# Saint Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

### **Newsletter**



Diocese of Northampton

St. Peter Catholic

**Academy Trust** 



Issue 7

Date: Monday 4th November 2019

In our Gospel this week we hear about Zacchaeus - an unloved man, who, although desperate to hear the words of Jesus, felt unworthy of receiving His grace. Zacchaeus was an outcast because of his behaviour and his attitude to those around him. He was greedy and selfish. The grace and forgiveness Jesus offered Zacchaeus changed him from the inside out.

In our worship today we are encouraging the children to think about something in their life they may want to change, something that might be holding them back and how they can let Jesus in and help them let go of this.

As we start a new week at St. Anthony's, let us be ever-reminded of the importance of being graceful and thanking God for all that we have.

#### This Week:

Year 6 had a very exciting start to the term this Monday and were treated to a performance of Romeo and Juliet by The Young Shakespeare Company. The children made a fantastic audience and were amazed by the talent of its young actors. At the end of last term some of our Year 5 and 6 girls attended and participated in a football tournament at Bishopsgate school. The girls showed a strong team spirit throughout the tournament – well done!







Our Year 4 children were treated to a Viking day at the end of last term. We had some very exciting visitors and lots of interesting things to do throughout the day. All the children and adults dressed up and took part in the activities. The children had a fantastic day and learnt even more about the Vikings.

#### The WORD of the Week:

Each week we would like to share a scripture with you to share and discuss with your children.

But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

2 Corinthians 8:7

Learning, Growing and Living With Jesus

# **Attendance GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS....** being in school at least 95% of the time or between 180 and 190 days 95% SAFETY ZONE DANGER ZONE

May we remind you that NO holiday will be authorised at any time during term time and 5 days of absence or more will incur a penalty notice (fine) from Slough Borough Council.

#### **School Trips**

School trips provide a valuable experience for our children and offer them a way to engage with a topic that they are learning in an active way. We can only run school trips if families pay for the trips; if we do not receive the money we will have no option but to cancel trips and activities.

Please support our school by paying for trips, so that we can continue to run them for the benefit of all.

If you are finding it difficult to pay, please speak to the school office.

#### **Jewellery**

Please remember that jewellery should not be worn at school. Stud earrings are allowed unless your child is participating in P.E. that day.

#### A Prayer for the week

Lord Jesus, As we begin a new term, help us to be gracious.

May every day be an opportunity to share your forgiveness and loving kindness with my family, friends, peers and colleagues.

May my heart and home be always ready to welcome you.

We make this prayer in your name, Amen.

#### **Christmas is coming!**

Please keep a close eye on the key dates each week as the children will soon start getting ready for their Christmas productions and we do not want you to miss them!

Don't forget to keep the 16th of December free from 3.30-5.30pm for our school Christmas Fayre. Any offers of help and support would be appreciated!



# Breakfast club

Breakfast club is open from 8.15am. Children are not to be left on the school site unattended. If children are on site before 8.45am they must attend Breakfast club or early morning groups.



### **Mass with Bishop Peter**

On Sunday 1st of December 2019 Bishop Peter will be saying Mass at St. Anthony's Church and a reception will follow at Saint Anthony's

We hope to see many of you there. Invitation attached.

#### **Local Events**

On Saturday 9th of November at the Cippenham, Britwell and Langley Libraries, there is a fun Lego play session. 10.30am for Cippenham and Langley, and 11.30am for Britwell.

#### **School Uniform**

Please make sure that all uniform worn and brought into school is clearly labelled with your child's full name. The lost property bunkers are getting full again. Thank you.

#### **Growth Mindset:**



#### Cake sale

We will be holding a cake sale and coffee morning on the 28th of November in order to raise money for book and resources for our school. Any donations would be greatly received either on the day or the day before, and we would love to see you there.

