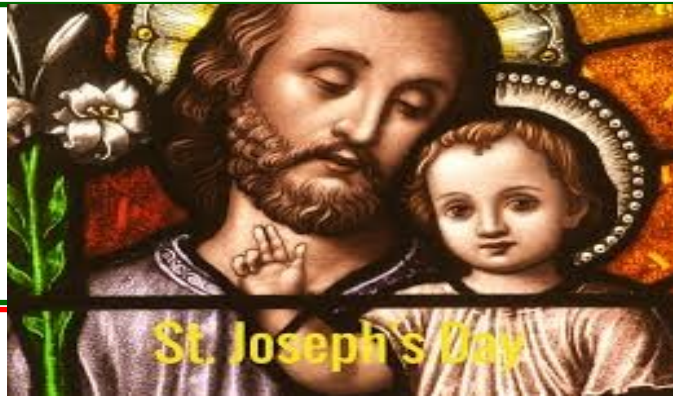




NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 18th March 2021



As we look forward to celebrating the feast day of St Joseph tomorrow we have a number of activities planned for the day. We look forward to sharing these with you in coming weeks.

We will be starting by joining in with Mass led by the Bishop for all the schools in the Diocese.

As we come to the second week of full opening, it is so lovely to see how the children have settled in so well.

How wonderful it is to see St Joseph's school full of life and learning!

Mrs S Woods

Polite Reminder

Can you ensure that children do NOT bring a large rucksack to school. We have limited space to store these.

Many thanks for your co operation.

SCHOOL PRAYER LINK

The Clifton Diocese asks us please to pray this week for:

- St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Burnham-on-Sea
- Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School, Weston-Super-Mare
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary School, Wincanton
- St George's Catholic Primary School, Taunton



St Joseph's Day Mass. We hope you joined us in this virtual Mass this morning, where we all came together via the web link at Clifton Cathedral.

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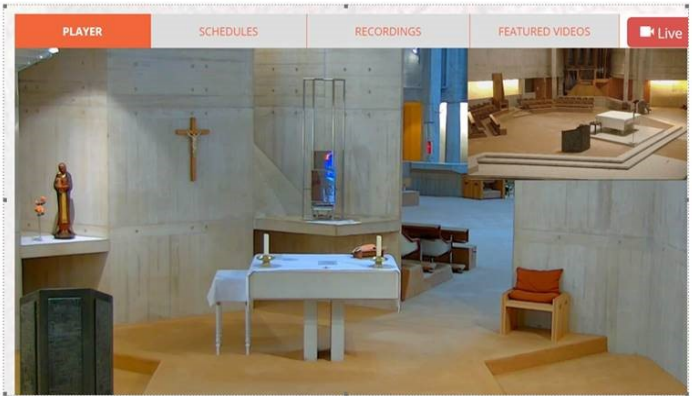
Welcome to Clifton Cathedral

All Masses are currently open for public worship and are live-streamed at 9.30am daily and also 6.00pm on Sundays.

Unless otherwise advised, live-streaming of the Cathedral will be available

Mass Times

	Mass	Prayer
Monday	9.30am	10am-11am



Covid 19 Information—Important!

Dropping off and picking up children from school. We are asking parents not to stop and chate with other parents when they drop and pick up.

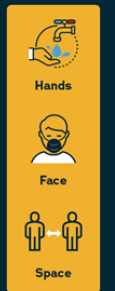
This will help to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Please also be reminded to socially distance at all times. Thank you for helping us all to stay safe and Covid-19 free.



Dropping off, Picking up

Please don't stop to chat with other parents to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.



#WiltshireTogether

K&S Tykes will be offering After School Club places for the children of St Joseph's school from Monday 15th March.

Please contact K&S Tykes for booking and more information.

07733 068519 or email: ks.childminderservices@yahoo.co.uk.



Ordering School Uniform.

If you require additional items of school uniform, you can find a School Uniform Order Form on the school website. Parents / School Uniform.

This completed order form can be emailed to the school office.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Order Form for Uniform July 2020
School Uniform Price List July 2020

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Message from Pope Francis:



'Lent is a journey during which the Lord asks us to follow 3 steps—almsgiving, prayer and fasting.'

Please take a moment to follow the Wednesday Word link below...

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/teacher?pid=MTA101634&v=16.7>

Acts of Kindness

The Lenten call to almsgiving means making the needs of other people our own. One of the central lessons of the cross is compassion; the heavy burdens we carry help us to appreciate the suffering in others. Sharing our material goods is often just the beginning of real giving. We are also called to share our time tending to people in need.



With this in mind we would like to begin a collection for our local Malmesbury and District foodbank.

