;
- understand the role the emergency support services play and how and when to contact them;
- be aware of their own actions and the safety of others.

The children were thoroughly engaged with the different scenarios where they were taught valuable safety messages. The topics the children learnt about were: online safety; anti-social behaviour & drink spiking; gangs & drugs; healthy relationships and fire safety. Please make sure that you talk with your children about what they have learnt.



Year 3 and 4 Cross Country

What a fantastic morning of cross country running we have had on the last Friday 27th February! Our year 3 and 4 children, who had all worked very hard and been selected from the trials, did so well in the event at Mark Hall!

There were over 100 children running in each race, as the best runners in Harlow battled it out!

First up, it was the year 3 girls and what a super team they were! Grace, Alice, Autumn, Olivia-Jae and Nellie ran great and we had 3 top 20 finishes.

Next, it was the turn of the year 4 boys, who were also really quick. We managed to record 2 top 30 finishes. The team was Malachi, Oliwier, Kweku, Toby and Basil.

Our year 4 girls were up next and they were amazing too, securing 3 top 50 finishes. This team was Edie, Lilian, Hermione, Amelia and Gabriella.

In the final race, our year 4 boys team of Hugo, Jan, Filip, Javonte-Blu and Arnas were superb, recording 4 top 40 finishes. We were delighted to hear that they had earned a bronze medal for finishing in 3rd place, well done boys!

A special mention to our fastest runners in each race.

Year 3 girls - Alice (15th place)

Year 3 boys - Malachi (10th place)

Year 4 girls - Edie (39th place)

Year 4 boys - Jan (6th place)



Year 5/6 cross country report

Our year 5 and 6 children also attended Mark Hall for the annual cross country event after impressing in the trials that took place at Holy Cross.

After competing brilliantly in the morning session, we once again showed brilliant stamina, determination and sportsmanship in the afternoon.

The children have their all and we were extremely competitive in every race. Our year 6 boys managed to secure a bronze medal, adding to the bronze medal our year 4 boys achieved earlier, which was fantastic!

Our girls and boys teams made us proud once again. Well done to the following children and thanks to all the staff that attended:

Year 5: Keziah, Autumn, Summer, , Aoife, Alex, Blousey, Jayden, Leonardo, River, Lucas J

Year 6: Kenna, Freya, Amelia, Livia, Zofia, Joshua, Filip, Blake, Hendrix J, Diale

Year 5/6 Champions League football report

On Wednesday 4th March, we played an away match against a Tanys Dell side whom we had faced last year in the Stacey Pardoe Trophy.

The hosts had the better of the first half on a rain soaked pitch, creating numerous chances, with us riding our luck on a few occasions and our goalkeeper Axel B making some super saves. Axel O nearly scored just before half time but his effort went narrowly wide. The half time score was Tanys Dell 1 Holy Cross 0.

In the second half, the hosts kept the pressure on and added two more goals to make it 3-0. We pulled a goal back when Sid, who was outstanding, raced into the box and was fouled. Our captain Axel O fired the ball into the bottom corner of the net to make it 3-1. As coaches Clarke and Cargill took some risks to get us back into the game, the hosts managed to add two more goals, as we were caught on the counter attack. At 5-1 down, we showed great determination in a crazy last ten minutes and managed to pull two goals back. Sid put in a great cross which took a deflection and flew in and then Sid scored again with a powerful finish from close range. We had more chances to score but unfortunately the ball would not quite go in!

Final score - Tanys Dell 5 Holy Cross 3.

Well done to our hosts who have really progressed as a team in the last year and deserved their win. A huge congratulations to our green army who have not played together as a team much but showed great improvement in the second half and fought to the very end!

Team: Axel B, Alex, Adam, Jackson, James, Lucas J, River, Sid, Axel O, Keaton

Player of the match: Sid - Scored 2 goals and won the penalty which we scored from.





Join us for free crafting activities on
Monday 30 March
11am – 12:15pm

Harlow Playhouse
College Gate Harlow CM20 1LS

Children must be accompanied by a suitable adult.
Suitable for children aged 3 – 8 years (siblings welcome)

Booking required
To book a place email julie.cochrane@harlow.gov.uk

The activities will be followed by a free session where you and your children
can make their own fruit kebabs. 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Please state if you would like to attend both sessions at the time of booking.





Join us for free crafting activities on
Thursday 9 April
11am – 12:15pm

Harlow Town Park
Learning Centre (near Spurriers Café)
CM20 2QQ

Children must be accompanied by a suitable adult.
Suitable for children aged 3 – 8 years (siblings welcome)

Booking required
To book a place email julie.cochrane@harlow.gov.uk

The activities will be followed by a free session where you and your children
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HARLOW

raise

£20.26 IN 2026!

