

# CRUSADER CHAPLAIN CHATTER

WEEK OF APRIL 20 - 24, 2026

## IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL IS SIKH HERITAGE MONTH & GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE, CONDEMNATION AND PREVENTION MONTH

MAR. 31-APR. 1: OSSLT

APR. 2: HOLY THURSDAY (SERVICES)

APR. 3: GOOD FRIDAY

APR. 4: EASTER VIGIL

APR. 5: EASTER SUNDAY

APR. 6: EASTER MONDAY (HOLIDAY)

APR. 8: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PINK

APR. 8: KRISPY KREME DELIVERIES (PD 5)

APR. 9: ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE

APR. 11: TRIVIA NIGHT @ ASSUMPTION

APR. 13: YOM HASHOAH (HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY)

APR. 14: RELAY FOR LIFE LAUNCH

APR. 15: GRAD MEETING (PD 1)

APR. 17: TERM 2 BEGINS

APR. 21: BEST BUDDIES SPRING MINGLE

APR. 24: PD DAY

APR. 30: CIVVIES DAY



*We pause to honour the land on which we live, work and learn.*

*This land is sacred:*

*it is the land of many First Nations and the Metis;*

*From the lands of the Anishinabe to the Attawandaron,*

*The Haudenosaunee and the Metis, who lived, worked and learned on this land and kept a peaceful balance with the land and its creatures and inhabitants and continue to do so.*

*As we begin our week, Let us honour this land, its rich history, the many First Nations and the Metis and commit to continue learning how to keep a peaceful balance with this land and with all those who call this land home.*

*We are only as healthy as our relationship with this land and with our commitment to truth and reconciliation.*

*Third  
Week of  
Easter*





## Watch London DJ Lead a Fabulous ‘Day Rave’ at Senior Center to Combat Loneliness

A spunky video captured a popular entertainer leading a ‘day rave’ inside a London senior center—on a mission to combat loneliness. The DJ named AG, who has performed alongside stars like Ed Sheeran and Idris Elba, led one of his signature karaoke-style singalong sessions as part of a UK program to ease isolation among the elderly.

The rowdy session evolved into anthems and antics, with a dance tutor guiding participants through energetic moves as attendees sang along to a mix of crowd-pleasing hits. (See the video below...)

Organized by ‘Age UK-Barnet’—one of 100 local branches in Age UK’s network—the London-based DJ lit up the Ann Owens Centre with enthusiasm, giving his time for free.

“I’ve performed on streets all over the world, but walking into that room was something really special.

“These guys were right up there with the best crowds I’ve played to—giving it absolutely everything.”

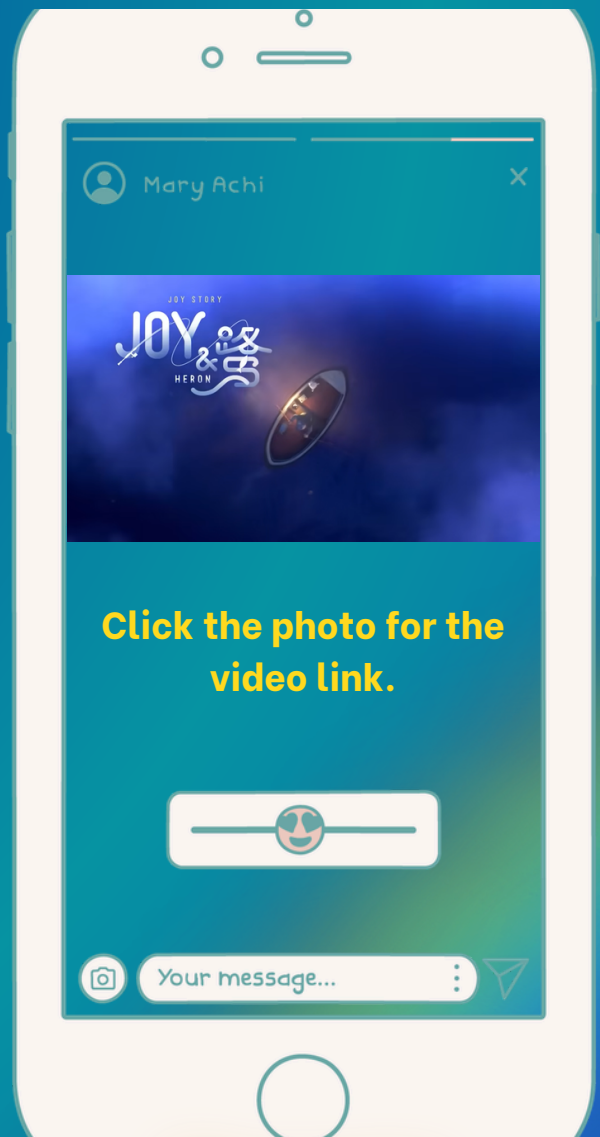
“Music brings people together whatever your age, and the OGs at the centre proved that ten times over.

