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Dear Parent

## February is dedicated to the Holy Family

### **Ash Wednesday – Lent – School Mass (with distribution of ashes) 10:00am**

On Wednesday we begin the holy season of Lent. This is the time for us to begin to reflect on where we are in our lives and in our desire to live in God, who is Love.

As a Catholic community, it would be a good time for us to reflect on the way we message others – eg: Twitter, Instagram, Whats App etc - and the things we say about others and our reasons for doing so. More often than not, the message is actually far more telling about the writer than the person it is about/for whom it is intended. Let us, as adults, make ONLY positive comments for Lent! In school, we are encouraging the children to learn to love so that they can learn to be holy – please support them by your witness and with your encouragement. Happy Lent!

### **Y2F Class Assembly - Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February – 9:15am.**

Please join Miss Adam's class who will lead our school worship on Friday. Please do not be late for the start of the assembly as this disrupts the children – thank you. All welcome!

### **The God who Speaks to us...**

**Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.**

### **Condolences...**

Just before half term, Mrs Miller's sister, Mary Moxley died. Mrs Moxley was a former parent of our school. We send our prayers, love and condolences to Mrs Miller, her mother and family as well, of course, to Mr Moxley and their children who have lost a wife and mother. May God rest the soul of Mrs Moxley.

During half term, Mr Blaney's mother-in-law died. Again, we send our prayers, love and condolences to Mr Blaney, his wife and extended family at this time of their loss. May eternal rest be granted to her. Amen

### **INSET DAY- 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020**

Our fifth INSET day has now been booked for **1<sup>st</sup> June 2020**. Please note, this day the school will be closed to the children.

### **Mini Vinnies – Lent 2020**

*Our Mini-Vinnies are meeting this week to suggest ways we can raise money for our Lenten charities. These will be communicated to parents once they are finalised. Our Mini-Vinnies group will also lead a special assembly one Wednesday (date TBC) to communicate the importance of alms-giving to the children, to which parents will be invited.*

*For this week, we are organising a silver coin trail. Children are asked to bring in any silver coin (5p, 10p, 20p, 50p) which will be placed on the floor of the school hall (on Friday afternoon) in a special design, which can then be photographed and shared.*

*Please see the newsletter next week for more ideas.*

Seventh week of Ordinary Time



### **Stay & Pray – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

We will begin the first week of Lent with a 'stay & pray' on Wednesday which will allow you all to share with the children in a short period of quiet meditation. This will begin at 9.00am and all are welcome to join.

Every other Wednesday this year, we will prepare and support a group of children in leading a school assembly. A group of our Y6 have already prepared a focus for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, to which all are invited – 9.00am start.

### **"Harborne slippy Indie Night"**

Harborne Social Club this Friday night 28th Feb 8pm till midnight - All very welcome -Tickets still available and can be purchased at [www.harborneslippy.eventbrite.com](http://www.harborneslippy.eventbrite.com). Food and cheap drinks available. All funds raised will be divided equally between the local primary school's PTAs

Looking forward to seeing you there!

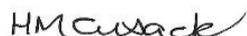
### **Congratulations**

To Lily-Marie (Y6) who was selected to performed in Swan Lake at the Hippodrome last Sunday. A most graceful performance. Well done!

### **Lenten Charities**

Our 'home' charity this year will be **Tabor House** which works with the homeless of our city and is the only place to offer shelter. It is believed that some of the homeless have actually turned their lives around after the support they have received. Wouldn't it be something to truly celebrate if, here at St Mary's, our efforts resulted in such a wonderful outcome.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher