

# The Becket School's

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### Welcome to The Becket School's Good News!

A place to celebrate all the different ways we have been putting our faith into action as a school community to serve God, our neighbours, and our common home.

### OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LENT...

This week marks the final full week of Lent before we enter Holy Week on Palm Sunday. This year, Palm Sunday is celebrated on Sunday 2nd April. From page 13 of the newsletter, you will find Holy Week Mass times for some of the parishes in our Diocese.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

We started our Lenten journey together on Ash Wednesday, when we were led beautifully in a Liturgical Prayer by some of our year 10, year 11 and sixth form students. We were reminded of the three pillars of Lent:

### FASTING

In Lent, we give up indulging in materialistic or worldly things, such as: social media, fast fashion, foods, swearing, gossiping, playing video games - the list goes on! This helps us to spend more time deepening our relationship with God and the people around us.

### PRAYER

We make an effort to spend more time in prayer with God to become closer to Him and to have a better understanding of what God is calling us to do as his disciples.

### ALMSGIVING

We become more Christ-like through giving to others in need, we can give of our time through acts of kindness, our prayer intentions and we can give of our money, clothes, and food items.

There have been many ways in which our community has been living out the three pillars of Lent during this half term, keep reading on to find out more!



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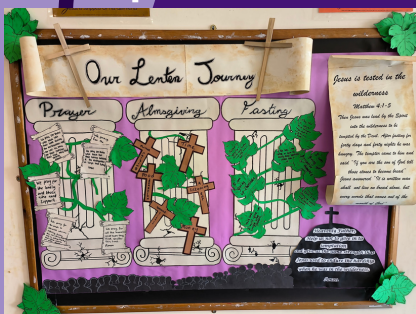
## ASH WEDNESDAY

In our Ash Wednesday Services, we had a special moment when everyone in the room used their hands to pray over the people on either side of them. We prayed for one another's Lenten journey, that this season would be a fruitful and spiritual one. It was also incredibly inspiring and powerful to see our students distribute the ashes to one another and say the words "Repent and believe in the Gospel." The ashes marked the start of our Lenten journeys; we recognise that we have made mistakes and we make an outward sign and commitment to repenting and sharing the Gospel. Thank you to our Ash Wednesday Liturgy team for being great role models and for sharing your faith with the school community!

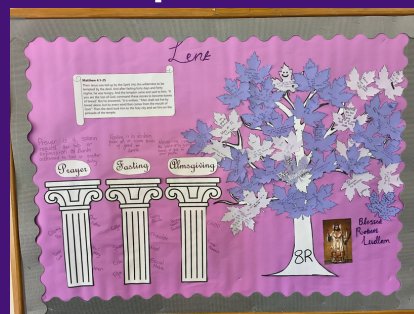
## YEAR 8 LENT HOUSE BOARDS

This half term, year 8 tutor groups were set the challenge of decorating our Chapel house boards to help 'Lent-ify' our sacred space. Year 8 did an amazing job of working well together as a team and sharing their faith and creativity with the rest of the school! Well done to everyone who got involved, the long awaited results of the Lent House Board Competition are below...

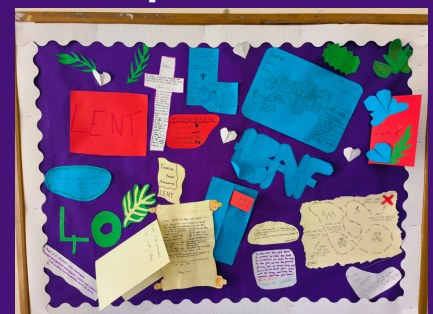
### 1st place - 8B



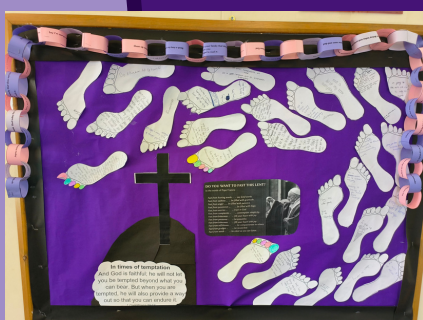
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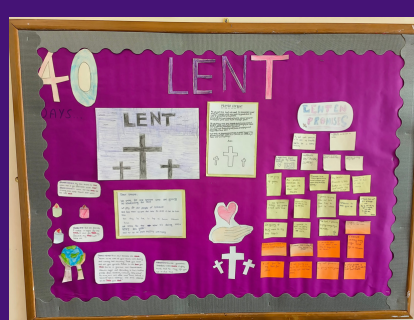
### 3rd place - 8P



### 4th place - 8T and 8E



### 5th place - 8N





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**"Whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!" - Matthew 25:40**

This Lent has seen an incredible amount of almsgiving and charitable awareness in our community. We would like to give a massive thank you to the Justice and Peace Team who have been raising awareness, driving lots of fundraising events and have helped the school to raise over £1000 for CAFOD since October 2022!

