



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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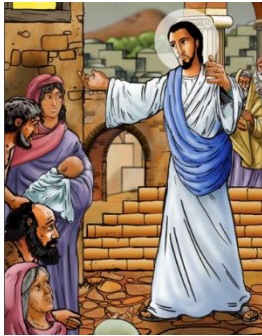
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3rd July 2020

Dear Parents,

Jesus exclaimed, "I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light."



Adapted from Matthew 11:25-30 The 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Wednesday Word is Companion

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus invites us to experience the true peace and rest that his companionship brings. He wants to walk alongside us to help lighten life's load. At all times (and particularly whenever we feel overburdened, worried or afraid) Jesus calls us and our children to share, through prayer, any troubles or upsets with him.



"When Jesus is your companion, you have joy, calmness and happiness." Pope Francis

Re-opening of Sacred Heart Church for private prayer and Sunday Mass

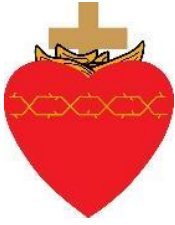
Father Stephen has more good news! Sacred Heart Catholic Church will reopen for the celebration of Mass on Sunday 5th July. Church will be operating with many restrictions. Please read through the instructions attached to the end of this letter with great care.

Collective Worship Online

Please continue to read the Wednesday Word as a family each week. We will also upload an assembly onto our school website each week that you can share together as a family to worship at home.

This week's prayer is written by Valery in Year 3

Dear Lord,
We all thank you for everything that you have done for us. Providing water and food for us.
We pray that you will continue helping everyone in need.
We all thank you for helping those who need shelter. We thank you for everything.
Amen.



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Life at Sacred Heart School

We understand how difficult it must still be for the children who are still at home due to the current situation. Parents will be informed immediately once we receive any guidance from the DfE about the arrangements for September. The safety and well-being of your children is our absolute priority.

Please take a look at some of the events that the children, who are in school, have experienced this week.

Good Shepherd Mass

The children were fortunate enough to be able to celebrate mass live from St Chad's Cathedral on Monday morning. It was a lovely way to show the power of prayer to the children with over 100 schools joining to worship together.



Year 1 investigating puddles



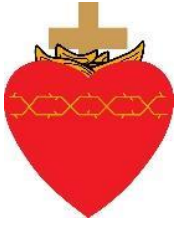
The children in the Year 1 pod were reminded of how God's love is all around us when they found their heart shaped puddle on the playground. They were very excited!

Treats for all

The children (and staff!) were very lucky as Miss Mistry's aunt, Jan Mistry, donated money to school to provide everyone with a well done and thank you. We all enjoyed the sweet treats! It was such a kind and generous gesture.

Thank you!





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The generosity continues!

Ernesto and Elisa have really missed being able to worship at church each Sunday with their family. They have celebrated their own mass at home and have continued to place their offerings each week in their CAFOD boxes. Their generosity shows how wonderfully Sacred Heart children live out our school virtues in their lives. Well done children; we are very proud of you.



Virtual tour of Sacred Heart

We are so lucky to have such beautiful outdoor space and learning areas at Sacred Heart that we felt that everyone should get to see them. Please take a look at the video on our school website.

Thank you to Olivia Harris at St. Josephs who helped with the production of the video.



<https://sacredheart.eschools.co.uk/website/home/1110/cHJldmld3x8MjAyMCOwNy0wMSAxMjoxODoyNw%3D%3D>

Collecting Home Learning Packs

If your child needs their work printing, please phone the school office to arrange a time to **collect the following day. Please do not turn up at school without contacting by phone or email first.**

Home Learning will be live on the school website each Friday so that parents can view it before learning starts at home on Monday mornings!

Vacant places for September 2020 FY, Year 1 and Year 2

We currently have some vacancies in our EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 classes for September if any families are looking for places for their children. As a faith based school, we welcome children of all faiths so please spread the word so children do not miss out. Contact the school office on 356 4721 to enquire or by email enquiry@sacredheart-sch.net





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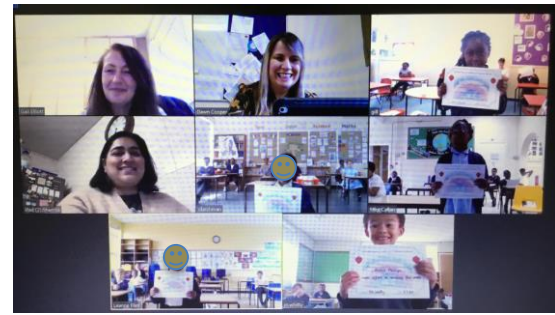
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Praise certificates: Congratulations to the following children in school who have been praised this week: Sha'khye Gayle, Rachel Imade, Kha'mya Gayle, Vanessa Adjei and Archie Phillips.

Gospel Virtues:

This week the following children have displayed their wonderful virtues: Naomi Ezekiel Okunade, C'Asia –Amae Christian, Kymani Evelyn, Aaron Adjei and Nicholas Prom.

This half term, the children in school will be growing to be **Learned** and **Wise**. They will be **learned**, finding God in all things; and **wise** in the ways they use their learning for the common good.



Pupil of the Week- Heyab Semere Year 1



Message from Mrs Flint and Mrs Badland

*Heyab has been chosen as star of the week due to her hard work at home. Your work has been wonderful, Heyab.
We are very proud of you. Well done!*

Stay safe. Everyone at Sacred Heart is continuing to keep you all in our prayers.

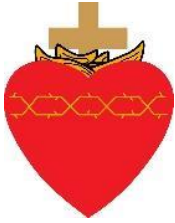
Yours sincerely

Mr G M O'Hara
Executive Principal

Mrs G Elliott
Acting Head of School

Mrs D Cooper
Acting Vice Principal





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Sunday 5th July

Mass at Sacred Heart Church at 10 am.

Praise the Lord!

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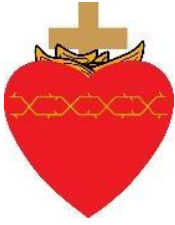
1. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation is still dispensed. Those with underlying conditions are advised not to attend.
2. It is still not possible to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation, but you may make your Communion despite the fact that you have not been to reconciliation as long as you make a perfect act of contrition and resolve to go to confession as soon as you are able to.
3. The number of people allowed in church is restricted to comply with 1 metre distancing (about 80). We shall probably get all those who come into church, but if we were to get more than the maximum number, then you may be turned away. Please be sensitive about this and do not take offense.
4. **Please be in church 10 minutes before the start (9.50 am). The doors will then be shut** and no one else will be allowed in. This will enable instructions to be given before the start of the Mass.
5. **Everyone is required to have a face covering.** You need to bring your own. You will not be allowed in without wearing it!
6. You must sanitise your hands on entrance and on exit from the church.
7. You will be shown to your seat by a steward. Please obey their instructions.
8. Bring the minimum with you. If the weather is bad remember you may be standing outside for a while if too many people all arrive at once.
9. Books and leaflets will not be available in church. You may like to bring your own or find the Mass on your phone.
10. **The toilets will be closed.** If your condition means that you would have difficulty you should not attend.
11. An offertory basket will be at the door where you leave. If you wish to make your offertory donation by cheque, please make it out to "Sacred Heart Church, Aston"

Although this Mass will 'feel' a bit unusual, it will be the Mass and a real encounter with the Lord. I look forward to seeing many of you. Come with love, devotion and tolerance in your hearts!

God bless you all

Fr. Stephen Pimlott





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