“Seeing everyone jumping around and singing along, made it unforgettable. Among those showing off their moves, 84-year-old Helen said it was her first time ever on a dance floor. “It was well worth the wait!”

“I always look forward to the events that Age UK Barnet puts on. They help me enjoy later life so much more than I ever thought I could. I’m incredibly grateful and actually feel positive about the future.”



Click the photo for the link to the article.



## PRAYER

*God of language and of silence,  
We thank You for the many languages  
that are spoken in this school,  
for the power of speaking and listening.  
In the beginning, You spoke the world into being, and in  
the fullness of time,  
Your Word became Flesh in the person of Jesus.  
Help us realize that our words carry weight.  
Our words have the power  
to build up or tear down,  
to bring light or cast shadows,  
to hurt or heal.  
Grant us the grace to speak with kindness -  
May our words reflect the love of Christ, offering  
encouragement to those who are struggling.  
May our words speak truth - May we honour your Son  
by being people of integrity, standing up for what is  
right even when it is difficult.  
May our words speak with Peace - May our  
conversations be a bridge to understanding  
rather than a wall of division.  
As we go through this day, let our language be an echo  
of Your Divine Word. May everything we say be a  
testament to the good news of our faith.*

*Our Lady of the Assumption,  
pray for us!*

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*"Preach the gospel at all times; use words when necessary."*

Ultimate Frisbee tryouts will be held after school on Thurs. April 23rd and Tues. April 28th. Bring completed permission forms if you wish to participate!

First track practice Wednesday April 22nd after school - meet on track at 2:25 with your participation forms completed.

From Mr. Gatza—Girls slo-pitch practice Monday after school today on the back field or small gym.

Hey Crusaders! Ultimate Frisbee intramurals are coming up this Thursday, April 23rd! Teams should have 6 to 8 players with at least one from a different gender. Forms are due Tues. Apr. 21st.

Student Senate applications are now open! This is a great opportunity to contribute your talents and your voice beyond the school and at the board level! Applications close April 28<sup>th</sup>. See the poster with the QR code to apply. If you have any questions, see our Student Trustees, Valini Parasram or Gabi Toki.

Popcorn will be available on all lunches today. If you have already purchased your popcorn card, stop by the table in the atrium on your lunch to pick up your card and popcorn. Don't have a card yet? Head to school-cash-online to purchase your popcorn card today. \$10 / card!

Our Ambassadors are excited to announce our Mother's Day fundraiser:

Leading with Love – Tulips for Mom!

You can purchase beautiful tulip bouquets:

10 stems for \$15 or 20 stems for \$25

Orders are available now on School

Cash Online, and flowers will be ready for

pick-up on May 8th—just in time for Mother's Day!

Show your appreciation for the amazing women

in your life while supporting student leadership

in our school Don't miss out—orders close soon!

This is an announcement for Semester 1 Visual Arts Students: Arts Night is Approaching! Please bring back your best artwork to include in the Art Show by Friday, May 1st! Bring your work to the Art Room, room 108. See Ms. Paletta if you have any questions.

