

The Messenger - All Saints Youth Group

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Hi Everyone, Can you believe it is nearly the summer holidays? No more school work. Some people think that the reason the holiday lasts for six weeks is so that children could help farmers by working in the fields over the summer? Not sure if it is true but spending some time helping in the garden might be a nice way to spend some time this year.

It is time for the Messenger to have a holiday too. But if we can't meet again in September it will come back then. We hope you have found it interesting.

Please feel free to pass it on to anyone who you think might be interested. Do you have any ideas or suggestions about what you would like to see in future editions?

Quiz Answer the questions and then use the first letter of the answer to find a 10 letter word about this season. Good luck. Answers at the end of the newsletter.

1. Country where you will find the Great Pyramid
2. A person who performs conjuring tricks
3. Country also known as Erin
4. River running through London
5. Surname of the Harry Potter author
6. Animal with tusks and a long trunk
7. A preserve made from citrus fruits
8. The clever, brave, book-loving girl in a book by Roald Dahl
9. One of Manchester's football teams – Not City
10. Darth Vader is the most popular character in these films

The Challenge: there are 2 challenges this week.

a. Shalom

The holidays are a time of enjoyment, rest and peace. Your challenge is that for a whole day not to say anything nasty or negative to anyone about anything. If you catch yourself nearly saying something you could say or think "shalom". This is a Jewish word meaning peace. Perhaps one day could become 2 days or even a week.....

b. Cloudscape

Often during holidays we find ourselves lying on the grass or on the beach looking up at the clouds. They often make amazing shapes. Have you seen animals or birds in the shapes they

make? You could even look out of your bedroom window. The challenge is to make a small sketch of the clouds every morning and evening each day for a week. Are they always the same? What shapes have you seen this week?

Saint of the Week – St Rose of Lima Feast Day – 23RD. August



- Rose was born in 1586 in Lima, Peru to parents who had come from Spain. She was named Isabel Flores de Olivia and was exceptionally beautiful.
- Her beauty was so great that she was nicknamed "Rose." At her confirmation in 1597, she officially took the name of Rose.
- From an early age, Rose wanted to become a nun. She often prayed and fasted in secret. She performed secret penances and daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and took communion every day.
- Rose's parents wanted her to marry and were unhappy that Rose wanted to take a vow of chastity. Her father eventually relented and gave her a room to herself.
- St. Rose kept herself cloistered in her room, spending long periods in prayer. It was said she slept only two hours per night so as to have more time for prayer. She died when she was 31.
- St Rose is the patron saint of gardeners and florists

St Rose pray for us

Invitation: Again 2 invitations this week.

1. The Sanctuary at Lourdes

This year the pilgrimage to Lourdes from Birmingham was cancelled. I know that Archbishop Bernard, Fr Des and many young people were very disappointed. Visit the website: www.lourdes-france.org to see the grotto which recently opened to pilgrims but with social distancing.

There are a number of interesting things on the website including Mass in English live streamed at 5.00pm. French time.

2. Summer Camp online – Friday July 31st to Sunday 2nd. August

Another victim of COVID 19 is the summer camp which is held every year at Alton by the Kenelm Youth Trust.

If you are in secondary school this is for you **and it is free.**

Three leaders, Dom, Sarah and Jimmy will be leading the camp from America this year. Join them for talks, Mass and silly games. In the UK Fr Brendan and Meg will also be taking part.

Type in Kenelm Youth Trust Summer Camp and the link will take you where you can find the programme, a summer camp teaser trail and how to register. You don't have to watch it all – you can pick and choose. For example, you might like to talk in a small group, or look at hot chocolate and campfire on Saturday evening or want to see Fr Marco, who was in our parish for a little while a few years ago, celebrating Mass in St Chad's Cathedral on Sunday 2nd. August at 1.30pm. alongside Fr Tim Menzies.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, We thank you for our lives and families. We praise you for the graces we have received

Dear Lord, we ask you to bring peace to us, our families and friends. We pray for a world free from selfishness and violence so that everyone may live in peace. Amen.

We hope you enjoyed The Messenger this week. If you have comments or ideas for future editions please get in touch or ask you parents/carers to get in touch via Sarah by emailing olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk

Have a great summer. God bless, Sarah, Marie, Kathryn and Cathy

Answers:

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| 1. Egypt | 6. Elephant |
| 2. Magician | 7. Marmalade |
| 3. Ireland | 8. Matilda |
| 4. Thames | 9. United |
| 5. Rowling | 10. Star Wars |

The first letters of the answers reading upwards spell: Summertime