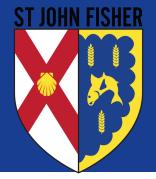
### Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/guardians,

Being the start of the academic year, I'd like to welcome all our existing families back and extend a warm welcome to all the new parents and children who have joined our school this term.

I will thank you in advance for the support I know you will give all members of our school community in the year ahead. I know how vital working in partnership with parents is, in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience. I strongly believe that school is the opportunity for children to discover and unlock gifts and talents in a fun and nurturing environment. I look forward to watching your children grow in confidence, knowledge and spirituality during their time at St John Fisher.

It was so lovely seeing all of our wonderful children coming back to school. They were so happy to be back to see their friends, to learn, to play.

A special welcome to Reception 2025-26 and also to our oldest children in Year 6 in their last year at SJF.

Thank you to all parents as well for your positivity and understanding.

God bless

Mr Gallagher



### <u>Top tips for grown-ups from Mr Gallagher</u>

Here are a few ideas to help you prepare for what happens when you have a little one in school.

- 1. Prepare for the imminent administrative bombardment! School emails. PTFA emails. Newsletters, permission forms, phonics sheets: days you can go in, days they must go in dressed up, payments to be made. It is pretty overwhelming so my advice is to have a notebook ready- either paper or digital that you use purely for school stuff, and in which you can note down anything like passwords or dates that come your way.
- Find a place at home to keep school bags and shoes. Show your little one where this is so they can take responsibility for putting their things away.
- 3. Make sure you have an easily accessible calendar, and that school emails are shared with any other person with guardianship responsibility for your child. When you get information about a school event, add it to the calendar there and then. Take it from me, who has learned the hard way if you read it and say, "I'll come back to that." You rarely will!
- 4. Name tag absolutely everything. There is definitely a school vortex. Write in permanent marker, use stamptastic stamps or stickers, or sew labels. Whatever your method. It's worth the effort.
- 5. Don't worry about occasionally forgetting stuff. We all do it. We will all get a call from school because our child was meant to be picked up fifteen minutes ago. We will all feel that dread as we get to the school gates and see everyone with wacky hair popping coins into charity buckets, while our child has their usual ponytail and we don't have a penny on us.

Just say sorry to whoever you need to (including the kids) and crack on with your day.

- 6. If you want to get to know other parents or the school better, volunteer in some way. Go to a ptfa meeting, help with reading at school, or go on the school trip when they need support. It's the quickest way to get chatting to fellow parents and make friends.
- 7. If there is something that's bothering you, talk to the school. Teachers are always keen to support wherever they can, and the more communication they have with you, the better. You're on the same team you both want the best for the children.
- 8. It'll be a learning curve for you, too it's all changed since we went to school. So let your child lead the way and tell you all about it.
- 9. Your kids will find making friends a lot easier than you do! It is a lot harder as an adult. An opening line of "do you want to see this massive bogey?" just doesn't have the same 'life-long-buddies appeal.
  - 10. Good luck... And not just to the kids. To you, too. It's the next phase and, yes, all the cliches are true. Goes fast. Doesn't it?



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Septembe

Football with Chris for Year 4, 5 & 6 (last session 15<sup>th</sup>October) 3rd

9th Drama Club starts with Armadramarama - KS2 only - sign up info to follow

**Year 5 Ukulele Music Lessons Start** 

11<sup>th</sup> **Boys Football** 

Swimming starts for Year 4 & 5 and some children from Year 6 12th

16th 9a.m. Beginning of Year Mass - all welcome.

Year 1 Sports Festival at St Paul's

**Girls Football** 18th

25th **Cross Country at Victoria Park** 

27th New Year Reception 2026-2027 Admissions - Stay & Play morning -10a.m to 12p.m

30<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Sports Festival at St Paul's

### **October**

9<sup>th</sup> **Boys Football** 

14<sup>th</sup> **Harvest Mass** 

Parents Evening - information to follow

15th OPEN AFTERNOON for 2026 Reception – 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 .pm.

16th **Parents Evening** 

20th to 26th HALF TERM

29<sup>th</sup> Year 6 at Warning Zone

### **November**

3rd **School Individual Photos** 

7th OPEN MORNING for 2026 Reception – 9a.m to 11a.m.

