



8TH MARCH 2024

## MASS TIMES

### Sacred Heart Church Mass Times

There are two Churches in our Parish. Holy Family in Kirkholt and Sacred Heart on Kingsway. The Parish Priest is Father Simon and he resides in Sacred Heart Presbytery.

#### *Saturday at Sacred Heart*

*5.15 Confessions*

*6.00 Vigil Mass*

*Sunday*

*9 am at Holy Family*

*11 am at Sacred Heart*

## PENALTY NOTICES



Every student. Every day.

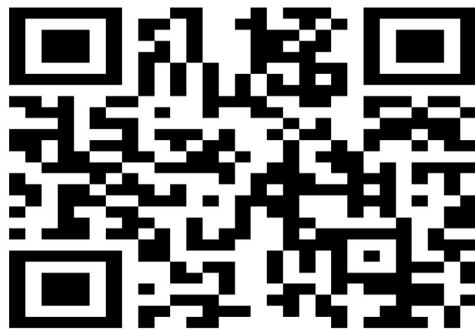
### Poor attendance

Children who miss more than 20 sessions/10 school days unauthorised absence in a 12 week period will receive a Penalty Notice which is £60 per parent.

### Holiday absences

Children who miss 10 sessions/5 school days unauthorised absences will receive a Penalty Notice which is £60 per parent, per child. Holiday requests will be reviewed separately and in some circumstances may be approved.

## Wraparound Survey for Parents



We have been sent the QR code from Rochdale Council if you can please point the camera on your phone towards the code to complete.

## ASSEMBLIES

*Friday 15th March 8.50 am Y1*

*Friday 22nd March 8.50 am Reception*

*Friday 26th April 8.50 am Y5*



## TRIPS

Thursday 14th March EYFS Smithills Farm

Monday 18th March Y5 Chocolate Museum York

Monday 25th March Y5 Buddhist Centre Manchester





Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about the 'light' that has come into the world. Pope Francis reminds us, "Jesus is the light who brightens the darkness." Letting Jesus' light shine in our lives provides a secure foundation for our lives and for the lives of our children too.

This Gospel also reminds us that God loves us so much that he gave his only Son for us. Jesus' great act of love,

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of self-giving, on the cross, has paved the way for us to share in the true richness of God's love in this life, and also in the life to come.

See overleaf to enjoy a very special time together this evening, exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **SELF-GIVING**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from  
**Pope Francis**

"Jesus leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others."

## THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Nicodemus, a teacher of the law, came to Jesus one night. Jesus said to him, "The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. Everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear their actions should be exposed; but whoever lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what they do is done in God."

*Adapted from John 3:14-21*  
The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year B

Everyone can learn more about this Gospel in church: all are very warmly invited.

**Good News**  
for **Everyone**

God wants us to live like Jesus, to be 'self-giving', which is the opposite of being 'selfish'. To be 'self-giving' is to be aware of others' needs or interests, and to put their needs before our own. Let's bring peace and joy into our community by sharing God's love, through our self-giving.

To find out more about the Catholic Faith, see: [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org) and [cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk)





# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom; it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefer and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

### ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODERs. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

### PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

### IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

### DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

### PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has genuine friends who they play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

### MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

### DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with others safely in the digital world.

## Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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Sources: <https://www.thovargo.com/2020/7/21/2183343/roblox-over-half-of-us-kids-playing-virtual-parties-fortnite>  
<https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

This week the School Council have been designing posters to remind children about expected behaviour at lunchtime. The children are also working on developing a children's safeguarding policy.

Congratulations to this weeks Golden Hearts winners Eshal for always encouraging others to be safe and follow our rules and to Lydia for always being respectful and having beautiful manners.



## ATTENDANCE

Well done to our Y5 on achieving the highest percentage attendance this week of 95% and to our Reception class for being the most improved. Who will get to 100% first?

## LENT WALK

All across school the children have continued to carry out their big Lent walk each day. We are raising funds for CAFOD. If you are able, please donate via the link

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/.../sacred-heart-big...?>



# HEADTEACHERS AWARD

Headteachers award children awarded this week in Nursery to Leo for being caring and kind to a friend who was hurt and to Jacob for helping others while he was a special helper in class.

In Reception Year to Isabella for helping our nursery friends fasten their shoes and to Arlo for showing concern for our friends with chicken pox.

In Year 1 to Filip for helping children collect their lunch boxes and to Chelsey for supporting a child who was feeling upset.

In Year 2 to Chloe for always sharing a smile with everyone she sees and to Lainee for helping others and spreading joy every day.

In Year 3 to Riley for showing kindness and sharing a toy and to Harmony for showing great teamwork and working well with a partner.

In Year 4 to Lucy for being a thoughtful and helpful to other pupils in class

In Year 5 to Amelia for always being a fantastic helper in the classroom and to Zak for always putting others before himself.

In Year 6 to Momena for caring for our classroom, library and school every day and to Lexie for helping other pupils around school and supporting the adults in the hall.

Well done everyone.



Well done to Emmanuel, Olivia and Ioan all chosen this week for consistently excellent manners when lining up, at the hatch and when eating their lunch.



## .Mothers Day Afternoon Tea

A big thank you to Mrs McDonald, Mrs Lomax, Mrs Cook and Miss Edwards for all their hard work. Afternoon Tea was a great success and we have had some lovely comments from parents/ carers.





# World Book Day

The children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day. Our Librarians visited every class and read them a book that they had chosen. The children then visited the Reading Shed and in the afternoon Mr Jones lead an assembly where we could look at all the wonderful costumes and he read the book Charlie Cook's favourite book .

