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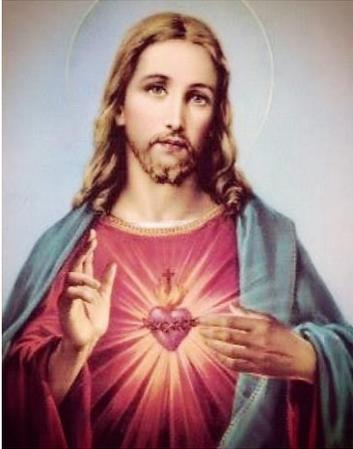
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### Reflection



The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus has been central to our prayer this month. Many of us grew up surrounded by this image in our homes, but for our children now it may require some explanation. This image of Jesus points to the personal, deep love that God has for each one of us. It is the God of the love described in 1 Corinthians 13. It is the compassion and longing of the Father waiting for his Prodigal Son to return. It is the tenderness and the selflessness with which Jesus responded to all those who encountered him.

At a time when our lives have been abruptly interrupted by a pandemic with immeasurable impact, when we struggle against intolerable racism, when we learn of tragic acts of terrorism, God's sincere love for each one of us is a much

needed message of hope and of light.

Our God is not untouched by the events of our lives. He is a God who knows us intimately and loves us anyway. Despite the trials we face, our faith is one of hope and of resurrection and of perfect love, encapsulated in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

#### Let us pray;

*O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing,*

*I adore you, I love you and will a lively sorrow for my sins.*

*I offer you this poor heart of mine.*

*Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to your will.*

*Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you.*

*Protect me in the midst of danger;*

*comfort me in my afflictions;*

*give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs,*

*your blessings on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death.*

*Within your heart I place my every care.*

*In every need let me come to you with humble trust saying,*

*Heart of Jesus, help me.*

Amen

**SCHOOL CLOSED ON FRIDAY:** A reminder that school is closed every Friday to enable staff to continue to support those children at home with their learning. We will continue to open for the families who have been attending school during lockdown.

**SAFEGUARDING:** The advice to parents and carers on keeping children safe from abuse and harm can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm>

**END OF YEAR:** Please note that the last day of term for most children attending school is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July (full day) and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm for key workers and year 6. To clarify all those children in year 6 who are currently attending school will be invited in for the morning of the last Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July.

Staff have worked tirelessly since lockdown on 23<sup>rd</sup> March to ensure key worker children have been looked after every day including the Easter Holidays and Half Term. They have also continued to provide high quality learning activities for children at home and in school. I had a message this week commending us on the quality of learning that we have been providing so once again well done to everyone involved.

It is important that everyone is rested and ready for September which is likely to be a challenging start to the term. Therefore, like most schools across the country, we will be closed for the summer holidays. **Our first day back for children in year 1 to 6 is Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.**

Guidance is being announced today about September and I will be sending more details over the next two weeks once we have been able to meet and formulate a plan. This will probably include staggered start and finish times but I envisage that all children will be back to a full day.

**TEACHER ALLOCATION:** Please see below your child's class teacher for next September. The blue column will tell you what class your child is currently in and the yellow column will tell you who their class teacher will be next year. The current reception going up to year 1 received a letter this week with a class list and their teacher's name.

Year Group	Current Teacher	New Teacher	Class Name
Nursery		Mrs Giordmaina	
Reception	Mix of morning and afternoon groups	Mr Gauci	Butterflies
Reception	Mix of morning and afternoon groups	Mrs Thomas	Bumblebees
Year 1	Classes Mixed	Mrs Bratchell	1B
Year 1	Classes Mixed	Mrs John-Lewis	1J
Year 2	Mrs Giordmaina 1G	Mrs Verity	2V
Year 2	Mrs Bratchell 1B	Miss Clements	2C
Year 3	Miss Clements 2C	Miss Doherty	3D
Year 3	Mrs Cliff 2V	Mrs Williams	3W
Year 4	Mrs Williams 3W	Miss Wright	4W
Year 4	Miss Doherty 3D	Mr O'Connell	4O
Year 5	Mr O'Connell 4O	Mrs Young	5Y
Year 5	Miss Wright 4W	Miss Spicer	5S
Year 6	Miss Spicer 5A	Mr Cooke	6C
Year 6	Mrs Young 5Y	Miss Parillon	6P

**MEET THE TEACHER:** We sent out letters on Monday inviting children to come in, collect their belongings and meet their new teacher. These sessions are for those children who are NOT in school at the moment. The purpose of these sessions is for the children to say goodbye to their old teacher and hello to their new teacher. If your child is currently attending school please do not come to those sessions. Your child will get the opportunity, in school to meet their next teacher.

