



Parent Briefing – w/c: 13/5/2019



News from The Catholic Church in Jersey

First Holy Communion - East

Congratulations to the all children receiving their First Holy Communion during the Sunday Mass at Our Lady, St Martin and at St Patrick's this Sunday. The next First Holy Communion celebrations will take place during Sunday Masses on the following dates:

Our Lady, St Martin:

Sunday 12 May at 9am Mass

St Patrick's:

Sunday 12 May at 11.15am Mass

Sunday 19 May at 11am Mass

Please note the change of Mass time at St Patrick's on Sunday 12 May to the slightly later time of 11.15am.

Please note that the Masses will be extremely busy on these Sundays so please allow extra time for parking

Also there will be no Children's Liturgy at either church on these dates. No teas and coffees will be served after Mass at St Patrick's. At Our Lady, St Martin's the teas and coffees will take place in the Berni Hall - all welcome.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

St Thomas' First Holy Communion

Candidates' next sessions take place at 6pm on the following dates:

Monday 6 May

Monday 13 May

Monday 20 May

Festa of Our Lady of Fatima at St Thomas'

Please join us to celebrate the Festa of Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday 18 May, starting at 8pm and on Sunday 19 May at 3pm.

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News from The Catholic Church in Jersey continued...

Confirmation Registration 2019 to 2021

Families wishing to register for Confirmation 2019 -2021 are invited to attend one of the following meetings. Young people need to be entering school year 9 or above in September 2019 to commence this two year formation programme. The programme also requires at least one parent's participation as it is a family faith focused programme. Please come for registration together so we can ensure we meet both parent and young person on one of the following dates:

Thursday 20 June - 7pm at St Mary & St Peters

Thursday 4 July - 7pm at St Mary & St Peters

Thursday 11 July - 7pm at St Mary & St Peters

Parish Lunch next Sunday 12 May at Hotel Ambassadeur

This is the last chance to purchase the few remaining tickets for the Island Parish lunch. Please send requests to Daphne Minihane c/o the presbytery at St Thomas' using the form on the promotional letter, copies of which are available at the back of the churches.

Living with Dementia – Afternoon Tea

We are starting our new monthly Afternoon Tea for people Living with Dementia on Wednesday 5 June (please note change of date) at 2.30pm - 3.30pm at Catholic Pastoral Services. This group is for anyone living with dementia and a carer or companion. We will provide tea/coffee, cake and sandwiches along with some activities and end with a short time of prayer and a blessing. Please let Mary Cahill know if you hope to attend. Tel: 732583.

Viva Voce

Copies now available of the first edition of a new free diocesan magazine featuring news and articles from across the diocese, including an article about Jersey's own Beaulieu College. Please take a copy home.

Catholic Gift Shop

Come and see the large display at The Catholic Gift Shop at St Thomas' Welcome Centre. First Holy Communion gifts and cards are available for that special and memorable gift. Orders can be taken with a deposit

The Pope's Prayer Intention Entrusted to the Apostleship of Prayer for the Month of May

Evangelization: The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

News from The Catholic Church in Jersey continued...

Catholic Grandparents Association (CGA)

Our next gathering takes place at Catholic Pastoral Services on Friday 7 June at 11am - 12noon followed by Mass. This session will include an introduction to the association for new members. Grandparents can join this association without coming to the gatherings. We simply pledge to pray for grandparents and families.

The CGA also offer a family friendly Adoration hour each Friday in St Thomas at 4pm - 5 pm with resources to help your children grow

closer to Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament. Just call in for a short time or on your way home from school.

Youth Ministry- for school year 7 upwards

We are continuing to update our youth ministry data base with consents for all our young people to participate in our activities. Parents please complete a form available in the church and return to Catholic Pastoral Services. Together on Tuesdays at 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Tuesday 7 May –Taize

Tuesday 14 May - YSVP

Tuesday 21 May - Love & Life

Tuesday 28 May – topic to be decided.

Bring money for snacks. Social time included to chill with friends.

Youth & Family Life 500 Club:

Thanks to everyone who has returned the forms. Please do consider signing up. For as little as £1.25 a week you can help us to fund resources, activities and events to support our families and young people in growing in faith. JaCy Fridays 7pm - 10pm - Join us for a relaxed social evening with a time of prayer. Bring some money for snacks. Football, table tennis and much more is available in a safe environment.

