



## St. Patrick's R.C. Primary School - Newsletter

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### 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](mailto:paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)



**A MOTHER'S LOVE:** Each year on the last Sunday of Advent, we look to Mary, our heavenly mother. The Gospel tells us something about Mary who was chosen by God to be the mother of his Son, Jesus (the name 'Jesus' means 'the LORD saves'). Mary accepted God's will with a thankful heart; she is a perfect example for all people - someone full of thoughtfulness, kindness and joy. So as we prepare for Jesus' first coming on Christmas Day, now is the time to follow Mary's example and show thoughtfulness, kindness and bring joy to others.

*"Mary is the one who says "Yes". Mary's life shows that God accomplishes great deeds through those who are the most humble." (Pope Francis)*



**FESTIVE FUN!!:** The children have really enjoyed their final week of the Autumn Term and it's been jam-packed full of festive fun and Christmas cheer! The week started with lots of art and craft as the children made Christmas cards for family members and some festive crafts to take home. Then on Tuesday, we all enjoyed a delicious traditional Christmas dinner prepared by our hard-working catering team. Everyone looked fabulous in their Christmas jumpers!



Wednesday was really busy! After a beautiful Mass led by our Year 6 pupils to celebrate Christmas, it was Christmas Party Day! We all loved getting dressed up in our party gear and after another scrumptious party lunch, we danced the afternoon away and played some traditional party games! Some of our younger children even had a special visitor dressed in red with a white beard! The partying didn't stop there... oh no it didn't! Those children with the energy to do so, came back to school on Wednesday evening for a Christmas Disco! And finally today, the children gathered together in the hall to pay homage to baby Jesus and listened to the staff read out the story of the first Christmas whilst joining in with some traditional Christmas carols around the crib with a few cheeky Christmas songs thrown in for good measure. If you don't believe that we have managed to fit in so much Christmas cheer, please visit our school Facebook page to see for yourselves!! It's been the most fabulous of weeks and thank you to all who contributed towards making it so special and memorable for the children.



**STAYING SAFE OVER THE HOLIDAYS:** It is so lovely to see children having fun and enjoying themselves at this time of year but we have a collective responsibility to ensure that they know how to keep themselves safe also. It may turn colder whilst we are enjoying the Christmas festivities so parents/carers, please speak to the children about the risks of playing near frozen canals, lakes and even garden ponds. Stay safe everyone!

**MASS TIMES OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD:**

<b>Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	Vigil Mass - 6.30 p.m. at St. Malachy's
<b>Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve)</b>	7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick's (signed for the deaf)
<b>Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day)</b>	9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Malachy's



**FIND A WARM WELCOME SPACE TODAY:** Every library in Manchester is a 'warm space', a free, safe place where residents can come in and stay warm all day in a welcoming, inclusive environment. Our libraries are packed full of resources and support for all ages:

- Free, self-service hot drinks
- Comfortable seating and welcoming spaces
- Free Internet
- Free Wifi
- Newspapers
- Information and advice
- Staff who can signpost to other support agencies
- Digital drop-ins one day a week
- Under 5s story times once a week at 11am (ask your local library for more details)

**ATTENTION NURSERY PARENTS:** The deadline for applications for a September 2024 place in our Reception class is Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please be aware that a place in our Nursery is unfortunately not a guarantee that you will be offered a place! Therefore please do not delay in completing your application. Applications can be completed online at: [https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary\\_school\\_admissions/7264/apply\\_for\\_a\\_reception\\_class\\_place\\_for\\_september\\_2020/4](https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary_school_admissions/7264/apply_for_a_reception_class_place_for_september_2020/4) If any parent needs assistance with completing their application, please feel free to call into the office and a member of the Admin Team will be happy to help.



**FREE CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL CAMP:** FC United of Manchester are running a FREE Sports and Activity camp over the Christmas holidays. To book visit: <https://www.mcractive.com/activity/holiday-activity-in-manchester/>

**RETURN TO SCHOOL:** We look forward to welcoming the children back to school after the Christmas holiday on **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024** at the usual time of 8:40 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS FSM VOUCHERS:** The Council has approved funding for supermarket vouchers for children eligible for free school meals (FSM) for two weeks over the Christmas holidays. This is in response to the financial pressure placed on many of our families at this time. Eligible parents should have received a £30.00 e-vouchers from Wonde which can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice.



**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: Oliver O'Leary, Alice Ritchie, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, the homeless & rough sleepers, 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.



THE STAFF WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OF OUR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY A VERY HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS!



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