



# *The Messenger*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We approach half term ready to stop, rest and pause for a few days. I wrote to you last week acknowledging the immense effort you have all used in supporting us with a new remote provision and it is greatly appreciated. School will remain closed over half term so hopefully we can turn off all technology devices for a while. We have been told we will receive two weeks' notice before returning, therefore, we are still aiming for an 8 March return which is due to be announced on or around 22 February.

Thank you for your continued support and messages to us all, they really do lift spirits when needed. ☺ Have a good week.

E J Byrne

## **NATIONAL LOCKDOWN 3.0**

**PLEASE STAY HOME. PROTECT THE NHS. SAVE LIVES**

**If you are using the school provision because you are a key worker AND can still work at home, please keep your children at home.**

Numbers of children attending school means staff are becoming stretched in managing such numbers effectively. All of the school support staff are working tremendously hard in facilitating the remote learning (in school) and supporting pupils as well. Therefore, I must ask, if you are using the school provision because you are eligible as a 'key worker', please only send your children to school on the days you are unable to stay at home. If you are working from home, please keep your children at home with you. Thank you.

*Ash Wednesday falls on 17 February next week. See the school web page under Catholic Life, Wednesday Word for the following 3 weeks.*  
<http://www.stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk/page/new-wednesday-word-pdfs/81204>

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children attending **school provision** after half term **will be expected to wear their school uniform**. This will certainly help us and the children as we prepare for a return to school bringing some of the 'norms' back into play. Those year groups that have a PE session in the afternoons can wear their PE kit on those days, as we would have last term.

<b>PE Days</b>	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	Mon,Wed,Fri	Tues and Thurs		Mon, Thurs		Wed and Fri	

**Reading Online at Home:** *Can I ask that parents record all the books your child has read on Bug Club (Active Learn) in their Reading Record Book. If your child has not completed all the quizzes in the books it will not show that they have read the books and we will not have a record in school. This free provision will be withdrawn very soon and we want to make sure that all the children's reading has been recorded so we don't send books home which the children have read online when we return to school.*

*I know of many of you have experienced the harsh reality of Covid-19 and its impact, and we have seen the impact on our school also. Despite there being 'light' as a result of the vaccination roll out, many people are still vulnerable. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you currently and especially those families experiencing difficulties and strain.*



### “Prayer for Protection”

The Light of God surrounds me.  
 The Love of God enfolds me.  
 The Power of God protects me.  
 The Presence of God watches over me.  
 The Mind of God guides me.  
 The Life of God flows through me.  
 The Laws of God direct me.  
 The Power of God abides within me.  
 The Joy of God uplifts me.  
 The Strength of God renews me.  
 The Beauty of God inspires me.  
 Wherever I am, God is!

\*This prayer was written by James Freeman for all soldiers during World War II. It is as powerful today as it was then.

## Lent Reflections from Fr Tony

Lent is a precious time in the Church's year as we reflect, take stock, and look both inwardly at our own lives, and out into the World seeing everyone as our neighbour. In these recent times of struggle, we especially look to the sacrifice on the Cross as our inspiration, acknowledging those making their own sacrifice in the care of others, and remembering those we have lost.

Each Friday during Lent, Missio invites you to join us, and speakers from our partners the Mill Hill Missionaries and the wider Catholic community, for a short time of prayer and reflection. The events should last around 20 minutes and will be live-streamed via YouTube. Recordings of the liturgies will be available to view on Missio's YouTube channel shortly after they have taken place.

### **Live Stream Lent Reflections, Fridays, 10.30am**

**Join us live every Friday on Missio's YouTube channel**

<https://www.youtube.com/MissioUK>

19 February	Fr Gerry Hastie MHM
26 February	Fr Kevin Hughes MHM
5 March	Women's World Day of Prayer: Sr Scholasticah Nganga, Sister of Mercy from Kenya
12 March	T.B.C.
19 March	St Joseph's Feast Day: Fr Michael Corcoran MHM
26 March	Claire Colleran, Missio Education Adviser
3 April	Good Friday: Fr John Hemer MHM (recorded, not live-streamed)
5 April streamed)	Easter Sunday: Fr Tony Chantry MHM (recorded, not live-

We look forward to sharing with you and praying together during Lent.

# The 100 challenge!



Many of you will be inspired by Captain Sir Tom Moore during the early days of COVID when he set out to raise money by walking 100 laps around his garden. He was an absolute inspiration to us all.

We decided that as a school in his memory we would like to challenge each and every one of you to your own 100 challenge throughout February. All of the staff will be doing one too! You can choose to do anything you like – be as creative as you can! We can't wait to see what you come up with!

Here are some ideas;

- 100 laps of anything. You could do this by running, walking, cycling or scooting
- 100 minutes of exercise
- 100 acts of kindness
- Score 100 goals
- Create a piece of artwork that incorporates the number 100

We ask that a photograph could be sent to your class email accounts showing your efforts with the wording 'My 100 Challenge' and some wording to support so we can create a display in school. Thank you!