



*"Our Mother Mary always wants to walk with us, be close, help us with her intercession and love. So I would like to pray together with you. Let us pray together for this new mission, for the whole church, for peace in the world, and let us ask Mary, our Mother, for this special grace."
(Pope Leo XIV)*



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

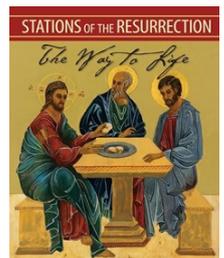
THE GOOD SHEPHERD



My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are one." There is no stronger passage in the Old or New Testament than this text from St John, for the absolute, eternal security of every true believer. Jesus is telling us that those who are His, are His for all eternity. He is holding them in His hand and is caring for those that the Father has given Him. We hear six separate statements made concerning "My sheep": We are His sheep because He purchased us with His own blood. "The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep" -The message is simple, we as sheep will be saved if we: Listen to his voice; recognise that He knows us; are willing to follow Him; realise that He gives us eternal life; know that we shall never perish, and that if we remain faithful to Him, no one will ever snatch us out of His hand.

HEADS UP

This week we interviewed two students from St Bartholomew. In English, they did a balanced argument on whether Lady Macbeth was evil or not. For Maths, they were doing basic rounding. In RE, they were learning about the Stations of the Resurrection. They were also doing tests. During their music lesson, they were learning a new song.



The Year 6s had a busy week this week with their SATs.

Popular playground game: IT

MARY IN MAY

To celebrate Our Lady's special month we will be processing to church next Wednesday, 21st May for a Celebration of the Word led by our First Holy Communion children. We would like all children to carry a stem or two of flowers which will be presented to Mary on the Altar. Afterwards these will be distributed to the parish Welcome Wednesday group of mostly elderly people. Parents are welcome to join us although space will be limited in church as the whole school is attending.



If you are able to provide a small bunch of flowers please send it with your child on Wednesday morning. Many thanks

100% Attendance for St Peter's Class for week ending 9th May 2025

98% Whole School Attendance for week ending 9th May 2025

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

We are supporting 35 households with food, thanks to your donations. The number benefitting is increasing every month, so we appeal to your generosity for more donations. This week we are short of wheatabix/cornflakes, pot noodles, sugar, baked beans, oil (small/medium size), pasta sauce, tinned fruit, biscuits and shampoo. Financial donations can be made to CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Include as a reference, 'Your Surname, Foodbank'. Many thanks.



SEEKER OF THE MONTH

Gregory Tyler is from Winchester but is currently half way through his Novice year with the Augustinian Friars in Galway, a time when Candidates spend time in Discernment, testing their sense of vocation. Brother Gregory has many duties within his parish as well as spending time studying and praying. He's also been helping a group of children prepare for their First Holy Communion and has particularly enjoyed this part of his work. He asks that we pray for him and his brother Novices during this testing time in God's service.



MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

OFFICE HOURS—Mon—Thurs 8.00—3.30pm, Fri 8.00—8.15 and 8.35—3.30pm

Diocesan Building Fund

There is now an item in the ParentMail shop for any Parents to contribute towards the Diocesan Building Fund (now known as the Legacy Fund).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

Sat 17th First Holy Communion
Wed 21st May Procession
Thurs 22nd Rise Theatre Production—God's Planet
Fri 23rd Sports Day
Mon 26th—30th HALF TERM

JUNE

Mon 2nd YrR Hearing Screening
Mon 2nd First Aid Workshops for all year groups
Tues 3rd Class Photos
Thurs 5th First Holy Communion Corpus Christi Procession at Douai Abbey
Mon 9th International Day
Mon 11th Listen Up music performance
Mon 11th 6pm New Parents Welcome Meeting
Thurs 12th Bikeability make up session
Tues 17th New Children Parent/Child Interviews
Wed 18th New Children Parent/Child Interviews
Mon 23rd Interhouse Tournament TBC
Tues 24th Yr6 Leavers Mass at Douai Abbey
Fri 27th Mass for the Feast of St Peter & St Paul
Fri 27th School Disco (details to follow)

JULY

Tues 1st Yr6 Leavers Trip TBC
Tues 2nd New Children Stay and Play
Mon 7th Denefield/Little Heath and Theale Yr7 Transition Day
Tues 8th BHF Public Speaking
Wed 9th UKS2 Production to Parents 2pm and 6.30pm
Fri 11th French Day
Sat 12th Family Fun
Thurs 17th Yr6 Leavers Party
Fri 18th Yr6 Leavers Mass
Tues 22nd **End of Term 1pm**

SPORTS DAY 23rd MAY

Sports Day will take place on **Friday 23rd May**.

Junior events will take place in the morning, from 9.15am to 10.15am.

Infant & Early Years events will be 10.45am to 11.45am with junior long distance and relays at 11.45 to 12.15pm. **At 12.15pm** parents are invited to bring a picnic lunch to share with their children on the field – don't forget folding chairs and blankets. Children whose parents are unable to join us for lunch will sit on the field with their lunchtime supervisor.

Presentations will take place at 1.15pm to 1.30pm,

children will then return to their classrooms to change, have afternoon registration and parents will then be able to take their children home.

All parents, siblings, and grandparents are warmly invited to attend the entire Sports Day event.

If your child will be going home with someone other than their parent or guardian, please ensure you inform the school office in advance.

Our Tea/Coffee stall is a popular favourite during Sports Day, currently we are in need of volunteers to help man it this year. If you are able to volunteer to spend some time helping, please let the office know.