HOW? However you like!

Whether that's...



- Something sporty? A sponsored swim, bike-ride, walk, run, skip, goals scored, climb or even bounce
 - Something crafty? Sell your artwork, crafts or cakes
 - Something helpful? Helping with some chores or a litter pick up
 - Or even a sponsored read-a-thon or month with no sweets!
- Whatever you want!

Money can be paid on line at Holy Cross School PTA a/c: 66911260, s/c: 30-90-91 or cash or card payments can be handed in at the office. Please let your teacher know when you achieve your goal so that this can be celebrated.

£20.26 is not compulsory, all donations under or over £20.26 are welcome, just give yourself a challenge and have fun!

EASTER

fundraising

Hamper
raffle £1
per strip.

Many
hampers to
be won

Easter Egg
hunt £1 to
enter.

Everyone that
enters will get
an egg

Cash or card payment





EASTER RAFFLE

We are holding an Easter hamper raffle

Please check your child's Tapestry or Seesaw to see what they need to bring in.

Please send items in by Monday 16th March



Tickets will be on sale
from 18th March
£1 per strip

Holy Cross Academy

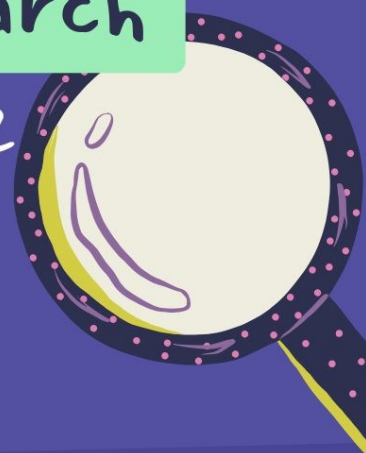
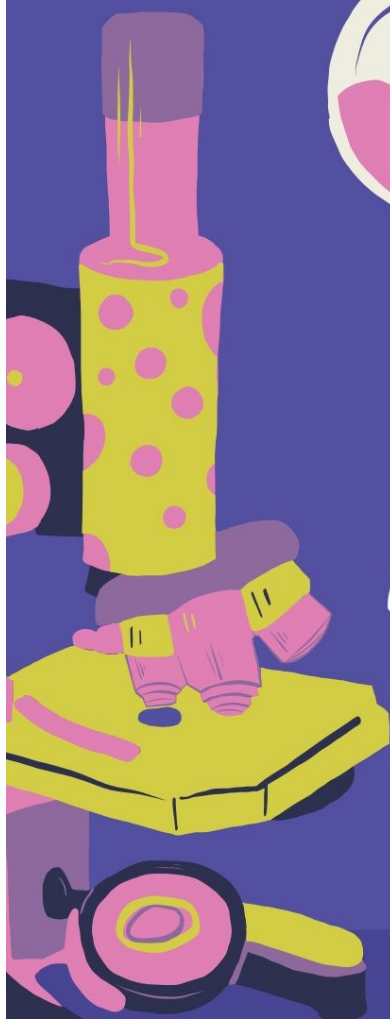
Science workshops



Tuesday 17th March

Reception, Years 1 and 2
9.10am to 10.10am

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
11am to 12pm



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Congratulations to this week's winners of the KS1 Attendance Award, Grasshoppers achieving 97% attendance. The winners of this week's KS2 Attendance Award are Foxes and Kingfishers attaining 98% attendance. Well done!

Please ensure you are sending your child into school everyday, unless they are not well enough to attend. Attending school is so important and makes a huge difference to your child's learning. The gates open at 8:30am until 8.55am.

It is essential you notify us of your child's absence by 9am either by telephone or using the Arbor report absence option on every day of absence. We need full details of why your child is unable to attend school. We are frequently having to contact parents, to find out why their child is absent from school. If you do not notify us of the reason for your child's absence it may not be authorised.

Absences over 3 days require supporting medical evidence, for the additional absence to be authorised. Medical evidence can take the form of prescriptions, antibiotics and medical appointments.

Parents of children below attendance targets will be invited in for a meeting with the Educational Welfare Officer.