HAPPY  
Mother's  
DAY



## CROCHET CLUB FUNDRASER

Introducing crochet keychains featuring cute springtime chicks and bunnies, each is uniquely crafted for backpacks, keychains or gifts.



- Price: - \$8 - Chicks & Bunnies each
- Proceeds- support Life Skills classes.

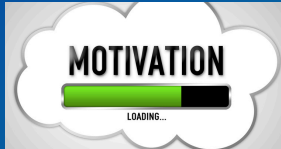
**\*Available\*\*** for pickup on Wednesdays in Room 101.

See the the TV / bulletin board outside of Phys. Ed. for all updates regarding sports and practices.

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## Quote for the week



“We may encounter many defeats, but we must not be defeated.”

MAYA ANGELOU



## Dad Joke of the Week



## WEATHER REPORT FOR THE WEEK

Today		-2°		4°
Tue		-2°		13°
Wed		5°		16°
Thu		5°		18°
Fri		6°		13°
Sat		6°	70%	14°
Sun		7°	60%	14°

from the iPhone weather app

If you need support, please remember we are here for you:

- Mr. Brophy (Principal)
- Ms. Fraser (VP)
- Mr. Ilcyszyn (VP)
- Ms. Rerecich (Chaplain)
- Devin Misener (CYC)
- Bailey Jones (SW)
- Guidance Counselors and your teachers

For More Information

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## MONDAY

Student Council  
in rm 214

Chess Club, rm 304

Senior Reach,  
rm 224

**8:10**

Be in class  
by  
8:10 a.m.

## TUESDAY

Rosary Group in  
the Chapel per. 2



Concert Band in  
the music room

Debate Club,  
rm 202

## WEDNESDAY

Wellness Wednesday  
in Piazza over lunches

DECA, library.

Intermediate Reach,  
rm 224

Math Madness,  
rm 305

HOSA, rm 217

Latin American Club,  
rm 202

French Club,  
rm 204

Spectrum GSA,  
during lunches--see  
Ms. R. & Ms.  
Ventura  
for locations!

## THURSDAY

Dungeons &  
Dragons,  
rm 209B

BSA, rm 110

Senior Reach,  
rm 224

Dance team,  
stage/small gym

Art Club, rm 108

South Asian Club,  
rm 222

## FRIDAY

## PD DAY



## PLUG IN TO YOUR FAITH

Click the item and it will take you to the site/article.

Redemption • Episode 9 • August 4, 2025

### The Power of Jesus Over Death

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So far in the series, we've been talking about how redemption means being reclaimed—freed from slavery and returned to where we belong. But what are we enslaved to, and how does Jesus set us free? In this episode, Jon and Tim explore Romans 8 and Hebrews 2 to trace how Jesus enters our suffering and overcomes death to bring us back to life.

The Power of Jesus Over Death  
49:41



April 20, 2026

#dailyjolt

What is Spring?  
Growth in everything.

GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS, POET

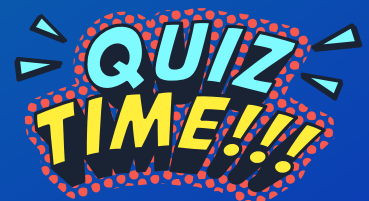
TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE  
Think of one way that you have grown since last spring and one way you would like to grow before the next.

busted halo



First person to see Ms. R. with the correct answer will receive a prize!

Weekly Trivia Challenge



“Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me.” Matt. 25.40

## What My Plants Teach Me About the Quiet Work of Spiritual Tending by Annie Turner



Those of us with plants on our windowsills know the joy of caring for green things. Fill up the watering can, trudge it between the rooms, then carefully tip the can so water flows easily into the pot with just enough to moisten the soil but not overwhelm it. What does a plant need? Water, sunlight, some drying out, clipping dead leaves off, and repotting when it outgrows the container. What does this have to do with us and a spiritual life, you might ask? I think that

we humans are a bit like the greenery we cherish, especially during the winter months and during these difficult times. What do we need to flourish?

