



Statement of the week

"I co-operate with others in work and play."

THE YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS

The Youth and Family mass is next **Saturday February 28th at 6.00 pm.**

If your child would like to join the choir then the rehearsal will be before mass from **4.45 pm – 5.45 pm.**

We really hope you and your family can come to the mass and join us for a drink after in the church hall.

SVP Lent Appeal -can you help?

During Lent you will see a Giving tree in the Narthex at St Joseph's Church. This is an initiative led by the SVP and supported by Youth Mass, First Holy communion and the confirmation candidates.

There are two ways that we would like your help this Saturday

1. Take one of the colour coded cards containing pledges. Once you have done the pledge return it to the Giving Tree.

2. Contribute with an Easter plant (daffodils, small plants etc.) or a small rock or shell to the Easter garden in the Narthex.

We would like this garden to be a gift from the young people of the parish to our community; by bringing a rock, shell or plant hopefully they will feel we are all together in a journey this lent.

More info Ana Hodkinson and Alison Kusiska

School Holidays 2015/16

As a Leeds school we have always followed the agreed holiday timetable produced by the Authority each year and then decide our own teacher training days. This year (2014/15) we have found that our Easter holiday does not align with our feeder secondary school, St John Fisher's who follow North Yorkshire's agreed holiday timetable. We published our holiday list for 2014/15 as usual following

Leeds agreed holiday timetable and gave out the list to parents and posted them on our website. I do appreciate that this has and will cause problems for parents who have children in both schools. As a result of this issue the governors have met on several occasions to discuss the proposed holidays for 2015/16. We appreciate that to follow Leeds holidays for **Easter 2016** would cause serious problems for working parents and the governors wished to accommodate those that would be most adversely affected. We have listened to the concerns of parents and the commitment shown in ensuring that their children attend school. We also appreciate that quality family time is so important and that child care is a serious issue. We therefore agreed that we would align Easter holidays with that of John Fisher's for **2016**. School holidays are always an agenda item at Full Governing Body meetings when we review the proposed holidays for the following year.

I hope that our decision addresses the concerns that a number of parents have made and I apologise that the publication of the holiday list has been delayed but I am certain that you appreciate discussions have taken place to reach a satisfactory solution.

Reconciliation

As you are aware Canon Nunan will be having an operation in March and recuperating for a while after that. I am certain that you wish all the very best for Canon's successful operation and speedy recovery. As a result Canon asked that Reconciliation be put back until Saturday 25th April at St Joseph's Church 11.30. Canon then feels he will be ready to celebrate the Sacrament with the Year 3 children. This will be two weeks before the children's First Holy Communion on

Sunday May 10th. If you have any concerns with Reconciliation or First Holy Communion please get in touch with school.

'Teams' information evening

Friday 27th February, 7.45 for 8.00pm start in St Joseph's church hall.

Teams of Our lady are for married couples of all ages wishing to develop their spirituality individually, as a couple and as part of a mutually supportive small group. It's all about supporting family life.

This informal evening will include a talk on what Teams is about followed by shared supper and some ceilidh dancing. Come and find out more. Everyone is very welcome.

If you would like any further information please contact Alison & Stefan Kusinski (01937 582301) and/or visit the Teams website

www.teamsgb.org.uk

Easter Performance

Key Stage 2 children will be presenting an Easter Concert with songs and readings on Monday 30th March at 6 p.m. in St Joseph's Church.

New Entrance

At the start of the day there will still be the opportunity for you to drop items off in the computer suite including cheques and letters with Mrs Burrows. If you need to make an appointment or speak to Mrs Goodby please come into the main entrance area. After school if you wish to drop anything off or speak to one of the administration staff please come into the main entrance area.

Lent

The children will be rehearsing hymns for Easter and we will have a Stations of the Cross Assembly each Monday at 9 a.m. throughout Lent. The smartie tubes will go out Friday for your children to collect 20p coins. Many thanks for your support.