They have a need for specific items as follows:

- TINNED VEGETABLES (BUT NOT PULSES)
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED SPAGHETTI
- SPONGE PUDDINGS
- DOG FOOD

If you would like to be included in our Lenten almsgiving, we will make a collection in class each day from 15th to 19th March.

Thank you in advance for your support.

The last day of Term 4 is Thursday 1st April 2021. Please note the staggered pick up times.

- St Scholastica—1.00-1.05pm at the Church
 - St Francis—1.10-1.15pm at the Church
 - St Lawrence—1.20-1.25pm at the Church
 - St Aldhelm—1.00-1.05pm at the main gate
 - Family Group—1.10-1.15pm at the main gate
 - St Anthony—1.20-1.25pm at the main gate
- We return to school for Term 5 on Monday 19th April 2021

AGE RESTRICTION 18+

What parents need to know about
GRAND THEFT AUTO (GTA)

Grand Theft Auto is an action-adventure video game series where players control criminals and wreak havoc in order to complete missions and progress through the game. During the early stages of the game, it solely focuses on completing missions to go up a level. However, as the game grew more popular, the makers of GTA decided to introduce a narrative to each edition of the game. The aim of this was to increase user engagement, making gamers believe that they were not just playing as the character, but they became the character. Grand Theft Auto is accessible on a number of devices including PlayStation and Xbox, desktop computers, PSP, Nintendo DS, and Mobile.

Top Tips for Parents

THE RISK - PLAYING WITH STRANGERS
When buying GTA V you automatically have access to Grand Theft Auto Online, a version of the game that allows players to play online. They can play alone, invite players to a game, or be invited to public 'sessions' where people will be picked at random to play. When you first load into a game you are automatically placed into an open lobby, meaning you play with random people. The lobby is a very open social platform where users can chat, share in-game photographs (which users can like and comment on), and even message each other.

WARNING!
Due to the nature of the game and the age restrictions, GTA includes content that is inappropriate for anyone under the age of 18, including sex, nudity, violence, profanity, language, and substance abuse. These are the main components that make up the game - you have to do certain things and witness certain things in order to move on in the game. Exposing your child to this type of content could affect their morals and understanding of right and wrong. Additionally, your child could become desensitized to similar situations, reinforcing the fact they they would find it hard to differentiate between right/wrong and good/bad.

THE RISK - ONLINE HACKERS
Hackers can make money by helping users cheat in the game. They can do a number of inappropriate things, including killing people, stealing weapons, spawning money into the game, and even spawning other characters. Spawning money tends to be a gamer's most popular choice, being able to buy \$100,000,000,000 in game currency for as little as five US dollars.

What parents can do
Actively monitor your child's online activity. These websites are very easy to find, meaning children and young people can easily navigate their way to these websites and pay for hackers. Not only is this an illegal activity, but you have the risk of giving your personal information to someone who may misuse it.

THE RISK - ADDICTION
Addiction is a risk with any game. Game developers use persuasive design techniques to force users to invest their time, and often money, in a game. Within GTA, your character is able to progress through the game for completion missions within a certain time frame, encouraging children to keep returning to the game. Gaming addiction is now a recognised health condition and the side effects are concerning, including sleep deprivation, decreased attention span and erratic emotional behaviour.

THE RISK - LIVE CHAT
When playing GTA online, players have the option to use a microphone to broadcast their voice live to other players involved in the session. These live voice chats are not moderated, meaning anything could be said, including inappropriate language, as well as verbal forms of bullying.

THE RISK - MICROTRANSACTIONS
By completing missions and partaking in certain activities you earn in-game currency. This allows you to buy things such as prosthetics, vehicles, weapons, ammo, new outfits, cars, apartments and more. However, the items that are available to buy often have a high price that require a lot of game time, meaning the items are pretty unrealistic to buy.

What parents can do
Talk openly with your child about not giving away personal information. Also remind them that conversations can be recorded, which could damage their online reputation. Depending on the device/platform, there will be ways to mute conversations. Make yourself aware of the device/platform's individual settings and ensure that your child knows how to block and report.

What parents can do
If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments to the game, but want to limit spending, we suggest purchasing a pre-paid gift card for your child. These can be purchased in specific amounts which will allow you to limit how much your child spends and removed the need for a credit or debit card to be used with their account.

What parents can do
To prevent your child playing with strangers on the game, you can change the visibility settings to ensure they only play with their approved friends list. Upon signing up to the social club, it automatically sets a player's visibility settings to 'everyone', meaning their name and profile information is made public. Parents can alter this by changing the visibility settings to 'only me'.

SOURCES:
<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2103188/parentalguide>
<https://www.techdaddition.ca/addiction-to-video-games.html>

NOS National Online Safety
A whole school community approach to online safety
www.nationalonlinesafety.com
Email us at help@nationalonlinesafety.com or call us on 0800 368 8061

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