Chaplaincy News

On May 15th we celebrate founders day. On this day we remember St. John Baptist de la Salle who founded the Lassallian order. This year is the 300 anniversary of his passing. On the 15th the college will celebrate this with Mass at St. Thomas Church. This is a special time for every Lassallian institution around the world as well as the staff and Brothers who serve them. Our weekly prayer will be focused on this.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the Christian Brothers who have served our school community. Each, in his own way, has tried to offer his time and talent so that our school community may be stronger and richer in so many ways. You, Lord, have called each Brother to be a man of prayer, always aware of God's presence and ready to fulfill St. John Baptist de La Salle's advice to pray for one's students every day. Bless these men who sought to serve God by serving God's people through the ministry of education. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

You can use the following links to help prepare for Mass on Sunday 12th May the Fourth Sunday of Easter.

http://wednesdayword.org/downloads/parish_docs/580-C-Easter4-2019.pdf

<https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/sunday-bible-reflections/>

Whole School Notices

Calendar

Please note that there is now a facility to download and print a copy of the school calendar (both Secondary and Primary) . The calendar is found on the homepage of the College website, marked under 'calendar'.

Please be aware it is very important to check this calendar regularly to avoid disappointment.

Temporary Contact Details

If your son will be temporarily living at a different address to the one held on file it is important to let the College know and to also advise of new temporary contact details. We need to be able to get hold of a relevant adult should we need to, for example if your son becomes unwell at school.

Please contact **absence@dls-jersey.co.uk** to advise us of any temporary arrangements.

Updating Pupil Information

It is very important that any information held on file for your son is current so please ensure that you inform us of any changes e.g. to contact details, home address, medical information etc.

Please email **k.smyth@dls-jersey.co.uk** to make us aware of any changes.

Pupil Absence

In the event of your child being unwell please contact the college via email, **absence@dls-jersey.co.uk** or telephone on 754103. Please do this each day until your son returns to school. We will not assume that if he was ill on Monday that is the reason he is absent on Tuesday unless you have previously informed us.

In the event you son becomes unwell at school and needs to go home, he should find the nearest teacher to inform them he has to go to sick bay. He should then go directly to sick bay and inform the admin team that he is unwell.

The admin team will assist him and contact you, when necessary, to collect your son.

Students should not contact parents in advance of going to the sick bay.

Notification of appointments etc. should go to the same email address.

De La Salle Concert Band

The De La Salle Concert Band. All string, brass and woodwind players are invited to join the concert band playing a range of swing, jazz and film music.

Please come along to the music room on Wednesdays at lunchtime. All years and abilities welcome!

Whole School Notices continued...

Holiday Requests

Absences for term time holidays and absences not due to illness must be approved by the head teacher.

To facilitate this please put any requests in writing via absence@dls-jersey.co.uk or as a letter handed in to reception.

Requests should be made prior to making any bookings.

If a pupil's parents are separated, we would appreciate that we receive a request from both parents to facilitate a more speedy response.

Primary Notices

Thank you very much for all of your support for the boys throughout the preparation and day of the Primary Walk. The morning had a lovely atmosphere and the boys should all be very proud of their achievements. I was very proud of everybody who took part.

Please could I remind you to return your sponsorship forms and money to school before the end of this half-term.

FOUNDER'S DAY WEDNESDAY 15th MAY. SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1200.

As you know, next Wednesday is our Founder's Day.

The school is open normal times in the morning **but will close at 1200.**

Pre-Reception, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have their usual morning in school before the 1200 closure.

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will register as normal and will then be transported by Tantivy coach or school minibus to St Thomas' Church to take part in our Founder's Day Mass. They will then return to school to be dismissed at 1200. Boys in these Year groups should come to school in school blazer uniform. Both Year 6 classes will be in Primary for the morning.

To enable the coaches to drop the boys off in the school grounds after the Mass **THERE WILL BE NO PARKING ALLOWED ON THE SLOPE OUTSIDE THE BROTHER EDWARD BUILDING.** The slope will be coned-off and **MAY NOT BE USED.**

Playground parking will be open from 1125 and will close at 1155 before the boys are dismissed. Please come down Wellington Road and enter by the top entrance as usual.

There will be no Tamariki Club or school LibertyBus busses on this day. Boys who usually walk "Downhill" will be escorted onto Wellington Road as usual. If there are particular arrangements for your son on this day please make sure that you have given a note to the class teacher.

The PTA have sent a reminder flier about the Amazing Maze afternoon event on Founder's Day afternoon. Please reply by Friday if you wish to attend with your son.