8th **Book Fair week starts** 

21<sup>st</sup> **INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED** 

### December

10th **Immunisation Pantomime** 16th

20th to 4th Jan - END OF TERM



# When is my child's PE day?

PE days this half term:

Reception: Monday & Wednesday (Children bring in kit every Monday)

Year 1: Thursday & Friday (Children bring in kit every Thursday)

Year 2: Monday & Tuesday

Year 3: Monday & Thursday

Year 4: Wednesday & Friday (Swimming)

Year 5: Monday & Friday (Swimming)

Year 6: Thursday & Friday



# On PE days, do children come dressed in PE kit?

Yes except in Reception and Year 1 where they should bring their PE kit in a kit bag.

In Year 2 – 6, Your child should come in full PE kit on PE days. There is no need for a PE bag and it reduces the use of changing rooms and extra clothing being brought into school.

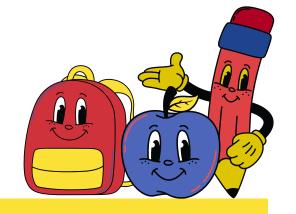




Swimming will commence for Years 4

and 5 Friday 12th
September for the first
half term.

### Welcome Back to School



### Uniform Reminder

Please see below a list of required school uniform. The school often holds preloved uniform sale and we will notify you when this takes place.

The school colours are blue and grey.

Shirts/Blouses light blue

Logo Jumpers/Cardigans navy blue

Trousers grey

Skirts/Tunics grey

Summer Dresses blue and white gingham

School Tie sky/navy blue stripe

Shoes black

### P.E Kit

Navy blue logo sweatshirt, white polo shirts, navy or grey joggers, navy/dark shorts

leggings or shorts and plimsols.

For cold weather, children can wear the logo sweatshirt with sturdy footwear- trainers are suitable.

### Jewellery

For reasons of safety, the wearing of necklaces, brooches and bracelets are not allowed. Hoop earrings are particularly dangerous and only small, plain stud earrings may be worn. These must be removed or taped for PE lessons.

The official stocklist of school uniform with the logo can be purchased from Earth Uniform online only.

Please use the following link which will enable you to place your order:

www.earthuniform.com/page/find-my-school

Please place your order in advance in order to receive your school uniform in time.

ALL SCHOOL CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR SHOULD BE MARKED WITH THE CHILD'S NAME.

### Drop off and collections

### Where do my children line up in the morning?

Preferably we would like our oldest children (year 3, 4,5,6) to line by the fence in the front of school where the trees are located and our youngest children to line up on the longer side of the front fence in front of the Key Stage 1 playground.

### How do I collect my child in the afternoon?

**Reception**: Go onto the playground and line up going into the Reception outdoor area.

**Year 1 & 2:** Queue outside both classroom doors staying as near to the walls as possible.

Gate leading into KS1 playground will open just before 3 p.m.

**Year 3,4,5 and 6:** If you could stay outside the school fence, and we will usher children to you once we get the signal from child or collector. If you are on the playground already collecting a younger sibling, we will direct your child over to you.

### What time are drop off and collections?

### Drop off time:



Reception - 8.35am Siblings can accompany their reception siblings to class from 8.30 a.m.

Year 1 - 6 - 8.30am

### **Collection:**

Reception 3pm Year 1 - 6 - 3.05pm

### Afterschool club

Ring the office doorbell and an afterschool supervisor will bring your child to you. On sunny days, the children may be playing outside in the front playground.

### Can collect and walking home

Please login to Arbor and check that those listed are authorised to collect your child. Year 5 and 6 can walk/cycle to & from school, providing that we have written consent. Please collect form from the office.



### **General Information**

### <u>Admissions applications for Autumn Term 2026</u>

Children are admitted to the school in September of the year in which they have their fifth birthday. If there is anyone who wishes to apply for a place for September 2026 (d.o.b. 01.09.2021 – 31.08.2022) please obtain an 'Expression of Interest' form from the School Office.

There is also a requirement to fill in an LA form before January 15th 2025.