Butterflies	96%
Ladybirds	95%
Dragonflies	96%
Grasshoppers	97%
Hedgehogs	95%
Squirrels	96%
Badgers	96%
Foxes	98%
Hares	96%
Rabbits	95%
Kingfishers	98%
Robins	96%
Eagles	95%
Owls	97%

Gospel Value Awards

Forgiveness

reconciliation, sorry, empathy, respect

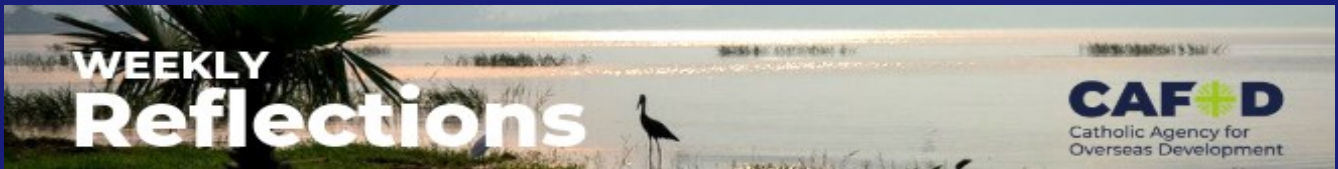
"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

Colossians 3:13



Congratulations to the following children who received the Gospel values certificate this week.

Butterflies:	Andrada	Ladybirds:	Melvin
Dragonflies:	Nicholas	Grasshoppers:	Eliana
Hedgehogs:	Temidayo	Squirrels:	Reuel
Badgers:	Nathan	Foxes:	Tilly
Hares:	Filip	Rabbits:	Amia-Rae
Kingfishers:	Roman	Robins:	Luka
Eagles:	Ciaran	Owls:	Rose



Based on the gospel for Sunday 15 March, Fourth Sunday of Lent: John 9:1-41

"As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth"

This Sunday the Church celebrates Laetare Sunday and, in the United Kingdom, it is also Mothering Sunday. Laetare from the Latin means 'to rejoice' and it seems a fitting occasion to share the story of Rejoice, a mother from South Sudan.

Rejoice and her three children fled when the ferocious conflict engulfing South Sudan reached her village. Her husband was on a business trip. She still doesn't know what happened to him. After a dangerous journey, she and her children reached relative safety in neighbouring Sudan, but when war broke out there too, they were forced to return home.

On arrival, however, Rejoice found her village submerged by widespread floods. She had no proper shelter and very little food for her family. At last a lifeline came, when she was offered training from CAFOD's partner in techniques for growing food in floating gardens.

She tells us: "This has improved my life. The yields from the garden help me feed my family."

As we reflect on the story of Jesus healing the man who was blind from birth, let's pray that we will not be blind to the needs of others. Instead, like Jesus, may we seek to be a source of healing and love.

Let's also pray for all mothers, especially those who, like Rejoice, face painful and challenging circumstances.

Dear God,
we thank you for mothers
throughout the world.
Be close to those who are struggling
because of violence or poverty,
and fill every home with your love.
Amen.



The Words of Pope Leo XIV

There is no energy better spent than that dedicated to freeing our heart.
For this reason, Lent is a gift.



Wednesday 11th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about how Jesus brought healing and light into the life of the man who was born blind. The man could then see the world around him, but the most important thing he saw was who Jesus really was – the Son of God.

Difficulties, worries and sickness can sometimes be part of our lives. Yet, when we believe in Jesus and we pray and look carefully, we can often learn something about

the world and ourselves, and about how Jesus is always there for us. Jesus is the light of the world. Believing in him brings light to our lives; it changes how we see the world and it can bring healing to us too. Come and see!

Enjoy a special time this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **HEALING**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A **Word** from the Saints

"Prayer is certainly the most wonderful medicine in the world."
St Hyacinth

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 15th March 2026



As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. Jesus spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam" (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "Yes, it is the same one." Others said, "No, he only looks like him." The man himself said, "I am the man." Some of the Pharisees did not believe that Jesus had healed him and they drove him away. Jesus heard about this and when he found the man he said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Sir," the man replied, "tell me who he is so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You are looking at him; he is speaking to you." The man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshipped Jesus.

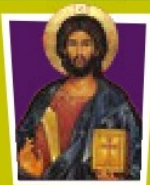
Adapted from John 9:1-38
The 4th Sunday of Lent, Year A

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.
Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

Family Time Prayer & Share Overleaf ▶

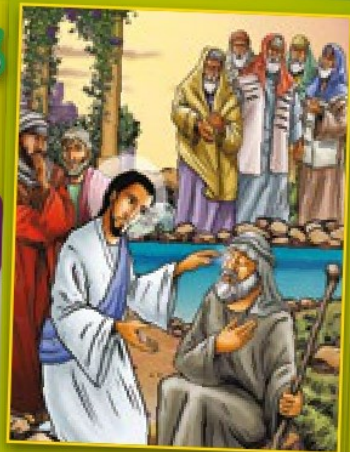
Good News for Everyone

God still heals today, through the sacraments of the Church (which remind us of God's love and care for us) and through people: doctors, nurses and, if we let him, through us too. Following Jesus' teachings and loving others brings healing and adds something very special to our lives.



