



# Christ the King Catholic Primary School

We love, aspire and serve with Christ our King

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## Week 34

We have enjoyed celebrating our 70<sup>th</sup> School Year this week with two wonderful occasions. Last night we gathered in church with Father Colin for our Mass of Thanksgiving for the last 70 years. It was so good to have so many past, present and future pupils, staff, governors, parents and families as well as parishioners and other people who support the school in so many ways. As Father Colin reminded us it was the opportunity to celebrate all that is good about our school community. Thinking about all those who have gone before us we do really stand on the shoulders of giants. We were privileged to have a good number of former pupils who were in the original 1952/1953 classes when the school was open.

We continued the celebrations today with Collective Worship marking the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We reminded ourselves that we are all filled with the love of God and it is our mission, like it has been the mission of the thousands of former pupils to share this love with everyone they meet. We also thought about the way we can mark Fathers' Day on Sunday and give thanks for all that our Dads, grandads, uncles, big brothers and others that care for us do for us. We remembered all those who are looking down on us from heaven too.

The earlier part of the week also had its highlights – Mr Hawes took our Netball teams out to a competition where they performed amazingly given that for most of them it was their first competition. Our Year 5 boys won their football league, taking it down to the last minute in our local 'derby' against St Paschal Baylon School. We have presented all our medals and certificates from the Catholic Athletics Competition last week and we know that 21 children will be representing us at the Champion of Champions in July.

Our School photographer was in school on Wednesday to take group photographs of our Reception and Year Six children, she also took a Staff Group photograph to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> Year – I can tell you it's far easier to organise Reception and Year 6 in to a group. Year Two have had a visit from an archaeologist to help with their Stonegate history topic. The choir have been learning songs and a dance for their musicals show case that will take place at St Julie's in July – we are very grateful to St Julie's for their help and support.

In Sunday's Gospel we will hear how Jesus was moved with compassion for people who were worried and who were looking for help. He sent the disciples out to care for them and he asks us to carry on this work today.

**God of mercy, fill us with compassion for our brothers and sisters, who are all loved by you. Lead us to take action and bring comfort and help where we can. Amen.**

Mrs Griffin's Family (our former headteacher) attended the celebration Mass last night, they continue to raise money for the Rainbows charity in her memory, knowing the excellent support that the charity gives to those children who have experienced any form of loss be it through bereavement or separation. If anyone would like to make a donation in Mrs Griffin's memory we will be collecting loose change or alternatively you can donate online : <https://donate.justgiving.com/donation-amount?uri=aHR0cHM6Ly9kb25hdGUtYXBpLmp1c3RnaXZpbmcuY29tL2FwaS9kb25hdGlvbnMvNDk0NzJkMmE4ZjQ2NGMyMWFIM2Q2ZDQ5MTRmNjcxNDA/aXNDaGVja291dEFwaT1mYWxzZQ==>

We've been blessed with the sunshine this week, I hope that it continues so you can all enjoy it at the weekend – rather than being stuck inside over heating! I look forward to hearing about your Father's Day celebrations when we return on Monday.

David Delaney  
Head Teacher