This form can be found at www.leics.gov.uk/admissions.

### Breakfast club and Afterschool clubs

Thank you to everyone for booking into Breakfast and Afterschool club. This system allows us to allocate staff and buy food in advance and is a time efficient system once it gets going for parents and the office team. Booking for days in afterschool club will be closed 24 hours in advance.

### Water bottles and break time snacks

Water bottles, filled with water only, may be brought to school to use during the day. A piece of fruit is provided for every child in Reception, Year 1 and 2.

Two tea biscuits or digestives can be brought for a snack at break time (no crisps or sweets).

### School dinners

Please note that school dinners are priced at £3.00 per day and must be paid in advance. Also find included the school menu till the end of the half term, it may be worth looking at this with your child in advance so they have a clear idea of what is on offer and what they can look forward to eat the next day e.g. either the meat or vegetarian option.

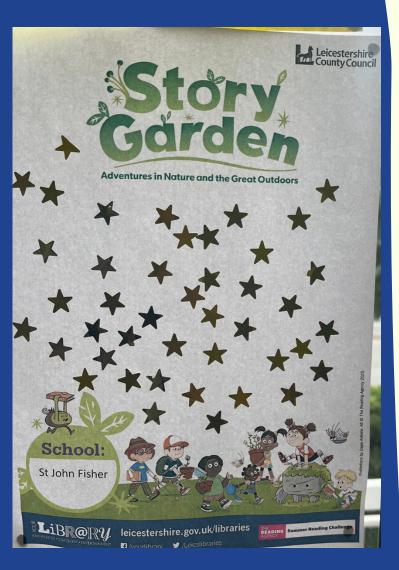
Please select your child's meal choice in advance by logging in to your Arbor account, select the 'Quick Actions' tab, then meals and you will see the choices available.



### **Counselling**

When children are worried or unhappy, they are less able to function well in all areas of their lives. This can impact on their learning, their relationships and on how they feel about themselves. Counselling offers children a safe space to express and think about things which are troubling them. The counsellor facilitates this, through a range of creative play, talking and listening; thinking with the child about how they make sense of and manage their difficulties and how they might do it differently. We provide a counselling service and emotional literacy support service based in school. It offers one to one therapeutic counselling for pupils, consultation and support to parents and support in enhancing the pastoral systems across the school. Request a telephone appointment with Mrs Sneath ( Senior Mental health Lead) or Mrs Johnson ( school counsellor) by contacting the school office if you think this is something your child may require.





### Summer reading challenge

The Summer Reading challenge runs until September 6th so there is still time for your child to loan 6 books from the library to achieve their certificate. Thank you to those who have already brought theirs in. It is brilliant to see SJF leading the way for this challenge at Wigston Library.

Children can join in the fun by reading or listening to six library books, eBooks or eAudiobooks throughout the summer to collect six special stickers - including some smelly ones - for their colourful collector's poster. Participants will also be rewarded with special incentives as they read their books including a certificate and medal when they complete the challenge. Any child who receives a certificate should bring this into school and this will be counted on their merit certificate chart.



# Medical Conditions and Dietary Requirements

As your child starts their new year, it is extremely important that all staff including teachers, teaching assistants and lunch time supervisors are all familiar of your child's conditions. Please can we ask that you login to Arbor and check the medical conditions and dietary requirements are up to date. We ask that you provide as much information as possible.

We are a nut free school i.e. no Nutella spreads, snickers treats, cherry bakewells etc.

### **Children with Epipens**

If your child requires an Epipen at school, please ensure that it is labelled with his/her name. All inhalers and epi-pens MUST be in school on the first day of term. Can I remind parents that although we do our best to look out for expiry dates, it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that these items are in date.

### Children with Asthma

If your child requires an inhaler at school please ensure that it is labelled with his/her name. An asthma record will be sent out shortly. We have noticed some inhalers are out of date so it is important to make sure they are in date and working.

### **Parking & driving**

Please park with due care and attention for all of our children and our neighbours. The Governors are concerned about parents parking across driveways and on the corner of Winslow Drive and will be monitoring very closely. Please do not walk through the Staff car park before or after school.