Good News for Families

TOGETHER TIME



Sunday Gospel Gallery

Look at this Sunday's Gospel picture. What can you see? How do you feel? What does it make you think about?

1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

Jesus saw a man who had been blind from birth. He wet his fingers, made a muddy paste with the dust on the ground, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go and wash off the paste in the Pool of Siloam." When the man came back he was able to see. Some of the teachers of the Law did not believe the man and what the man said about Jesus healing him, and they drove him away. When Jesus found the man he said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Sir," the man replied, "tell me who he is so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You are looking at him; he is speaking to you." The man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshipped Jesus.

What had the blind man told the teachers of the Law?

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Spend a few relaxing moments pondering the picture together. Share any thoughts before moving on.

2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...

"Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal."

St Thomas More

HEALING



This Sunday's Gospel reminds us how, in Jesus, God is active in the world, bringing healing. At differing times and in differing ways, we all need the healing touch of God. Ask your child what the word 'healing' means to them. It may help your child if you tell them about the different kinds of healing we can experience in life. Then ask your child who brings healing to them, bringing comfort when they are ill, hurt or upset.



As a family, consider if there is anyone to whom you can help bring God's healing in this coming week. Perhaps you could: pray for someone; talk gently and lovingly to someone if there is a problem; take time to listen carefully to them, and try to support them where possible. God has given the Church sacraments for healing - the Sacrament of the Sick and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). In preparation for Easter, many parish churches will be having special Reconciliation services to which all are warmly invited.

3 Dear Lord Jesus, help us to see you more clearly - to believe in you and to share your light and healing with all those around us. Amen.

FINDING THREE

W N L C B S W E W L E R
 S U S E J O O T H J D E
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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

- BORN
- BLIND
- WASHED
- SILOAM
- HEALED
- BELIEVED
- WORSHIPPED
- JESUS

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY



find and draw 3 differences, then colour the picture

Cross out the letters **u s f** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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The teachers of the _____ did not _____ what
 the _____ said about Jesus _____ him.

It's good to be a 'healer'. We can hurt people by unkind words, by a look or by refusing to speak to them. But we can heal people by a smile, by a greeting or even by asking for their forgiveness or offering them ours.



This week I will try my best to...



Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley



Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 15th March 2026
 The Fourth Sunday in Lent — John 9:1.6-9.13-17.34-38

Relax

Make the Sign of the Cross † and remain still for a minute of settling silence. Then read the Gospel — preferably aloud and slowly — paying attention to any words that stand out to you.



Read

This Sunday's Gospel : THE CURE OF THE MAN BORN BLIND



As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God; he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet,' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied, 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied, 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Did any words or phrases stand out to you in the Gospel? If so, take a few moments to meditate on them.

Reflect

Now read the Gospel again and consider what the Lord might be saying to you, or asking of you, through it. Then continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection...



The second of the three great Johannine readings about water, light and life (which point to the baptisms of Easter) gives us the splendid account of Jesus bringing light to the blind man in the Temple. It is full of Johannine contrasts and irony. The 'Jews' or the Pharisees think they have the light and knowledge, but the more they abuse the man born blind, the clearer their own darkness and ignorance become. The more they try to thrust the blind man away from Jesus, the more they push him into seeking refuge in him. Much of the colouring of the scene comes from the controversies towards the end of the first century, when the Pharisees were the only branch of Judaism to survive after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans. The New Testament shows that there was bitter opposition between those Jews who accepted the divine claims for Jesus, and those who rejected them. This is especially clear in the fear of the blind man's parents (recounted in the longer version of Sunday's Gospel) that they would be excluded from the synagogue if they accepted that Jesus' grant of sight was a sign of his divine mission. The doughty and pugnacious man born blind has no such hesitation! **What does it mean that Jesus is the light of the world? How can you bring this light of Jesus to other people?**

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Rest

Now call to mind the Lord's love for you, remembering that through this scripture the Lord is truly present. Then silently and prayerfully listen for God's voice and rest in God's love.



