



WEEKEND MASSES - Come to the table, everyone is welcome!

Saturday: Vigil Mass -6.30 p.m. at St. Malachy's

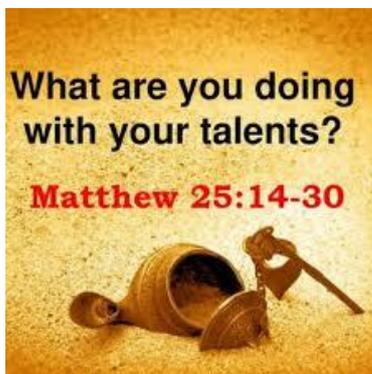
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (signed for the deaf) at St. Patrick's

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. at St. Malachy's

If there is any parent who wishes their child to be baptised, please contact the Parish Priest of the parish in which you live. If you live within the boundaries of this parish, please see Father Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Father Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Our Statement to live by next week is:

"I TRY TO STAND UP FOR MYSELF AND OTHERS WITHOUT HURTING OTHERS."



USE YOUR TALENTS: This Sunday's Gospel reminds us to use our talents well. When Jesus told this parable, the 'talent' what he was speaking about was a sum of money - a weight of silver or gold. In our time, the word 'talent' describes the special qualities or abilities which people have.

The marvellous thing about human beings is that everyone has a special talent, something unique, which only that person can contribute to the world. If we think of the talents which people around us have, instead of thinking of their faults, it helps to make the world a more joyful and encouraging place. Using our talents just for our own enjoyment can be like hiding our talents in the ground. How much better to use them to bring happiness to others!

"Do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Put your talents at the service of God." (Pope Francis)

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTER: The attendance for last week can be seen in the table below. Unfortunately, there seems to be quite a few coughs and colds going around at the moment. As the colder and wintry days inevitably arrive, please do all that you can to encourage your child to wrap up warm and wash their hands regularly to keep those bugs and germs away. If your child can't attend school for any reason, then please remember it is your responsibility to inform school. Thank you parents and carers for working in partnership with the school to encourage each and every child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time).



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| Nursery: 94% | Reception: 92.1% | Year 1: 96.8% | Year 2: 94.8% |
| Year 3: 93.2% | Year 4: 96.9% | Year 5: 93.8% | Year 6: 93.2% |
| WHOLE SCHOOL: 94.4% | | | |

PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Our next Mass will be on **Wednesday, 29th November** for Years 1, 2 and 3 and the readings will be led by our Year 2 pupils. As always, all are welcome to join us in church at the usual time of 9:15 a.m.



READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: **BE POSITIVE!** Praise your child for trying hard at their reading and let them know it's alright to make mistakes. One of our Gospel Values in school is 'perseverance.' Sometimes we don't always get it right first time but rewards and treats for showing perseverance are always welcome!!

HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING: Do you need some financial support and need to borrow money safely? Manchester Credit Union offers a new online short-term loan of between £100 and £750. Apply online for an immediate decision. Visit: <https://manchestercreditunion.co.uk/> for more details.



GIRLS' FOOTBALL: The girls' football team participated in a tournament at MCA on Monday evening. They played fantastically well in very difficult and windy conditions. Well done girls for showing such enthusiasm and playing in the spirit of the game!

CURRICULUM NEWS: As always we've had a busy week with our learning and we're delighted to report that our children have really engaged. Mrs Durcan, Miss Aulton and Year 5 have been listening and appraising Motown during their music lesson this week. They have studied the words from Marvin Gaye's "I heard it through the grapevine." During their educational visit on Monday, Miss McEwan, Miss Corcoran and the Year 3 children were archaeologists for the morning and dug up some artefacts from the Stone Age using special tools that archaeologists use. Miss Cusick and Year 2 have been learning all about bees in their English lessons and have learnt to use expression when reading poems about bees aloud. Why not visit our school Facebook page to see what your child's class has been learning about this week?



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK: The children have engaging with Anti-Bullying Week this week and the theme has been all about "Let's make a noise about bullying." They raised awareness by wearing their odd socks on Monday and also today. This theme empowered the teachers and children to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. There were lots of positive discussions around how bullying can be dismissed as 'just banter' and the children completed some work around how it doesn't have to be this way and how they can 'make a noise' to help it to stop.

ONLINE SAFETY TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: **DISCUSS ONLINE BULLYING WITH YOUR CHILD.** It's important to have regular conversations with your child about the online world, including issues like cyber-bullying. This will help you to understand if they have ever experienced or witnessed online bullying for themselves, and give you an opportunity to support them and reassure them that you are always there to help. Click on this link for further advice and support.

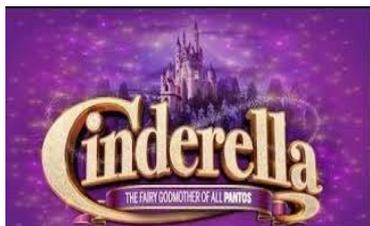


<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/cyberbullying-advice-for-parents-and-carers>



PARLIAMENT WEEK: It's been Parliament Week in the UK this week and our children got involved with lots of fun activities designed to engage and inform them about the importance of Parliament in the UK. They talked about why it is important to live in a democratic society where everyone has an opportunity to express their opinions. The KS2 classes had the opportunity to put democracy into practise as they elected 2 members of their class to represent their voices as part of the JLT (Junior Leadership Team). The JLT will be having their first meeting next Thursday when they'll have the opportunity to review our child friendly Anti-bullying policy.