Date	Time	Current Class
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am – 10.30am	5Y
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	10.45am – 11.45am	5A
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	1.00pm – 2.00pm	Reception (Bumblebees and Butterflies not at school)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am – 10.30am	4W
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	10.45am – 11.45am	4O
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	1.00pm – 2.00pm	Year 1 pupils (Not at school)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am – 10.30am	2V
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	10.45am – 11.45am	2C
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am – 10.30am	Morning Nursery
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	10.45am – 11.45am	Afternoon Nursery
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am – 10.30am	3W
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	10.45am – 11.45am	3D



Well done to Santhush for his wonderful lockdown garden. We have been talking about silver linings in school and the practical skills that children have learnt, such as growing plants, cooking and riding bikes have definitely been silver linings.

**CAR PARK:**



A number of parents have been pulling into the Visitation Car Park to drop off and collect their children. This is extremely dangerous as this is the only way that children walking can access the school. Parents have been seen reversing when small children are walking through the car park. As you will all know, small children are impossible to see from a large car. **Please DO NOT pull up to or enter the Visitation Car Park.** If this happens again we will be forced to close the barrier and notify the authorities.

**YEAR 6 TRANSITION:** To all the parents of children in year 6. We would dearly like all the children to come back to school for two end of year events. This will be a really lovely opportunity to see their friends and say goodbye. **The first event is a BBQ on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July between 1pm and 3.20pm.** This will be held in the playground. All children will have access to clean toilet facilities and hand sanitiser. The children currently in school will remain in their bubbles and the children from home will be put into small bubbles. Please bring your child to the school office between 1pm and 1.15pm. **We are asking for a contribution of £1 which can be brought in on the day.**

**END OF YEAR MASS:** The year 6 pupils are also invited to the end of year Mass on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. This will be held in the Church and very strict social distancing measures will be put in place. Unfortunately the church does not have capacity to invite parents to this but the Mass will be live streamed. For those parents whose children are at home, to enable you to watch the Mass please bring your child to the side door of the Church at 1.45pm.

You may collect your child from the church after the Mass has finished. We will wait for you to give you time to get back after the Mass has ended. All children currently attending school will be brought to the Church and will return to school at the end. They will be dismissed in the normal way.

**If you are unable to take part in these events please notify the school office.**

Year 6 will receive their year books during the Mass and will be able to take home all of their belongings after the BBQ. Please send them to school with a bag that day. They will also be able to bring a school shirt to the BBQ to have this signed. They will NOT be allowed to wear this shirt but will be asked to put their name on it. The shirts will then be put on tables in the playground for people to sign throughout the afternoon.

We have tried to make the year 6 final weeks at primary school as fun as possible, although they have missed out on many things. Today they took part in a mini sports day which was challenging as social distancing is still in place.

They are also busy practicing for their end of year play, "The Heroes of Troy", in small groups. This will be filmed for year 6 parents only.

#### **INVITING OTHER YEAR GROUPS**

**BACK:** We would love to be able to have all children back for a day but this is not possible under the current circumstances. The government stipulated who should return to school, guidance which we followed. We do not have any additional space and as social distancing is still in place it is impossible to have a whole year group together. We will make sure we have some fun days in September.

**OLD UNIFORM:** If you have any uniform that your child has grown out of that is in good condition please think about donating it to the school. We particularly need boys short trousers and PE shorts.

#### **EALING MUSIC SERVICE FESTIVAL**



On **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July** when we should have all been at Gunnersbury Park for our first ever EMStival, we have decided to give you a flavour of some of the acts you would have seen on the day and invite you all to **EMStival online**

Live on Facebook for FREE @ 18:30, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July– all you have to do is like our page



<https://www.facebook.com/WeAreEMS>

**KEEPING IN TOUCH:** If you have any queries or would like to speak to a member of staff you can, once again, phone the school between 8am and 3.30pm. Emails continue to be monitored. If you have a concern that we cannot help you with directly we will be able to put you in touch with someone who can.

**May God keep you safe from harm today and always!**

*Miss K. Coll* / Headteacher

# Our Lady of the Visitation Church

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/greenford/>

search: *'Visitation Church Greenford'*

Following the message from Cardinal Vincent last weekend, we are preparing to celebrate Masses where a congregation is present, from Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July. We would ask you to please bear with us as we take this important step. The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is suspended until further notice, you can attend any Mass in person, or online if you are unable to leave the house.

**If you are in any of the "at risk" groups, please STAY HOME.**

Mass will still be celebrated at 12.00 noon every day and shown live on the internet. Please note: that you **do not** have to sign up for Facebook, you simply go to the parish website (search: *'Visitation Church Greenford'*) and follow the links.

## Weekend Masses

Saturday 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm

Sunday 8.00 am, 10.00 am and 12.00 noon

Sadly, there will be NO congregational singing.

Daily Mass at 12.00 noon will be also shown live on the Internet (via Facebook)

**Each day the church will be open for private prayer and Mass from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm.**

We will still have to observe social distancing advice (1 metre +)  
and the **wearing of face coverings is compulsory.**

**Toilet facilities will not be available.**

The three most important rules are:

1. Safety
2. Safety
3. Safety

Planned Giving envelopes will be available in the Old Church Hall after all the weekend Masses.