



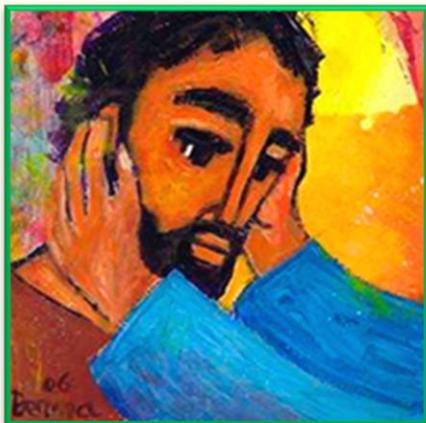
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Sunday 5th September 2021

Mark 7: 31-37



We know from the weakness of our bodies and the fragility of our hearts that we need God. Prayer is the time we come in need to God knowing that he always gives strength of mind, body or soul when we place ourselves in God's loving presence.



Wishing a very happy birthday to those celebrating their birthday this week.

Ethan – 2 Cedar
Patrick – 2 Cedar
Arinze – 2 Elm
Joel – 5 Poplar
Millie – 6 Willow

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

A warm welcome back to you all, as we arrive once again at the start of a new school year. I hope that you all had a lovely summer holiday with your children. The staff and I are looking forward to the year ahead with the children and hope that it will be a happy, successful and fulfilling year for everyone. Next week we have planned Parent Information Sessions with the class teachers which will give you useful information about your child's class, an oversight of the curriculum and other information. The timings and dates of these sessions details are set out below. Our Reception children will be starting school during next week and we hope that they will be very happy at St Anselm's. The curriculum information session for reception children will take place at a later date.

Mass for the start of the school year: Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 9th September at 9:30am**. The Mass will be led by 6 Willow and livestreamed for the whole school to attend online. The link to the Mass is <https://harrowcatholicchurch.org/mass>

Parent Information Sessions: We are running these sessions face-to-face with class teachers. This year with the exception of Year 6, classes will run the session for their own class only rather than in larger year group presentations. The dates and times are set out below. There will be staff available to supervise children in the MUGA while you attend the sessions should it be required. Mindful of space in classrooms, we invite **one parent only** to attend for your child and ask that you **please wear a face-covering** whilst inside the school building.

Tuesday 7 th September	3.30pm	2 Elm & 2 Cedar
Tuesday 7 th September	4pm	4 Pine & 4 Oak
Wednesday 8 th September	3.30pm	1 Aspen & 1 Beech
Wednesday 8 th September	4pm	5 Rowan & 5 Poplar
Thursday 9 th September	4pm	3 Larch & 3 Maple
Thursday 9 th September	4.30pm	6 Yew & 6 Willow

Uniform: The children returned to school looking proud and smart in their school uniform. May I remind you to check that all cardigans, jumpers, jackets and coats are labelled clearly with their name please. As we step into autumn, if you are purchasing a school coat for your child, please ensure that it is navy or black in line with our uniform expectation. Thankyou.

International Week - We have designated the week of **27th September to 1st October** as International Week and further information about this will follow in the next two weeks.

School Lunches: Children (and staff) have been positive about the new catering provider that is in place. Some Year 2 children have been impressed with the 'freezy ice-cream' 'meaty pasta' and the lettuce and cucumber. Today's fish and chip lunch didn't disappoint and the meal supervisors reported that there was little waste from the children. On Monday we look forward to resuming this provision for Years 3 and 4, and the following Monday for Years 5 and 6.

Parish First Holy Communion Programme: Fr Derek has asked that I to remind parents of children years 3 and above that the closing date for First Holy Communion registrations will close next weekend.

With very best wishes and kind regards,
Mrs. O'Connell

St Anselm's Staff & Parent Association (SPA) News & Updates

Roundups: Thank you all for supporting the creative arts at St Anselm's through donating your pennies by Roundups. We'll have an update next week on the amount raised so far.

Notices and Dates for your Diary:

Date	Event
Week of 6 th September	Parent information sessions
Week of 27 th September	International Week
Monday 1 st November	Staff Training Day
19 th & 21 st October	Open Evenings
Week of 25 th October	Half term week
Monday 1 st November	Staff Training Day

Term dates for 2021/22 are available on the school website

Support for Parents: For any parent in need of support with any aspect of parenting, there is help available including one to one parenting support. Hope Harrow can be contacted on 0208 863 7319 or by email info@hopeharrow.org.uk or visit their website <http://www.hopeharrow.org.uk> for further details of their work with families

**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**

Safeguarding of Children is the responsibility of everyone. If you have a safeguarding concern about a child please contact Mrs O'Connell the Designated Safeguarding Lead or in her absence Mrs Kelly-Keegan or Mrs Marotta who are Deputy DSL's. The Safeguarding Governor is Mrs Leanne O'Brien.