Thank you for your consideration.



# CLUBS



### **Drama Club**

Due to a successful Drama Club ran by Armadramarama the last 2 terms, we will be giving the opportunity once again to KS2 children to sign up for the club.

The club will start on 9<sup>th</sup> September and it will be held every Tuesday from 3.05 to 4.15p.m until the end of the term. Sign up will open on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September via Arbor.



### Clubs

Our termly teacher clubs will be starting soon - dates to be confirmed.



### Football with Chris

Football with Chris will commence on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Please collect a sign up form from the office.





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Please can we ask that you login to Arbor and check the medical conditions and dietary requirements are up to date.

We ask that you provide as much information as possible.

### **Holiday During Term Time**

Please remember that government regulations do not permit headteachers to authorise holidays during term time. Any holiday taken during the school term will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. In line with Leicestershire County Council policy, this may lead to a penalty notice (fine) being issued. These regulations are in place to ensure that all children receive the full benefit of their education without interruption. We understand that family time is important, but we urge you to take holidays during the scheduled school breaks to avoid any disruption to your child's learning.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain a positive and consistent learning environment for all our pupils.

For more information, click here School attendance | Leicestershire County Council

# STAFING



Congratulations to Mrs Barrow and her husband Tim who are expecting a child in January. Wonderful news!

### **New staff at SJF**

There have been some changes to the staffing team.

We are delighted to welcome the following members of staff to our amazing team at St John Fisher this year:

Teachers: Welcome back Mrs Durning (Y3) after maternity leave

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Kaur (Year 1)



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Holidays

Bank Holiday



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### The school aged immunisation service is changing the way we ask for vaccination consents

Dear parents /carers

The school-aged immunisation service, or SAIS team, has been working with NHS England to improve how vaccinations are recorded and managed in schools, to ensure vaccination data for children and young people is accurate and timely. This will also help to reduce vaccination errors and protect children and young people and improve the online consent experience for parents and carers.

Consequently, NHS England have developed a new digital platform called MAVIS: Manging Vaccinations In School. This is a new national system which will be rolled out nationally over the next few months. Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust's (LPT) SAIS team has been one of two organisations to successfully pilot this new system, nationally. What changes to expect from the new platform

The SAIS team will now contact you directly to request consent for vaccinations, instead of information being sent via your school. This new approach will make it quicker and easier for you to give or refuse consent for vaccinations. If consent is not received the service will allow the children or young person to self-consent if aged over 13 years and competent.

The SAIS team will request a class list from your child's school containing your child's name, date of birth, and contact information, such as phone numbers and emails addresses for parents/ carers of young people who are eligible for the vaccinations. The SAIS team will then use these contact details to send consent requests and reminders directly to parents/carers.

There is more information about the role of the SAIS team in supporting vaccinations on GOV.UK.



# Weight Same Treams

Free Open Training session

- Friday 5th September 2025
- 5-6pm
- Willow Park, Aylestone Lane, Wigston
- U6 (Year 1) U11 (Year 6)
- Any abilitiy welcome
- Book online via link on home page of website

www.wigston-willow.com





# OADBY FOOD FESTIVAL SATURDAY 30 AUGUST, THE PARADE



### BAKING COMPETITION OADBY HOUSE



Please deliver your best bake to Oadby House between 11am - 1pm for judging from TV chef Kwoklyn Wan to take place at 2pm

First prize: A pair of designer sunglasses from S.I. Opticals

Second prize: An ASDA hamper



Third prize: Two tickets to Leicester Racecourse

\*A clear list of ingredients/allergens must be provided with your bake\*



## JUNIOR COMPETITION FOR UNDER 16S - OADBY HOUSE

Junior bakers should deliver their cake creations to Oadby House from 11am - 1pm for judging from TV chef Kwoklyn Wan at 2pm



First prize: Five climbing wall sessions at Parklands Leisure Centre Additional prizes of Bru Oadby and Jenno's Coffee House

vouchers are also up for grabs!