## EMERGENCY AID FOR TURKEY AND SYRIA

Before February half term, the Justice and Peace team organised a cake sale as an urgent response to support CAFOD's Emergency Aid Appeal for Turkey and Syria, who are suffering due to the devastating effects of earthquakes. We were overwhelmed by the support and cake donations from students and staff, which helped us to raise £370 during just one lunchtime! Thank you to everyone involved!

## CAFOD'S LENT FAMILY FAST DAY

Another one of our fundraisers included supporting CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day at the beginning of March. In preparation for this day, we encouraged staff and students to bring in £1 to purchase a simple soup and a bread roll at lunchtime. The motto for the day was to 'live simply, so that others may simply live'. We know that one in ten people are hungry and often the hungry people are the ones who are growing the food. Thank you to everyone who helped serve and purchase soup and a bread roll!



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## 'GIVE A GIFT' LENT AND EASTER APPEAL

Our 'Almsgiving' week also saw the Justice and Peace Team launch our Lenten and Easter fundraising 'Give a Gift' appeal, which will continue to run throughout the Easter term. Each form group has been given the mission to raise money to buy one or a selection of CAFOD's World Gifts. World Gifts are a range of virtual charity gifts that will delight and help transform the lives of families experiencing poverty. For example, our students may choose to raise funds to give the gift of a 'Super Soup Kitchen' or a 'Forest School' or a 'Women's Support Centre'! If a form gives a gift of £50 or more, the form will be rewarded with a film and treats in the final days before May half term! Each form has nominated 'team leaders' who will receive an additional gift of thanks for encouraging the involvement of their form and leading form discussion and the organisation of fundraisers. If you are inspired by our students and want to get involved by giving a gift too, then visit CAFOD's World Gifts website and give a gift today! They are perfect gifts for friends and relatives at Easter or any time of the year!

<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

We have already seen an incredible start to our 'Give a gift' form fundraisers and we are so excited to see the creative ways in which you will continue to help some of the most vulnerable in our world!



7R, 9N and 12N have been selling sweet treats and cakes for CAFOD!

12P are cleaning staff cars for children's school starter packs!

8B organised their own cake and treat sale and raised an incredible £145 over one lunchtime!

Mr Goligher and some of our year 9 students have launched a Becket's Chess Competition!

9B have organised a penalty shoot out for the final day of the Lent term!

**Keep up the amazing work everyone!**





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### SIXTH FORM PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

In July 2023, the youth contingent of the Nottingham Diocese will finally be returning to Lourdes! A group of Becket Sixth Form students have put themselves forward for the pilgrimage and they will be embarking on this adventure from midnight on Saturday 15th July - Thursday 20th July. The Nottingham Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes sees hundreds of people from across the diocese journey on pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady in Lourdes in France, where Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette 18 times! Now, over 7 million people visit Lourdes each year, many of whom pilgrimage to receive physical or mental healing.

During our Diocesan pilgrimage, our Sixth Form helpers will be putting their faith into action through helping serve the sick and less able members of our diocese, as well as meeting new people, building friendships and experiencing the healing and peace that is found in Lourdes.

Our Becket Lourdes group have started their preparations and fundraising for the pilgrimage, however, they still have a way to go before reaching their fundraising totals! If you can spare any donations to the Lourdes group, they would be incredibly grateful. Donations can be made via the Plus Pay Account called...

### 'Lourdes 2023 – DONATIONS'.

**If you have any opportunities for our Lourdes group to fundraise, they would really appreciate your ideas and generosity!**

Furthermore, if you know of anyone who would be interested in attending the pilgrimage as a pilgrim (family, friends, parishioners etc.!) please click the following link to find out more or book a place on the pilgrimage!

**<https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes2023>**





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## FLAME "RISE UP!"

