

SUNDAY 8TH MAY 2022

ST COLUMBA'S FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

HI FAMILIES OF ST COLUMBA'S,

This Sunday (8th May) is our monthly gathering at St Columba's. We very much look forward to seeing lots of our families. Service begins at 11am with everyone together, before our young people head for their activities later in the service.

Until the summer holidays we will keep the pattern of meeting once a month for Sunday School at St Columba's.

Mums, Dads, carers, please get these dates in the diary:

Sunday School Meetings - Summer 2022

- Sunday 8th May
- Sunday 12th June - St Columba's Day & congregational lunch
- Sunday 10th July (+ potential outing, or picnic & games in Hyde Park)

Also note:

- On Sunday 5th June, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, after the 11am service, there will be a congregational street party lunch in the Lower Hall, which could be fun.
- No meeting in August

Sunday School Meeting Dates - Autumn 2022

From mid-September we hope to schedule Sunday School twice a month. In September & October, on 1st & 3rd Sundays (Congregational Lunch Sundays); in November & December 1st & 2nd Sundays. So, dates for the diary:

Sunday 18th September

Sunday 2nd October

Sunday 16th October

Sunday 6th November

Sunday 13th November (Remembrance Sunday)

Sunday 4th December

Sunday 11th December (Nativity Service & Christmas pizza/craft families lunch tbc)

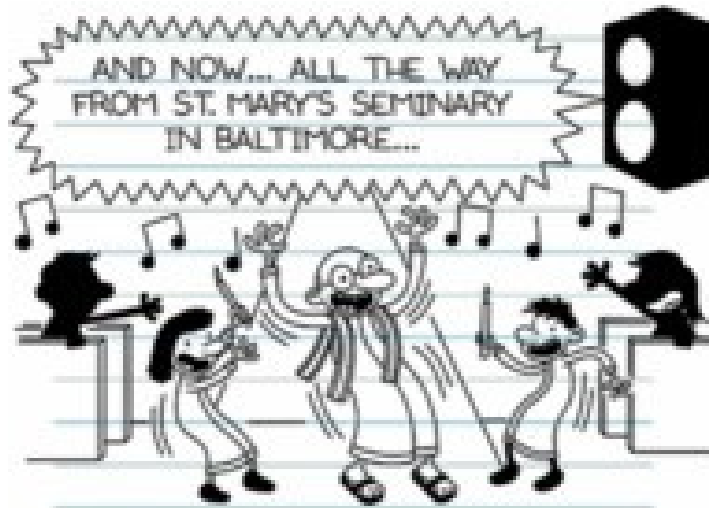
Spectacular Church?

Earlier this week, a young person was keen to share the following extract from *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* with me. The “suggestions” about church come from Greg Hefley, who is the American schoolboy and main character in the *Wimpy Kid* books. What do you think?



Greg has recently been to a big sports event at his local stadium. What strikes him was how the sports event really tried to entertain the fans – “his church can learn a few things from it like:

- When they introduce the priest, they should dim the lights and play some loud music



- They could have a mascot to make the service fun for little kids.
- They could put in a half-time show as there's all sorts of crazy stuff you could do for entertainment.
- The biggest upgrade would be if they added a Jumbotron (giant video screen) as it would help people at the back feel closer to the action.
- They could have a random draw to let people who came late sit at the front.
- Plus, they could encourage people to be a bit more generous when they walk past the donation basket.

Families Newsletter

Greg has sent those suggestions to the church, but he hasn't heard back from them yet....

For the moment we plan to send out a monthly Families Newsletter, rather than the previous, weekly offering. We'll review this over the summer. Happy to hear your thoughts.

We very much look forward to seeing you on the Sundays we meet as a Sunday School, but remember you are very welcome any and every Sunday.

Angus & the Sunday School Team