



**31 January, 2022**

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Reflection

*"Don't walk behind me; I may not lead.  
Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow.  
Just walk beside me and be my friend."*

### INSET Day

Just a reminder that all the schools in our Trust, including St Thomas', will be closed for pupils on Monday 28 February for staff training.

### Kids' Clubs

We have close links with two excellent kids' clubs- Whitworth and Ilkeston. Please find attached to this newsletter their flyers if you wish to make contact.

### World Book Day- 3 March 2022

This year, World Book Day charity celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and as a school we hope to fill the day with lots of exciting ways to promote reading for the children. Children are invited to dress up in their favourite book character on this day.

### Action for Children

We are working closely with the charity Action for Children who support children with their emotions and worries. They will be coming into school to deliver assemblies for our children next Monday. Please find attached to this newsletter a flyer for a free online parents' workshop you may wish to attend.

### Free School Meals.

If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals then please fill out the short, confidential form [here](#).



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## Children's Liturgy at Our Lady and St Thomas Church



Following on from the synodal process, the parish of Our Lady and St Thomas are hoping to re-introduce Children's Liturgy during the first part of the celebration of Mass at 10:45am each Sunday. As part of this same process of reaching out by means of consultation and dialogue we would very much value your input by just responding to the following questions:

1. Would a children's liturgy be a welcome addition to supporting you and your family in your faith journey?
2. The liturgy would be age appropriate for children to attend independently from year 1 to year 3. Would it be helpful to provide activity packs (based on the gospel reading) for your child under this age range?
3. Do you have any recommendations/comments that would help us to further develop a children's liturgy within the parish?

Please reply to [sdoczyminska@tho.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:sdoczyminska@tho.srscmat.co.uk) Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support,

*God Bless, Mr Lobb & Mr Sellors*