Early on a Saturday morning in March, our school Chaplains, Ruth and Joe, and a group of Becket students jumped on a coach and began their journey to Wembley Arena with Bishop Patrick, Fr Simon and a group of students and staff from across The Our Lady of Lourdes Trust! We had the most incredible day at CYMFed's Flame event, where we were amongst over 8,000 other young people in Wembley arena. We received faith-filled inspiration from guest speakers, music, drama and an atmosphere full of joy! We particularly enjoyed Guvna B's performance (MOBO award winner rapper and poet), especially when he took us to his home country Ghana through music. We also found it incredibly powerful to participate in Adoration with thousands of other people in the same room. We left Wembley feeling incredibly blessed, inspired, proud of our young people and ready to 'Rise Up'! We're looking forward to doing it all over again for Flame 2025! Thank you to the Catenians for kindly giving us a donation for this event and for helping us to support more young people to attend Flame!





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### YEAR 10 RETREAT TO THE BRIARS

In the fourth week of Lent, a lovely group of year 10s retreated to The Briars for a well-deserved spiritual holiday! We were so proud of the young people who attended the Briars Retreat; they fully embraced the opportunities and activities on offer and impressed the Briars Team with their enthusiasm and talent. A few highlights from the retreat included: the small groups going head to head in a game of 'The Chase'; a wet but wonderful walk in the Derbyshire countryside; a beautiful celebration of Mass with Fr Paul; the Briars 'Quiz-co' (Quiz-Disco) and an inspiring night prayer (with complimentary glow sticks) led by past Becket student, Beth, who is on the Briars Team. Thank you parents and carers for your support and thank you to our young people for a great retreat!



### LENT RECONCILIATION MORNING

We recently welcomed Fr Liam and Fr Wilfred into school to offer our students and staff the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We were thrilled that the voluntary sign up sheet was filled with students' names and that we have a waiting list ready to go for the next time our clergy are able to offer the Sacrament in school! Our Reconciliation morning was a great opportunity for our students to have a fresh start (many left with a smile on their face and spring in their step!). It was also an opportunity for our young people to reflect on how they can make more positive choices in the future and have a catch up with some of our local clergy. Thank you to Fr Liam and Fr Wilfred for your time and we look forward to having you back soon!





## YEAR 12 RETREAT TO THE BRIARS

For the first time ever, year 12 left the school site for their retreat day and headed on a coach to The Briars in the beautiful Derbyshire Dales! Their retreat day was an opportunity to get away from the busyness of school and city life and put aside some time for reflection, prayer, fun and friendship in the wonderful countryside setting. Some of their highlights included a walk in the countryside; playing football wearing fuzzy vision goggles; trying to catch wotsits on a shower cap full of shaving foam and relaxing with friends and The Briars Team at lunchtime.

Please go to the back pages of the newsletter to find out some further ways and opportunities you can get involved and support the wonderful work of The Briars! This includes the opportunity for you, and loved ones, to retreat to the Briars grounds and stay in a self-catered luxury cabin!

<https://saintsmeadow.com/>





## WE WILL MISS YOU MRS BARLOW!

Despite being called The Becket School's Good News, we are sad to share the news that Mrs Barlow will be leaving the school community when we break up for Easter. Mrs Barlow has served The Becket community for 13 years and has made an incredible impact on the whole school and touched many hearts through her work in the English Department, the Sixth Form Team and of course through being the founder of our Hub charity 'Building Hope in Bunkpurugu'!

- Mrs Barlow, what does your next adventure involve and where will it take you? "To Redhill School to work as the Head of Sixth Form"
- What has been one of your favourite memories of your time at The Becket? "The fundraising, the ski trips, the debate competitions, Mrs Cosgrove's amazing baking for the English department!"
- What will you miss most about The Becket? "The staff - they are the kindest, friendliest, most dedicated people I have ever had the pleasure of working with."
- How can we continue to support the community in Bunkpurugu? "Remember them in your fundraising efforts - £1 may not seem much to us but means a great deal to them!"

We wish Mrs Barlow all the best in her next adventure and send lots of love, prayers and thanks her way!



## YEAR 11 RETREAT TO THE BRIARS

In January, we took an incredible group of year 11s on retreat to The Briars! We were so proud of the way our students got involved with all of the activities, shared their gifts and talents with one another and supported one another throughout. The retreat offered our students a well deserved break from the stress and busyness that comes with completing GCSEs and they were able to dedicate time to looking after their own spiritual and mental well-being, whilst having fun with their friends. There are bright futures ahead for this lot and we hope to see lots of them back at The Briars and hopefully working at the Briars in years to come! Thank you parents and carers for your support and thank you to our young people for a great retreat! ...



