



September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Diocesan Schools Mass - Friday 11th October
St Mary's Church, West Street, Dunstable

You may be aware that each year, as part of "Education Week" across our Diocese, Catholic Schools within the Diocese gather together to celebrate Mass at St Mary's Church, Dunstable. Bishop Peter celebrates this Mass accompanied by many of our local parish priests.

We would like to offer members of Year 4 the opportunity to represent the school at this Mass, along with our Junior Chaplaincy team

Due to the number of children within the Diocesan Catholic schools, we are only able to offer 40 places to our year 4 pupils.

Our children will be representing our school community and we will ensure that prayers are said, in particular, for all members of our community who are preparing to receive First Holy Communion. It is always a memorable occasion.

The group will leave school at 9.00am along with myself and other members of staff; we will be travelling by coach and will return to school for approximately 2.30pm.

We ask that the children wear full smart school uniform and bring a packed lunch. They also need to bring a waterproof coat. If your child uses an inhaler or has any other medication whilst in school can you please ensure that the teacher is aware of this and that it is handed to the teacher to take with them to the church on the day.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals and you would like the kitchen to provide a packed lunch, please tick the appropriate box on the reply slip below.

Please return the slip below by Friday 20th September 2019 to either your child's teacher or the school office.

If you have any queries please call the school office on 01234 401900.

God bless you all.

Thank you.

Mary Ward
Lay Chaplain

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Having discussed this with my child:

I am giving permission for my child to attend the Diocesan Schools Mass on Friday 11th October 2019
I am not giving permission for my child to attend the Diocesan Schools Mass on Friday 11th October 2019
My child is entitled to free school meals and I would like the kitchen to supply one on this day.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_
(Parent/Carer)

The information on the reply slip will ensure that members of staff can monitor the safe collection of the children involved. Medical information from our school database will be issued to staff in paper form to ensure that the children's medical needs are accounted for. Paper copies of the medical information and all reply slips will be destroyed the day after the trip in compliance with new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