ASSESSMENTS: The children in Year 2-6 completed some assessments in Reading, Grammar, Spelling and Mathematics this week. These will provide the teachers with some useful results to support them with planning future lessons. If parents would like an update on how things are going, please give school a call and make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher.



KEY STAGE 2 PANTOMIME: On Friday, 8th December, the children in Years 3-6 will be travelling by coach to The Victoria Hall in Bolton to watch Cinderella! Tickets are £10. Please pay this via School Gateway as soon as possible. Children have been given a very clear message from Mrs Clinton - this Christmas treat is by invitation. Only the children who have been showing their best behaviour in school and lessons will be invited to go. Oh yes they will!!!

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR: The parish Christmas Fair will take place at the back of church after 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, 26th November. As always, the school will be supporting the Christmas Fair so we'll be holding a non-uniform day on Thursday, 23rd November and asking for donations of either chocolate for the chocolate tombola or bottles for the bottle tombola. A book of raffle tickets went home last week. Please support our parish by purchasing the tickets and if possible, selling them to family and friends. There are some fabulous prizes to be won. We have plenty more books at the school office for families who would like more tickets. Thank you in advance for your generous donations and supporting our wonderful parish. Not only do we need your donations, we need you to come along and support the fun!



STAFF TRAINING DAY: A polite reminder for parents and carers about the staff training day next Friday, 24th November. Therefore, school will be closed to all pupils.



MANCHESTER CHRISTMAS PARADE: This heart-warming event of the season returns again this year, even bigger and better. Manchester's free Christmas Parade, the best of its kind in the UK, will once again bring joy to thousands of spectators, young and old. Processions of spectacular characters, magical performances and extraordinary acts will weave their way through the city's streets sprinkling pure festive magic. So why not come together with family and friends for an unforgettable free day out in the city centre from 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, 3rd December.

SPECIAL VISITOR TO THE PARISH: His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain (the Pope's representative in this country), will make a pastoral visit to Salford Diocese on Thursday, 30th November. As part of his visit he will celebrate Mass at St. Patrick's Church at 6:30 p.m. where he will impart Pope Francis' Blessing on all. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY AND PARTY DAY: Does your child have a packed lunch? Parents should have received a letter inviting children to join in with our Christmas celebrations by having a traditional Christmas dinner and party day lunch. Please inform the school office before Wednesday, 29th November if your child wishes to have a school meal on either of these days. Parents can pay for these meals on School Gateway.

DIARY DATES: We have lots of exciting Advent/Christmas activities planned for the children so that they have a memorable time. These are being added to weekly!!! Please take the time to read our important diary dates below.



FACEBOOK: If you aren't doing so already, please 'like' our page on Facebook so you can keep up to date with all of the latest news! Teachers will be posting about what the class are up to during the week and they'll post photos also! Search us as St. Patrick's Manchester and we should pop up.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: All the Holy Souls, the Saints in Heaven, Katie Briars (RIP), Oliver O'Leary, Alice Ritchie, our Armed forces, veterans and their families, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, CAFOD, the Lalley Centre, Father Paul & Father Moses, the Presentation Sisters, our children and staff, all those working with environment agencies, and all other private intentions at this time.



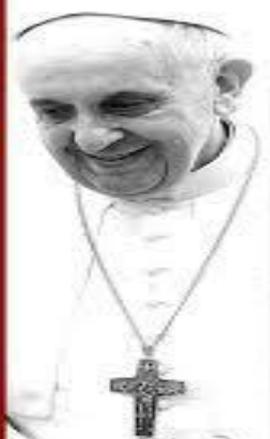
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



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| Thursday, 23 rd November | Height and Weight for Reception and Year 6 |
| Thursday 23 rd November | Non Uniform Day for Parish Christmas Fair-Donations of chocolate and bottles please for the tombola |
| Friday, 24 th November | Staff Training Day- School closed to children |
| Sunday, 26 th November | Parish Christmas Fair at St. Patrick's Church-all welcome |
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| Wednesday 29 th November | 9:15am Mass for Years 1.2 and 3 in Church led by Year 2. |
| Thursday 30 th November | 6:30pm Mass celebrated at St. Patrick's by Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia |
| Wednesday, 6 th December | EYFS + KS1 Panto in school |
| Friday, 8 th December | 1:30 p.m. KS2 (Y3-6) Panto in Bolton- £10.00 a ticket |
| Wednesday, 13 th December | 1:00 p.m. KS1 Nativity in the hall - Parents welcome |
| Friday, 15 th December | Year 3 & 4 invite grandparents for a Christmas themed coffee morning to discuss Christmas past and present |
| Tuesday, 19 th December |  Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day |
| Wednesday, 20 th December | 9:15 a.m. Whole school Advent Mass led by Year 5 - Parents welcome |
| Wednesday, 20 th December | Party Day! Children come into school in their party clothes |
| Wednesday, 20 th December | Christmas Disco £5.00 a ticket. More information to follow. |
| Thursday, 21 st December | 11:00 a.m Carols around the Crib in the hall - Parents welcome |
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| Thursday, 21 st December | School closes at 1:00 p.m. for the Christmas holiday |
| Tuesday 9 th January | School re-opens for the Spring term |



**DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE,
DO NOT BURY YOUR TALENTS,
THE GIFTS THAT GOD
HAS GIVEN YOU!
DO NOT BE AFRAID
TO DREAM OF GREAT THINGS!**
POPE FRANCIS



Stay with us, Lord... on our journey.