

Our Lady's & St. Joseph's AGM 24th March 2019

Agenda item 10 (vii)



Report for the parish from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Primary School March 2019

Class Masses continue, with parishioners warmly invited. We do now make sure that comfortable chairs are provided for those who need them. There are also some whole school Masses, such as Ash Wednesday, which was well attended by parents. Father Tony and Mrs Barrs have discussed the next step for the children, which would be for the children to attend some Masses in church. The next opportunity for this would be All Saints day. This will be discussed with staff in school to look at how this might be possible in terms of organisation.

The sacrament of reconciliation will be held in April, this time for the children in year 5.

School contact details are now in the weekly parish bulletin and we have had several volunteers come forward to hear readers in school. The school office is processing details to organise DBS clearance. A meeting will be held to provide some guidance for volunteers as to how they can best help the children. The school is very grateful for these offers of help. Parishioners are always welcome to visit the school, dates will be in the diary for the summer term for anyone who would like to come and have a look round. Anyone interested can also follow the school twitter feed @OLQMprimaryyork.

Values week begins on March 25th, based on our gospel values taken from a document called "Christ at the centre". For our whole school reward system, our houses will be named after Marian shrines: Walsingham, Knock, Lourdes, Guadeloupe, Fatima and Notre Dame. We hope to share some of this with parishioners during Mass, after discussion with Father Tony.

There will be a series of Lenten liturgies, which parishioners are welcome to attend:

Tuesday 2nd April year 4 Palm Sunday liturgy

Friday 5th April Last Supper liturgy (led by year 3 as they are first communicants)

Tuesday 9th April year 5 the garden of Gethsemane

Friday 12th April year 6 the crucifixion (last day of term before Easter)

Next steps:

The senior leadership have discussed plans for a rosary garden within the school grounds. We will be thinking about our plans to celebrate May as the month of Our Lady.