

Pilate knew Jesus didn't deserve to die this way but he cared more about being popular than doing what was fair.

Are we like Pilate sometimes?

Do we make wrong choices because we want to be liked?

Lord Jesus, give us strength and courage to do what is right. Amen

On the cross I think Jesus was thinking "God help me to bear the agony of the sins of other people as I die on this cross today"

Dear Father, help me to follow in Jesus' footsteps and try my best to not sin. Amen



This week was Laetare Sunday when the priest wears rose coloured vestments. It is a joyful day of hope in the middle of Lent. We reflected on this in our assemblies and it seems fitting that Brighten Up Day for CAFOD was also celebrated this week.

Our Chaplaincy Team lead the Stations of the Cross this week and wrote some lovely reflections for this. Two are shared above.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"All that is good, all that is true, all that is beautiful Brings us to God."

Pope Francis

House Points: Well done to **St Bernadette** our winners this week!

St Bernadette – 163 points

St Francis – 120 points

St Paul – 131 points

St Theresa – 123 points

St Thomas More – 89 points

St Anne Line – 105 points



Pupils of the Week: Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Year R – Next Week

Year 1 – Olivia

Year 2 – Poppy

Year 3 – Amelia

Year 5 – Joe & Deborah

Year 4 – Callum

Year 6 – Ronald & Donald



Car Parking Advisement: Our local community are being affected and are concerned about accidents happening. We do have use of the Church car park – which has an overflow car park too behind the hall and we have the soft start to stagger arrivals.

Stations of the Cross during Lent: If the weather is dry, please do join us for the Stations of the Cross which will be said outside on Thursday. Please come to the School Office for 9am. For other times to join the Stations of the Cross at our local Parishes, please do see the websites on the right of this newsletter.

Presentation of Children: Please do note ties must be worn with shirts (no polo shirts) along with school shoes (not trainers or boots). One pair of small studs (removed for PE) and a discrete bow in school colours (credit card size or smaller as a guide) may be worn. Other hair ties/accessories should be school colours. We have a nearly new uniform store that can be accessed at school or you can email the office. Donations are always welcomed for this.

Please note chewing gum is not permitted anywhere on the premises.

Do check the [Parent Handbook](#) for guidance on school matters.

Book Donations: We are welcoming book donations as we hope to hold a Book Swap Day for the children next term.

Book Author Anne Stairmand: Following our visit from the author Anne Stairmand last week books to buy are available via Arbor. Please see the e-mail sent out for more details.

Coffee Morning Fayre: We are busy starting to plan our next Coffee Morning Fayre for **Friday 26th March** at 8.45am from school drop off. Please save the date and let us know if there are any services or providers you would like to see there?

Breakfast and Afterschool Club: For the first time in a long period it has become necessary for our charges to increase on our extended provisions from April 2024.

Breakfast Club

Late Session new price will be £1.75

Early Session new price will be £4.00

Afterschool Club

Early Session new price will be £4.50

Late Session new price will be £9.00

'Easter Bunny': Colouring sheets are on sale after school outside the hall for your chance to win Easter Bunny. Colour the sheet in and give Easter Bunny a name! Each entry is £1, and the winner will be notified on the **28th March** and get to take Easter Bunny home that day.



Tech Tips

E-Safety: Internet matters have guides for enabling Parental Settings on nearly every phone should you set this up. Here is the link [Parental Controls on Smartphones & Other Devices - Internet Matters](#)

Community

Easter Holiday Bikeability Courses: Easter holidays are fast-approaching. If you're looking for something for your child to do over the holidays, why not sign them up to one of Essex Highways Bikeability Courses. All different levels are available as well as our beginner course called Learn to Ride.

<https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>

SEND Roadshow: Are you a parent/carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to the [Roadshow](#) on Tuesday 19th March at The Harlow Hotel.



Catholic Community

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) are looking for thrill seekers with a passion for fundraising to take part in Harlow Tye Rotary's annual Harlow Water Tower Abseil on **Saturday 18th May 2024**. For all details, please visit their Harlow Water Tower Abseil webpage here: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/>

Mass Times:

Old Harlow - **Sunday** Mass times are 10am and 6pm

<http://www.catholicchurchoftheassumption.co.uk/>

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Mass times are

STM Church **Sunday** 8.30am

OLF Church: **Saturday** 6pm

Sunday 10.30am, 12.15pm (Polish)

<https://olfstm.weebly.com/>

School Life

School News: Please do remember to regularly check your [child's class page](#) and the school official [St Alban's Catholic Academy](#) Facebook for all the latest news on what our children have been up to.

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on the website. Next week we will be on Week 1 (w/c 18th March).

The new Spring/Summer menu that will commence after the Easter holidays is now available on the school website.

Key Dates: Please remember to keep check of the upcoming dates planned for this academic year. [St Alban's Key Dates 23-24](#)

School Term Dates: Please find these on our [website](#).

Gate Opening Times:

8:40am – 8:55am - After this time, your child will be marked as late.

3.05pm – Pre School sessions finish

3.15pm – End of the school day