\*A clear list of ingredients/allergens must be provided with your bake\*



With thanks to S.I. Opticals, ASDA, Leicester Racecourse, Parklands Leisure Centre, Bru Oadby, Jenno's Coffee House and Oadby House











### Leicestershire Local Offer Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Roadshow



Monday 15th September 5.00pm - 7.30pm

LeicestershireCountyCouncil,CountyHall,LE3 8RF

Come along with your child / young person to have a go at activities and find out about Local SEND services and support available

The Roadshow brings together information and services which support families of children and young people with special educational needsand disabilities (SEND) all in one place. A chance to meet and chat with representatives from Leicestershire County Council and its partners.

We are inviting **children and young people** to come along to this Roadshow to have a go at some activities on offer. We can't waitto welcome you...

Please book your FREE tickets via leicestershire.gov.uk/local-offer-roadshows

Free parking available

To find out more about the SEND Local Offer in Leicestershire please visit www.leics.gov.uk/send





#### St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's Twenty-Second Week of Ordinary Time, Year C

Sat. 30th 5:30pm St John Bosco, Confession

Sat. 30th 6pm St John Bosco, Solemn Mass, Holy Souls

Sat. 30th 6pm Countesthorpe Crematorium, Interment of Mary Grant RIP

Sun. 31st 9am St Edward's, Solemn Mass, Holy Souls

Sun. 31st 11am St. Mary's, Solemn Mass, Maureen McCay RIP

Sun. 31st 2pm St. Mary's, Baptism Sonny

Sun. 31st 5:30pm St Mary's, Confession

Sun. 31st 6pm (no incense) St. Mary's, Solemn Mass, Jayne and Robert

Pryce Well Being

Mon. 1st Sept. 7:30pm St. Mary's Folk Group Workshop

Tues. 2nd 10am St. John Bosco, Mass Fr Philip Gillespie

Tues 2nd 12pm St. John Bosco Hall, Friendship Club

Tues. 2nd 6:40pm St Mary's, Confession

Tues. 2nd 7:10pm St. Mary's, Benediction

Tues. 2nd 7:45pm St. Mary's Hall, Liturgy Discussion (All Welcome)

Wed. 3rd 10am St Edward's, Mass of St. Gregory the Great Luke Waters

Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup> No Morning and no Latin Mass as Induction Mass at 7pm Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup> 7pm St. Mary's Induction Mass of Fr John Owens as Parish Priest with The Vicar General, Canon Eddy Jarosz. All Parishioners

Fri. 5th 1-3pm St Edwards Hall Chat and Craft Group. All Welcome

Sat. 6th 5:30pm St John Bosco, Confession

Sat. 6th 6pm St John Bosco, Solemn Mass, James Donnelly RIP

Sun. 7th 9am St Edward's, Solemn Mass, Evelyn Clearly RIP

Sun. 7th 11am St. Mary's, Patronal Festival Mass, John Ryan RIP

Sun 7th 12:15pm St. Mary's Parish Patronal BBQ

Sun 7th 5:30pm St. Mary's, Confession

Sun 7th 6pm (no incense) St. Mary's Patronal Festival Mass Parishioners

Sick and Housebound Parishioners: inform Fr. John if you'd like a visit.

<u>Latin Mass</u>: The next Latin Mass will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm at St. Mary's.

Confirmation optional meeting (not part of the programme): for those on the course last year, 3rd September from 7.30 - 9pm at St. Mary's. See Ania.

Mt. St. Bernard Abbey Jubilee of Hope Pilgrimage: 31st August at 2pm. Outdoor Mass, Family Picnic (Please bring your own picnic), Marian Procession and Adoration. Contact jnoakes@englishmartyrs.org

St Mary's Patronal Feast 7<sup>th</sup> September: After the 11am Mass to celebrate our Lady's birthday, there will be a BBQ in the hall and car park. We do ask everyone to contribute something towards the BBQ, either in skills, eg: cooking (very important), or bringing meat, vegetarian substitutes, bread rolls, crisps, drinks, desserts etc. This year Peter and his family (of Curry night fame) have offered to put on a salad bar, so we won't need any extra salads! There will be people hanging around before and after Mass at St Mary's over the next few weeks with lists. Please jot down what you could bring so we can attempt to achieve a balance. We also need an extra BBQ if anyone has one they can transport to and from St Mary's? Parishioners who attend the other Masses across the parishes are warmly invited to join us at 12.15pm for the BBQ.