## YEAR 11 RETREAT TO THE BRIARS



## YEAR 10 RETREAT DAY

It was year 10s turn to have their retreat day in January and what an empowering day together we had! The theme of the day was Loving our Neighbour and Global Justice. The day included The Creation Game where students explored The Creation Story in the Book of Genesis and completed various team building challenges. We then had a visit from Will Cruddace (CAFOD's Nottingham Community Participation Coordinator) who led us through the Climate Action Game where form groups experienced some of the injustices that workers and families in areas of the world experience today. We listened to guest speakers in our question and answer panel and we finished the day by making pledges and campaigns for a better world. It was inspiring to listen to some of our students share their pledges and passions in our final Liturgical Prayer gathering together. We hope and pray that our students continue to use their voice to build a fairer and more just world.





## INTERFAITH PANEL WITH YEAR 9

During the first week of February, when the UN annually celebrates Interfaith Harmony Week, The Becket Chaplaincy hosted its second Interfaith Question and Answer panel with Year 9.

On the panel we had guest speakers from the Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, Hindu and Bahá'í faith communities. Our students described the event as "inspiring, interesting and powerful" to have so many different faiths represented on the panel and sharing their personal beliefs, traditions, upbringings and spirituality.

Year 9 listened and engaged brilliantly and had some great questions for the panel too! Thank you so much to all of our guest speakers and we hope to welcome you back soon!





**"KEEP WATCH AND PRAY"****MATTHEW 26:41**

We ended our Lent term with an incredibly powerful Liturgical prayer in the 'garden of Gethsemane' in the chapel sacred space. Some of our year 11s led worship throughout the morning to the whole school, helping us to prepare for the journey we are about to take through Holy Week. We had a wonderful worship band leading us through song and a team of incredibly confident and inspiring students leading our worship. We took inspiration from Jesus in the scripture to "keep watch and pray" and we participated in Adoration; where we spent time with Jesus in the presence of the Eucharist. After praying in the garden, Jesus told his disciples to "get up and go". Our mission is to go forward into the holidays as active disciples and share the Good News of the resurrection with others. Thank you so much to our Y11 Liturgy team for a beautiful final morning!

**"RISEN" A POST EASTER BREAK PRODUCTION!**

"Risen" is the third and final piece students have created in the trilogy of plays exploring their faith and the scriptures, with the previous two productions being "Refuge" and "Fallen". Risen picks up after the Crucifixion, journeys through to the Resurrection and culminates in the Ascension. Risen will be performed on Tuesday 25th April, Wednesday 26th April and Thursday 27th April in A8 from 5pm - 6pm. Tickets are free and can be collected from the Drama Department; the audience will be able to make donations towards The Becket's 'Give a Gift' Appeal for CAFOD on the night. Our students have been working incredibly hard and we are so excited to see the end result after the Easter break!



**We wish you and your families a very happy and holy Easter break when it comes!**



## HOLY WEEK/ EASTER MASS TIMES

Please find below some local Church Services that are taking place over Holy week - please do share Mass times with your friends and family! The Parishes are looking forward to seeing you this Easter season!

### **Parish of the Annunciation, Rushcliffe**

Saturday 1st April

- Vigil of Palm Sunday:
  - St Anne's Radcliffe 4:30 pm Mass
  - Holy Spirit Church 6:30 pm Mass

Palm Sunday 2nd April

- St Anne's, Radcliffe 9:30 am Mass
- St Margaret Clitherow, Keyworth 9:30 am Mass
- Holy Spirit West Bridgford 11:00 am Mass
- Our Lady of Grace, Cotgrave 11:00 am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross



### **Further Mass times to follow for Holy week:**

**<https://www.holyspiritwb.org/about/parish-newsletter/>**

### **Corpus Christi Church, Clifton**

Saturday 1st April

- Vigil of Palm Sunday Mass 6:00 pm

Palm Sunday 2nd April

- Palm Sunday Mass 10:30 am

### **Further Mass times for Holy Week will be shared soon:**

**<https://www.corpuschristiclifton.org.uk/latest-newsletter/>**

### **Our Lady and St Patrick's, The Meadows**

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 2nd April

- Palm Sunday Mass 9:00 am

### **Further Mass times for Holy Week will be shared soon:**

**<https://olsponottingham.com/newsletters>**



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### The Catholic Community of East Nottingham

