



ST JAMES'
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

28th March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Spring Term Week 11 Headteacher Update

We are once again entering another final week of a half term. This spring term seems to have been one of the fastest I can remember with so much happening at school. Our spring newsletter will be published this week and emailed to you. It will also be available on our website. This really does showcase how much goes on for each Year group at St James'.

On Friday we will round off the term with a whole school Mass which will be celebrated by Fr Peter. It is somewhat ironic that our last whole school Mass was celebrated by Fr Peter before the beginning of the pandemic in 2020. We are looking forward to celebrating once again as the whole St James' family.

Our Year 7 Parents' Evening took place on Thursday last week with strong attendance at this virtual event. As always, thank you to all of the Year 7 parents and carers who attended and submitted their feedback to the parental voice questionnaire which was sent out by Dr Guscott. In the coming weeks this information will be published on our website at the usual address which can be found [here](#).

In our Gospel yesterday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, traditionally called Laetare Sunday from the Latin word that means 'rejoice', we hear the parable of 'A Prodigal son - A Forgiving Father' – a story we have heard so many times that many of us can repeat it almost line for line. The three characters in the parable, the younger son, elder son, and their father, together weave a beautiful story of sin, envy, and mercy. We hear it today because midway through Lent, the liturgy reflects that we are all like this prodigal son, the well-known story striking a familiar chord in the lives of all of us. Like the prodigal son, we too must say to ourselves, 'I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you'. The forgiveness of the father in the parable is an image of God's forgiveness and abounding love for us, and it reminds us that God's love for another does not diminish his love for each of us.

Have a super week and a lovely holy Easter break when it comes. Our staff will also be taking a well-deserved break over the Easter period, spending time with their families, and as such will be unavailable via email, thank you in advance for not contacting them. If you need anything in these final five days, please do not hesitate to get in touch headteacherpa@stjameschadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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