

# Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic School



School Newsletter – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## Sunday's Gospel

Taken from the Gospel for 6th November 2022 (Luke 20:27-38): The Sadducees' Riddle

Some Sadducees - those who say that there is no resurrection - approached Jesus and they put this question to him, "Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?" Jesus replied, "The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive."

## Sunday's Gospel Reflection by Fr Henry Wansbrough

Since they did not believe in the resurrection or any sort of life after death, the Sadducees are trying to make fun of Jesus. By the Levirate Law of Judaism, if I marry and die without begetting a son, my nearest male relative is bound to marry my widow and raise up a son in my name to carry on my line. The Sadducees' neat mockery is to ask what happens if this is repeated seven times (and worse than that, for the perfect number 'seven' means 'ad infinitum'). Jesus, again with typical neatness, turns their argument back upon them by returning to that key text of scripture when God replies to Moses at the Burning Bush. Not only is this reply in the present tense, 'I am (still) the God of patriarchs long dead', but it is the fundamental text which guarantees God's rescue and protection of, and his presence with, his people through thick and thin. This is one more instance of Jesus' deep knowledge and mastery of scripture, of the way that he can transcend the flippancy and superficial arguments of his opponents and make plain the deep and true sense of these holy texts. To God no one is 'dead and gone'; we all remain safe in his hands. What does it mean to you to be a 'child' of the resurrection?

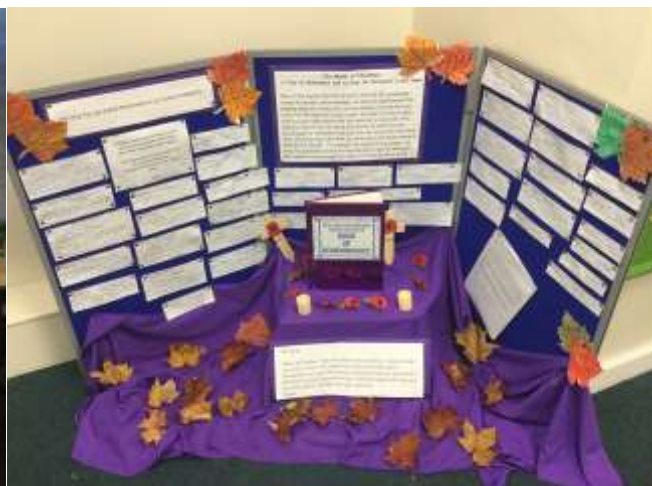
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## All Souls Liturgy

On Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, we gathered in Church for our All Souls' Day liturgy. In order to help us deal with our pain associated with the death of a loved one, the Catholic Church has set aside the month of November where we are encouraged to remember and to pray for our loved ones who have died. We pray especially that our loved ones will spend eternity with God in heaven. Throughout this month, we pray for ourselves as well, as we ask God to give us strength and comfort as we mourn the death of those we have loved. Here in school, we create a prayer intention board where names of deceased loved ones are recorded and prayers are offered. Prayer slips are available from the school office.



*Merciful Father, hear our prayer and console us. As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.*

## Advent and Nativity of the Lord Liturgies

We have a number of liturgies planned for this half-term. Parents are most welcome to attend:

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2:45pm

Advent liturgy led by Year 6

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2:45pm

Advent liturgy led by Year 5

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 9:45am

Nativity of the Lord liturgy led by Year 3

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2:00pm

Nativity of the Lord liturgy led by Year 4

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 9:45am

Nativity of the Lord liturgy led by Nursery

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2:00pm

Nativity of the Lord liturgy led by Reception

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 9:45am

Nativity of the Lord liturgy led by Year 2

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2:00pm

Nativity of the Lord liturgy led by Year 1

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## Mass Times at OLW Church

Saturday evening Vigil Mass for Sunday  
5.30pm Evening Mass  
Sunday Mass  
10:00am with Children's Liturgy

## Parental Feedback

Here at Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic School we truly value parental feedback. Whilst we try our very best, like any school, we are not perfect and there are things we could do even better. Our traditional practice has been to issue parent questionnaires during the autumn term of each school year. Due to the disruption caused by COVID-19, this has not happened for the last two years. We are keen now to resume this practice. Rather than bombard you with lots of questionnaires in one go, we will try to spread these out over the next few weeks. This week's questionnaire is linked to general aspects of school life and mirrors Ofsted's parental surveys. Please click on the link below to complete this survey - the deadline is Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 9:00am.