Primary Notices continued...

Dear Year 6 Parents

Re: Year 7 2019

You may recall receiving a personalised Data Collection pack at the end of last term; generic letter and enclosure listing attached refers.

Thank you to those parents who have completed the forms and returned the same.

If you have not already returned the Data Forms as requested, can please do so in the addressed envelope that was enclosed as soon as possible.

Many thanks; your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards

Administration Dept.

TINATHON

For many years our Primary School have supported the "Shelter Trust" tinathon.

It is a great way to support this important local charity and service.

Please support us if you are able to.

A letter with further details is attached.

Secondary Notices

FOUNDER'S DAY WEDNESDAY 15th MAY.

With our Founder's Day occurring this coming Wednesday 15th May please be aware of the following information for our Secondary students.

Boys will need to arrive at school at normal time.

All students will need to be in school uniform with blazers. Year 9 are not to wear tracksuits.

As students will be dismissed from St Thomas' Church boys are not to bring bags or books to school that day. Resources will be provided for Period 1.

At 945 Secondary students will be transported by coach to St Thomas' Church in order to celebrate our Founder's Day Mass starting at 1015.

At the conclusion of Mass, guests and Primary school will be leave to return to School.

At 1130 Secondary students will be taken through the back of St Thomas' Church, through Great Union Road and taken to the Parade where they can be collected or dismissed. Staff will accompany them to the Parade.

All students will be spoken to by their House Tutor and reminded of all of the above information prior to Wednesday.

Secondary Notices continued...

To Parents of all boys in Y10 to Y13:

GCSE, AS and A level Support in Maths

Mr McGinty will be hosting a free hour long, Live Video Conference Call on Wednesday evenings until the end of the forthcoming GCSE, AS and A Level exams in Maths. If you would like for your son to join the call please email heidi@gradebusters.co.uk so that the link required to access the call can be sent directly to you.

There will be two separate calls, one for GCSE between 7pm and 8pm and one for AS/A Level between 8pm and 9pm. The intention is to allow an extra opportunity for your son to be able to get help on any topic that they may be unsure about for the forthcoming exams. If you would like your son to join the call please see below for some points to consider:

- If your son has a particular question, please email the detail in advance (referencing a particular question from a particular past paper would be very helpful, noting the Exam Board, Year, Month, Tier of entry and question number)
- If your son does not have a particular question, it may be that just following how to answer questions asked by other students would be helpful
- It may be that a question occurs to your son during the session, as the call will be live, he can ask that question and get immediate feedback
- The sessions will run on the following Wednesdays: May 1st, May 8th, May 15th, May 22nd, May 29th, June 5th and June 12th
- The software used will allow for written questions to be posted and you will have the choice as to whether your son can be seen on the call or he can just listen in

You are welcome to watch the call and any feedback would also be welcomed

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr McGinty

(k.mcginity@dls-jersey.co.uk).

Triple P (Positive Parenting Programme)

Thursday 23rd May 6 – 8pm a discussion group on ‘Dealing with Teenagers Emotions’

Please see the attached letter for more information.

Secondary Notices continued...

Year 11— Please refer to the attachments for Year 11 maths students and their upcoming exams.

Study Leave

Now that study leave has begun for Y11, the boys can come in to school and attend their normal lessons up to half term as the full Y11 timetable will be preserved. All Y11 teachers will be in their normal rooms at the normal times, this provision will ensure a quiet place to study and the opportunity to ask some last minute questions if required.

After half term; any boys wishing to come in to school will be welcome, however, a single room per lesson will be allocated for supervised study as the full Y11 timetable will no longer be in operation. A copy of this skeleton timetable will be available to the boys at the main reception. This provision will run up to P4 on Monday 17th June.

During study leave, if the boys are choosing to come into school they are advised to do so for at least half a school day. The time spent getting into and then home from school for any less than half a day is literally a waste of time!

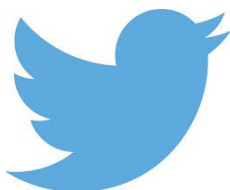
It is not too late yet! Do Some Work...

Mr McGinty

Extra Support Sessions - Please refer to the attached updated document.

PE Department

Please find a full PE department programme attached for the week commencing 13/5/2019.



Please remember to follow us on Twitter for regular updates and information:

@DeLaSalleJersey

For College sports updates:

@DLSjsyPE