For me, the “water” I need daily is Scripture. I need to shower myself with words from Isaiah, from a Psalm, or from one of the Gospels. In our Lectionary, we have read passages from the Gospel of Mark. I love how direct he is, how much he focuses on action, not just words. How Jesus heals, how he reaches out to Jairus’ daughter, and how he unwittingly stops the woman’s 12-year flow of blood – all of these passages ground and center me. What about sunlight and turning myself to gain the warmest rays in these cold days? Friendship and community serve as sunlight for me, including the love of my dear ones. Since research shows that plants respond to music, especially classical, I see love as the “music” my soul and body need. Sitting in our pew during Mass sometimes feels like a warm day to me too, something that will help me to grow and be stronger.

Don’t forget to clip off the dead leaves in our spiritual life. I must do some serious soul work this cold winter, to figure out the “dead” parts of my spirit and how to cut them off. One such part is my Amazon addiction. Seriously. Could I go for one day without clicking on “Buy”? I am trying, but it is a struggle.

And how about repotting? Sometimes I resist change, well, let me be honest: I always resist change. What things are constraining me now, keeping me from growing bigger in God’s light? I am a work in progress and am unsure how to move into a bigger “pot.” In order to help me make changes, I am rereading a few books crucial to my earlier spiritual journey: “The People of the Lie” by M. Scott Peck, and more recently, “Miracles” by Eric Metaxas. Both help me to grow.

These are just a few of the ways I try to nurture my soul in the same way I care for my green plants. As we look ahead to Easter, let’s consider these steps to help us flourish. We can commit to reading Scripture and perhaps journaling our responses. We can reach out to a wider community at Mass, besides just our pew mates. We can find ways to grow outside of our comfort zones, perhaps through volunteering.

And let us not forget to clip off the dead leaves in our lives. Our future growth will thank us for it!

### Annie Turner

Ann Turner is a passionate convert to the Catholic faith, who is also passionate about life in general, small dogs, food and wine, friends, nature, and the blessing that comes from just showing up and being a witness with other people. Ann is also the published author of more than 40 children’s books. Follow Ann’s faith journey and more at [her blog](#).



# POET'S CORNER



Ang

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These streets remember  
the time you wrapped your wings  
around that wandering soul.  
The one with the long face  
the injured leg  
the empty pockets  
and broken heart.  
You took time to listen,  
and listening to the judged just isn't in style anymore.  
But you did it.  
Then you offered your last dollar,  
and laughed at the thought of paying you back.  
While others around  
stepped over our panhandling places on the sidewalk  
and turned away  
you anointed our feet with oil  
washed our heads with kindness  
and lived amongst those who needed you most.

I'm no religious expert  
but I'm pretty sure I knew a saint  
the real kind  
who loves without fear  
whose millions of selfless acts go unrecorded  
but whose star I remember  
because it remains  
one of the brightest in the firmament  
years after you've gone.

Thank you for being kind while others were not.

## crusader art gallery



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April 1 - Wednesday of Holy Week

April 2 - Holy Thursday

April 2 - St. Francis of Paola

April 3 - Good Friday

April 4 - Holy Saturday

April 4 - St. Isidore

April 5 - Easter Sunday

April 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer

April 7 - St. John Baptiste de la Salle

April 11 - St. Stanislaus

April 12 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

April 13 - St. Martin I

April 17 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha

April 18 - Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin

April 19 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 21 - St. Anselm

April 23 - St. George

April 23 - St. Adalbert

April 24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

April 25 - St. Mark the Evangelist

April 26 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 28 - St. Peter Chanel

April 28 - St. Louis Grignion do Montfort

April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena

April 30 - St. Marie of the Incarnation

May 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 10 - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 17 - Ascension of our Lord

May 24 - Pentecost Sunday (Season of Easter ends)

# Saints for April