Respond & Request

Thank God for any insight you may have received, and respond by asking the Holy Spirit to bless you with a spiritual gift or help you to grow in a particular fruit of the Spirit. You might pray for wisdom, courage, faithfulness, self-control, patience, generosity, joy, kindness, love, peace, faith, chastity - or another grace - to help you live out your faith this week.



Remember

This Wednesday's word for our families is **HEALING**
 (To see the Family Version, please visit: wednesdayword.org)



As you pray for your loved ones, please remember to pray for the Church and for the families connected to our schools.

St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church, pray for us. Mary, Star of Evangelisation, pray for us. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



First Reading: *David Anointed King*



1 Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The Church chooses Old Testament readings during Lent which prepare us for the coming of Christ. The fourth Sunday brings us to the story of David, with whom the promises of a messianic king originate. As founder of the messianic kingly dynasty, David is the figure of the reality which will be fulfilled by Jesus. Here we have one of the three biblical versions of the discovery of the future king (the others being the story of the young musician at Saul's court and the story of the young warrior slaying the giant Goliath). Here the lesson is that God does not choose as human beings do, though David is obviously an attractive young lad. He would turn out to be a leader of charisma, who could twist anyone round his little finger. God also chose Cain's younger brother Abel, and the youngest of Jacob's twelve sons, Joseph. We constantly have difficulty in accepting that our achievements contribute nothing to God and do not earn his favour. The story of David's dealings with Bathsheba and Uriah her husband, which tells of his capability of adultery and murder, show that he learnt the hard way that we can rely only on God's merciful forgiveness. **Why is David the model of the messianic king?**



Second Reading: *Rise from the Dead and Christ will Shine on You*



Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said, 'Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you'.

This reading is obviously chosen to prepare for the gospel reading, in which Jesus brings sight to the blind man. Light is one of the archetypal symbols of hope and encouragement. Without

*light we are crippled until, as the psalmist says, with the dawn man goes forth to his work and activities. In the Old Testament God is light who lives 'in inaccessible light'. In the New Testament this attribute of God is transferred to Jesus, for Jesus proclaims that he is the light of the world. In the final book of the Bible, the Book of Revelation, victorious from the conquest over evil, God and the 'Lamb once slain' together constitute the light of the new city of God, so that neither sun nor moon is required. The reading ends with a positive little couplet, possibly an early Christian hymn adopted into the reading, about Christ as the light who by his resurrection bursts through the deepest darkness of all, the darkness of death. Even in the darkness of Lent, preoccupied with the coming Passion of the Lord, we look forward to his liberation and ours in the glory of the resurrection at Easter. **Is Jesus truly the light of the world for me?***

“ We look forward to his liberation and ours in the glory of the resurrection at Easter. ”

The Wednesday Word: Connecting Home, School and Parish through the Word of God

Happy Birthday this week to...

**Isabella, Diona, Mara, Arnas,
Shania, Heidi, Joel, Leo,
Zach & Charles**



Golden Awards

- Butterflies: Anne, for making a great effort with her handwriting.
Ladybirds: Phoebe, for fantastic dance moves in P.E.
Dragonflies: Mario, for working hard to use adjectives in his writing.
Grasshoppers: Kenzo, for trying hard to improve his reading.
Hedgehogs: Gracie, for always supporting others and being a fantastic role model.
Squirrels: Aiden, for working hard on his maths.
Badgers: Kayla, for a mature and sensible attitude to her learning.
Foxes: Salem, for writing an imaginative opening to his story.
Hares: Edie, for always having a fantastic effort.
Rabbits: Georgie, for a great costume and character on World Book Day.
Kingfishers: Elizabeth, for her fantastic writing this week - well done Elizabeth!
Robins: Alexander, for his excellent attitude to learning on World Book Day.
Eagles: Phoebe, for excellent contributions especially during our English lessons.
Owls: Zofia, for trying her hardest when solving word problems in maths.

House Points

**Congratulations to the winning
house this week, St George's**

Menu week 2

Diary Dates

Science Week

* External club, fees apply

Monday 16th March

Rabbits swimming

* Drama club

Girls football team

Boys football team

Year 1 booster

Year 3 booster

Year 6 booster

Tuesday 17th March

St Patick's house only - non uniform day

Parent science workshops

* Dance club

Year 6 booster

Wednesday 18th March

Choir trip to Voice in a Million

* Football club

* Karate - Years 2 & 3

Thursday 19th March

Cafod club

Year 2 booster

* Football club

* Karate - Years 4, 5 & 6

Friday 20th March

Celebration assembly 2:15

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Mrs A Kerrell

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs A Kerrell'.