Coffee Morning for MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT on Friday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 29 Wellhouse Close, Wigston, LE18 2RQ. 10.30am - 1.30pm then 7.30pm until the cakes run out! Everyone is welcome, please do come along and join lots of friends and / or meet new ones as we raise money for this worthy cause. See Margaret Shryane for more information.

Quiz night Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September - St Mary's hall 7.30pm: Create your own team, or just come and join a team on the night to win the prizes. A simple supper will be provided for a £5+ donation: jacket potatoes with choice of fillings and salad. Bring your own drinks and a small raffle prize. Tickets will be on sale and it will be drawn at the end of the evening. Come and get to know your fellow parishioners in a fun and relaxed environment. Please let us know if you are coming.

St. Edwards BBQ: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm. £5pp. Contact Julie for more info, how you can help or if you are attending. All Welcome.

### Craft Fayre Saturday 4th October St John Bosco Hall 10am - 3pm:

Do you or someone you know do any type of craft? There are still a few tables available. See Rita, Keith or Pat for more information. Even more

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm at St Mary's, Fr. John will be inducted as our Parish Priest by Vicar General, Cannon Eddy Jarosz. Parishioners from all three churches are warmly welcome to come and share in this celebration Induction Mass. Refreshments will be served after the Mass.

#### Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Sheila Byrne RIP Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September Funeral Service at St. Edward's at 12:45pm with committal to follow at Gilroes crematorium.

Sister Mary Doyle CSJP RIP who died on 22nd August age 97.

Confirmation preparation: Thank you so much to all those who have expressed a willingness to support the confirmation candidates in preparing to receive this important sacrament. We will be having a meeting on Wednesday 24th September to finalise arrangements for delivering the programme. It will be held in St Mary's hall from 7-8pm. We would be grateful if another four people could offer their time to join the team. If you are unsure if you could undertake this important role, do come to the meeting, or talk to Fr John or Hilari. If any of the current catechists have a preference over the week/s they would prefer to lead please, again, let Fr John or Hilari know so that we can facilitate it. I will send out the proposed programme to all those who have, so far, expressed their interest in supporting the candidates. We look forward to seeing you on the 24th.

**REMINDER:** If you have a child who is aged 7 years or over, and is ready to be prepared to receive 1st Holy Communion, or aged 12 years or over, and wishes to receive Confirmation, please complete an application form - to be found in any of the church porches - as soon as possible. The programmes will be starting at the end of September. Forms can be handed to Hilari or Fr John.

<u>First Holy Communion preparation:</u> Following the desire of the Church, we are reverting to offering First Holy Communion preparation to children in Year 3, as well as Year 4, and so we urgently need **volunteers** to assist in delivering the programme either: **Tuesdays in Holy Cross School from 3.15-4.20pm OR Thursdays in St John Bosco Hall from 6-7pm.** If you think you could help, or wish to know more, please contact Hilari or Fr John as soon as possible. Thank you.

importantly, put it in your diaries and make the effort to pop in to see what is available. Grab the chance to pick up some early, and unique, Christmas presents. Please bring it to the attention of your friends and family.

Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham will host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October. For further details visit: worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk or email: membership@waf-ew.org.uk or See Poster.

St. Mary's Christmas Fayre: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at St John Fisher School from 10am – 2pm. Please let Keith, Hilari, Lynn or Jo know if you can help in any way. Donations of raffle prizes, tombola items, cakes etc will be gratefully received. More details to follow.

St. Edward's Christmas Fayre Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November: 12-3pm. Contact Julie if you can help in anyway. This replaces the Autumn Fayre.

### Question: "I Haven't Been to Mass in Years. Is It Too Late?"

It's Never Too Late to Come Home

No matter how long you've been away—months, years, decades—Christ waits for you. The Church isn't here to scold you. It exists to welcome you home with open arms and joyful hearts.

"There is no offense, however serious, that the Church cannot forgive."

Invitation: Come as you are. Don't wait until you feel "ready." Start by walking through the door. We'll help with the rest.

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