



# ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Farewell Deacon Tim and Father Marco**

I am writing to inform you of some significant changes within our school and parish community.

Firstly, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you and farewell to Father Marco, our School Chaplain, valued Governor and Assistant Priest at Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church. Father Marco will shortly be moving to a new parish, St John Fisher in Coventry, to begin the next chapter of his ministry. His deep pastoral care, regular presence in school, and unwavering commitment to our faith community have had a profound and lasting impact on our pupils, students, staff, and families. We are incredibly grateful for all he has done and wish him every blessing in his new role.

We also bid farewell to Deacon Tim Anthony, who will be retiring this summer. Deacon Tim has served our school with great dedication, both as a maths teacher and as a Deacon. His presence has embodied the values of service, humility, and faith that we strive to instil in our pupils. Over many years, he has inspired both inside and outside the classroom, and we will miss his wisdom, dry humour, and spiritual guidance.

Please keep both Father Marco and Deacon Tim in your prayers as they each embark on new journeys. Their contributions to Archbishop Ilsley have been immeasurable, and we give thanks for their faithful service.

Yours faithfully

Ciaran Clinton  
Headteacher