#### Saturday 1st April

- Vigil of Palm Sunday 6:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart

#### Palm Sunday 2nd April

- 8.45 am Mass at St Christophers
- 9.30 am Mass at Our Lady and St Edwards
- 10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart
- 11.00 am Mass at St Augustines
- 11.30 am Mass at Our Lady and St Edwards
- 1.00 pm Italian Mass at Sacred Heart



#### Monday 3rd April

Women at the Cross 7pm at St Augustine's

#### Holy Thursday 6th April

- 8pm Sacred Heart

#### Good Friday 7th April

- All churches 3pm



#### Easter Vigil 8th April

- St Augustine's 8pm

#### Easter Sunday 9th April:

- St Christopher's 8.45am
- Our Lady & St Edward's 9.30am
- Sacred Heart 10 am
- St Augustine's 11 am
- Our Lady & St Edwards 11.30





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### St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham City Centre

Saturday 1st April

- Confessions 5.30pm - 6.15pm
- Vigil of Palm Sunday - 6.30pm

Palm Sunday 2nd April

- Masses: 8am, 10am, 11.15am, 6pm
- Stations of the Cross - 4pm

Wednesday of Holy Week 5th April

- The Chrism Mass - 11.30am
- Confessions 6pm - 6.30pm

Maundy Thursday 6th April

- Confessions 10.30am - 12 noon
- Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7pm
- Watch before the Altar of Repose until 11pm

Good Friday 7th April

- Tenebrae 9.30am
- Confessions 10.30am - 12 noon
- Children's Stations of the Cross - 10.30am
- Celebration of the Passion of the Lord - 3pm
- Confessions 6pm - 6.45pm
- Stations of the Cross 7pm

Holy Saturday 8th April

- Tenebrae 9.30am
- Confessions 10.30am - 12 noon
- The Easter Vigil 8pm

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord 9th April

- Masses of Easter Day 8am; 10am; 11.15am; 6pm





# Search FOR THE Light

6TH-9TH APRIL 2023

JOIN US AT THE BRIARS  
FOR AN ADVENTURE  
THROUGH HOLY WEEK!

Open to young people in years 10-13

The people living in darkness have  
seen a great light; on those living in  
the land of the shadow of death a  
light has dawned

-Matthew 4:16

FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT US:

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# GOOD FRIDAY

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**7th April**

**10:30am**

@Nottingham Cathedral  
Derby Road NG1 5AE

**Join us for a special service of  
Stations of the Cross for  
Families and young people!**

We are looking for students or groups of students to sign up and prepare a reflection for a Station of the Cross.

This could be a piece of art, some words or an activity to help lead our worship on Good Friday Morning.

- Reflections to be 1-3 minutes long
- Parents or carers will need to bring you to the cathedral
- You will be allocated a station after signing up

Ask your chaplain to sign you up or contact:  
[cathedralmusic@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:cathedralmusic@dioceseofnottingham.uk)



The Catholic Diocese of  
**Nottingham**





# Volunteering at The Briars



## Applications to join Team 23-24 have opened...

### Applicants should be:

**Aged 18-25 (as of August 19th 2023)**

**Committed Christians, willing to  
share the Catholic faith with Young  
People**

**Passionate about supporting young  
people**

**Able to fully commit to a voluntary,  
live-in role August 2023 - July 2024**



Live in Derbyshire at **The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre** in a faith community who pray, work, grow and learn together



Be part of the **Nottingham, Diocesan Catholic Youth Service**, supporting young people and providing retreat experiences for young people aged 11-18!



Receive a **package of training** including youth work theory, faith formation, digital media, first aid and much more!





Scan to book!



## Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Under the leadership of Bishop Patrick McKinney



The Lourdes Theme for 2023 is  
"Go and tell the priests  
to build a chapel here"  
We look forward to welcoming you on pilgrimage!

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

By air for 5 nights, from £709

For more details, please contact  
[www.tangney-tours.com/nottingham](http://www.tangney-tours.com/nottingham) - 01732 886666

### TANGNEY TOURS

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Borough Green, Kent,  
TN15 8AF, UK



Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage July 2022