Calendar Dates for your diary:		
07/11	Reception handwriting workshops	9:15 am 2:45 pm
12/11	Year 1 reading workshop	9:15 am
12/11	Year 5 to Hampton Court	
14/11	Year 5 reading workshop	9:15 am
	Year 4 reading workshop	2:45 pm
	Year 6 reading workshop	5:30 pm
19/11	Year 2 writing workshop	9:15 am
28/11	Cake sale	8:15 am
29/11	Christmas Decoration Day	
03/12	Year 4 Christmas production	2:15 pm
04/12	Year 4 Christmas production	10: am
05/12	Year 3 writing workshop	9:00 am — 11:00 am

## Parish of St Anthony of Padua, Farnham Road, Slough SL2 3AE

Tel: 01753 267918; Email: st.anthonyofpadua.parish@hotmail.co.uk

Fr. Nicholas Nwanzi, Revv Frank Shephard and Paul Lipscomb

Parish Website: www.stanthonyofpaduaslough.co.uk

Safeguarding: Eva Antao-Bento/Sue Hayes: <a href="mailto:safeguardingstanthonys@yahoo.com">safeguardingstanthonys@yahoo.com</a>

Parish Secretary Lisa: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9am-1pm.



MASSES THIS WEEK: 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2019		
Saturday 5.30pm Confession; 6pm Mass	Irena Wylezol Int (B)	
Sunday 10.30am Mass	Roy DeSouza RIP	
Monday 9.15am Rosary & Mass	Patricia Finnigan RIP	
Tuesday 9.15am Rosary & Mass	NO SERVICE	
Friday 9.15am Rosary & Mass	Aaliyah Int Reuben Antao-Bento Int	
Saturday 5.30pm Confession; 6pm Mass	Flanagan Family RIP	
Sunday 10.30am Mass	Intentions of James & Susan Galvin (60 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)	

**FR NICHOLAS** will be celebrating his 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination Mass on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 11am. Bishop Peter will be leading this auspicious Mass with plenty of music, food and drink afterwards. Do put the date in your diaries. Please note, this Mass will be instead of our usual 10.30am Family Mass.

**HOLY SOULS** – November is the month where we remember our family and friends who have gone to rest. There will be envelopes available from the Narthex for you to write the names of those you wish to be remembered and they will be prayed for at all Masses during November.

**ST ANTHONY'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT** – Our annual Christmas concert, in conjunction with the Burnham Concert Band, will be held on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** here at St Anthony's Church. Put the date in your diaries! This year, there will be the addition of a Christmas Raffle with the top prize of £100 in cash. Concert and raffle tickets can be purchased after Mass at the weekends, or from the Parish office.

**THE DAUGHTERS OF ST PAUL** will be with us next weekend to sell their cards, books and gift items. Remember to bring extra monies with you to purchase some early Christmas gifts!

**MESSY PLAY** in St Anthony's Crypt every Tuesday during term time 10am – 11am. Suitable for pre-school aged children. The first session after half term will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. For more information, please call 07944067092.

**CCRS (CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES)** course will begin at St Anthony's school in January 2020. This is a real opportunity to strengthen knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith amongst interested members of our parish and school communities. For those interested, pick up a leaflet and registration form from the Narthex. Posters are also up on the noticeboards.

**ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP** continue to meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, starting with a cup of tea at 11am in the Crypt. The next prayer meeting will be on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Everyone is welcome and we always look forward to new faces!

**LAST WEEK's COLLECTION** – Loose £190.65, Envelopes £116.40, Standing Orders £330, **Total £637.05.** We will be taking a second collection today for the Bishop's Maintenance Fund. Thank you.

**YEAR OF THE WORD** - The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have designated 2020 as 'The God Who Speaks': A Year of the Word to celebrate the 10th anniversary of *Verbum Domini* - Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord', and the 1600th anniversary of death of St Jerome, who translated the Bible into Latin. Bishop Peter has asked each parish in the Diocese to commission all who take on the ministry of Proclaiming the Word at whatever Mass they attend on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Please could all minsters make a note in your diaries of this important date.



