



SCHOOL NEWS

ST NICHOLAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Only a week since the Wise men encountered a child and now we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord at thirty years of age. It's known that this was considered the age of maturity; an age when people would at least consider Jesus to be someone worth listening to. But we could wonder where has he been up until now? How has he been preparing himself, maybe by living the life more ordinary?

When he was living as a refugee child did Jesus learn what it was like to be turned away by people who would not 'suffer little children'? Did the experience of a loving son seeing his mother struggling to make ends meet, see her in the widow scorned for the paltry gift she offered to the Temple? Did he live the experiences of a man needing to provide for his family; taking the work he could find; working the docks, spending nights on the hills watching the sheep, standing in the market square waiting for the overseers to take on labourers for the harvest, seeing people exploit others as so much property, caring for friends crippled through exploitation and need.

If we want to imagine the ordinary life of Jesus maybe we get our best clues in how his public ministry is lived out. When we get involved in charity or acts of social justice then we are part of this ministry that Jesus commits himself to. We have a few opportunities for people to take part in before we commit to our Lenten focus in a few weeks' time.

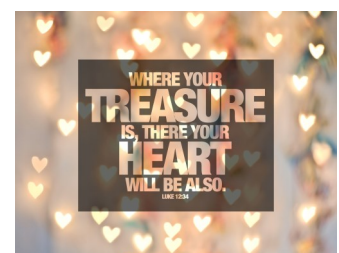
Foodbank - We will be visiting the Foodbank shortly. It may be that you have now cleared your cupboards of the Christmas shopping but if you do have any food items that have at least 4 weeks until expiry, or if you would like to make a donation of any extra toiletries then please do send them in next week.

Mission – Again, Christmas is a time for new clothes so if you have any spare coats, gloves, hats or scarves that are in good condition and looking for a new home, then please send them in and we will deliver them to charities working with the homeless.

Spectacles – Spring cleaning 'that' drawer can turn up spare 'specs' which can be sent out to refugee centres and mission hospitals. They can usually be donated back to the optician or can be sent into school and we will forward them on.



*Mairie Gelling,
School Chaplain*



Sports Page

CROSS COUNTRY CHESHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Tarla Higginbotham came 12th place overall in the U13 girls race in Cheshire, qualifying to run for Cheshire as a sub place in U.K. inner counties.

She did earn a silver medal with Vale Royal u13s Girls.

NETBALL RESULTS

Year 7 A—Beat Weaverham 5-2

Players were: Emily Aldridge, Katherine Keighran, Eleanor Ma, Rachel Middlebrook, Maddy Ford, Georgia Billinge & Bella Eden.

Year 7 B—Beat Weaverham 6-2

Players were: Anna Mullen, Rhiannon Bobson, Lily Knight, Emma McDermott, Emily Neale, Imogen Davis & Abigail Cotterill.



Day	Date		Fixture / Practice	Venue	Start Time	Pick up
Mon	21 st Jan	Boys & Girls	Sports Hall Athletics Finals	Winsford Academy	3.30pm	6.15pm
		Boys	Year 10 & 11 Boys Basketball v Tarporley	Away	3.30pm	5.30pm
Tues	22 nd Jan	Boys	Year 9 Boys Basketball v Tarporley	Home	3.30pm	5.00pm
		Girls	Rugby Practice	Home	3.15pm	4.15pm
Wed	23 rd Jan		Year 8 Parents Evening			
Thurs	24 th Jan	Boys	Year 7 & 8 Rugby Practice	Home	3.15pm	4.15pm
		Girls	Indoor Cricket Practice	Home	3.15pm	4.15pm
Fri	25 th Jan	All	Run Club	Home	3.15pm	4.15pm
		Girls	Football Practice	Home	3.15pm	4.15pm

Period: 17.12.18 - 21.12.18

Weekly attendance update

%	Bernadette	Camera	John-Paul	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent DePaul	Ward	Year Total
Year 7	99	94	100	99	100	99	98	98	98
Year 8	97	98	96	96	96	98	95		97
Year 9	97	96	99	99	92	96	97		96
Year 10	99	93	99	95	91	95	95	94	95
Year 11	97	98	97	96	97	98	99	93	97
Whole school	98	96	98	97	95	97	97	95	

*Data includes 96% of students in each form.

"Everyone Matters, so Attendance Matters."

The time has come to wish you all a fond farewell. This will be my last PTFA News as after over four years in the position of Chair of St Nicholas PTFA, I stepped down at our AGM on Monday evening.

I am leaving you in the very capable hands of Emily Dean (Vice Chair), Lisa Davies (Treasurer) and Liz Comboy (Secretary) who will provide excellent leadership and energy to the PTFA going forward. Your PTFA will continue to go from strength to strength and will always welcome new members and suggestions from our school family. Look out for more exciting news of plans for later in the year!

Thank you all for your support, help and friendly smiles over the years. I wish you all the very best for the future.

Kim Griffiths



Chair Vacancy

We do still have a vacancy for a new Chair. Emily, Lisa and Liz, our Trustees, would be happy to meet informally, over coffee or a glass of wine, with anyone who has any questions about the role (full details on the PTFA section of the website).

Wine Tasting Evening

Our annual Wine Tasting Event, hosted by Jon from Define Food and Wines, takes place on the evening of Friday 15th March in school. Tickets will be available to purchase via Parent Pay shortly. Watch out for more information in next week's newsletter.



Matched Funding

Are there any more wonderfully generous parents out there who work for companies that offer a Matched Funding scheme? If so, we would **LOVE** to hear from you. Not only is it a great way to get involved with school/PTFA on your own terms but you will also be making an enormous difference to our fund-raising capabilities.

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