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We will collate survey responses and we will feedback responses via the weekly newsletter. While this is an opportunity to share your thoughts, please never feel you have to wait for a survey to share feedback. Thank you.

## Remembrance Day



Next week, at the end of the school day, our Year 6 Mini Vinnies will be selling poppies at the playground gate. The story of the poppy began in the spring of 1915. Shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae was inspired by the sight of poppies growing in battle-scarred fields to write a now famous poem called 'In Flanders Fields'. After the First World War, the poppy was adopted as a symbol of Remembrance. Today the poppy is not only a symbol of Remembrance but also a sign of hope.

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, at 11:00am, children will gather to remember. We will share the following prayer with the children:

*We remember those who stood  
for love and truth,  
And thank you for the sacrifice they made  
for me and you.  
Thank you that we can now enjoy peace  
and learn to love not fight,  
Thank you that we can now sing and play,  
and not be scared or hide.  
We pray for other countries  
where children live in fear,  
And there is war and fighting  
and many are in tears.  
Please help to make things better,  
and bring some peace to them.  
Protect all those who try  
and help to make friends again.  
Amen.*

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## Attendance

It is essential that children regularly attend school, poor attendance has a serious and long lasting impact on your child. To promote and encourage good attendance we publish weekly attendance figures.

Reception	Red Group 91.6%	Blue Group 91.9%
Year 1	Class 1C 95.2%	Class 1Y 96.6%
Year 2	Class 2F 95.2%	Class 2CS 99.0%
Year 3	Class 3M 98.1%	Class 3TS 96.1%
Year 4	Class 4C 98.6%	Class 4L 98.7%
Year 5	Class 5E 95.2%	Class 5V 95.9%
Year 6	Class 6O 91.3%	Class 6P 93.7%

Overall attendance for this week is 96.2%. Well done this week to Class 2CS with an attendance figure of 99.0%



## Brain Teaser

**Last week's brainteaser:**

Who makes moves while sitting down?

**Answer:** A chess player!

**This week's brainteaser:**

A man stands on one side of a river, his dog on the other. The man calls his dog, who immediately crosses the river without getting wet and without using a bridge or a boat. How did the dog do it?

## Pupil Progress – Review Cycle Two

Our first pupil review cycle is now complete. Below are key dates for review cycle 2. SchoolCloud bookings will open next week for pupil review meetings.

**Pupil Report Cards Two:** Updated on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

**Pupil Review Meetings Cycle Two:**

Nursery	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
Reception	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 1	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 2	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 3	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 4	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 5	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 6	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December

**Classroom Visits:** Autumn Term drop in classroom visits have been arranged for Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November between 3:45pm and 4:45pm. No appointments are required.

## Medication

Does your child take **prescribed** medication outside of the school day? If so, and you haven't notified school, can we please ask that you contact our Family Support Manager (Mrs Sue Lloyd) as soon as possible. It is important that we are aware of children who take prescribed medication outside of the school day in case of a medical emergency. Thank you.

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## First Holy Communion Programme Reminders

**Family Session** - Our first family session takes place on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November** for Year 3 parents. The session starts at 5:00pm, there is a crèche available for siblings (please note, siblings must be of school age).

**Enrolement Mass** - Our Enrolement Mass takes place on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 5:30pm**. During this Mass children formally enrol onto this year's First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Programme

## Football News

Congratulations to our boys and girls football teams who were in action earlier this week. Our girls football team won both of their matches with a draw and a loss for the boys team.



## Governor News

In many ways, our school governors are the unsung heroes of our education system. Much of their hard work goes unnoticed. Here at Our Lady of the Wayside, we are blessed to have such a hard work and dedicated group of governors.

Our current Chair of Governors, Mr Paul Bentley, has been an Our Lady of the Wayside governor since 2006. In our next governor's meeting, Paul will officially step down as Our Lady of the Wayside Chair of Governors and as a school governor. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul for his hard work, his dedication and his tremendous support shown to Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic School since 2006.

Across Our Lady and All Saints Catholic MAC family of schools, there are a number of schools with vacancies on their governing body. Please contact the school office if you are interested in becoming a school governor.

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## Dairy Dates for Next Week

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>: Year 4 visit to Botanical Gardens

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> : Mass Lower Phase (10am)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>: School Association Pre-Loved Uniform Sale from 3:15pm

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>: First Holy Communion Family Session 1 - 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>: Year 5 Young Voices t-shirt ordering deadline

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> First Holy Communion Induction Mass, 5:00pm