



**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 Canon Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Canon Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at [Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Our statement next week is: 'In Lent, we are sorry for our mistakes.'**

**SELF-GIVING:** In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about the 'light' that has come into the world. Pope Francis reminds us, "Jesus is the light who brightens the darkness". Letting Jesus' light shine in our lives provides a secure foundation for our lives and for the lives of our children too. This Gospel also reminds us that God loves us so much that he gave his only Son for us. Jesus' great act of love of self-giving, on the cross, has paved the way for us to share in the true richness of God's love in this life, and also in the life to come. See overleaf to enjoy a very special time together this evening, exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is SELF-GIVING.

*"Jesus leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others." (Pope Francis)*

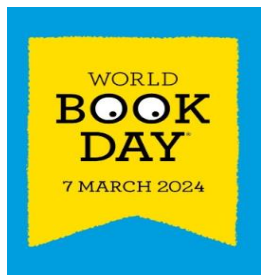


**LENT:** Children and staff are very much enjoying our Lenten activities. This week we've been highlighting the importance of peace in our lives. We continue to encounter God through our whole school and class prayers and worship. The Charity Reps are keeping us on track with the fundraising (alms-giving). For Rainbow Friday last week, we collected a very promising £86.97 which is pretty amazing! Thank you for this. We had a good turnout at our early-bird Lenten Mass (8.15 a.m. yesterday). Next week, they'll be hot chocolate and biscuits again for a post Mass treat! All are very welcome!

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS:** Thank you to our families who were here every day and on time last week. Our overall attendance was 95.7% so not quite hitting our target of 97%. Congratulations to our young Reception class who were the winning class with an AMAZING 100% and enjoyed an extra 5 minutes on their playtimes every day this week. Well deserved. Congratulations also to Reception who were the winning class for February. They enjoyed an ice-cream treat this afternoon off the Attendance prefects. Who is going to be an attendance HERO next week? (Here Everyday Ready On time) The results for last week are here below.

Nursery - 88.6%	Reception - 100%	Year 1 - 95.2%	Year 2 - 89.3%
Year 3 - 97.8%	Year 4 98.3%	Year 5 - 98.6%	Year 6 - 99.7%
Overall total 95.7%			

**#PROUD:** We welcomed families from St. Edmund's school on Wednesday evening for our annual #PROUD event. Children showcased their work to their parents and siblings as well as staff from both schools. Members of the governing board along with Father Moses also attended and were amazed with all of the fantastic work on show. Congratulations to all these children. Who will get the invites next year?!



**WBD2024:** Everyone had a great day in school yesterday with the theme, 'come as a word'. We saw some fantastic interpretations and well-thought out costumes. We had our annual parade and prizes were presented to two winners in each class. Congratulations to all the participants. Check out some of the fabulous outfits on our facebook page! Children, if you have any suggestions for the theme for next year, please don't hesitate to let Miss Loughrey know.

**CURRICULUM NEWS:** There's been great excitement throughout the school this week as news travelled like wild fire - the eggs had hatched and we'd been blessed with the arrival of chicks in the Nursery. So many of us went to meet them. In other classes, Year 4 had a go at stitching fabric to make their Roman garments. Year 1 had a workshop, 'changes over time' to help them with their History topic whereas in German, Year 3 used their knowledge of numbers to ask and answer each other questions. Yet another busy week!



### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:**



We look forward to welcoming you to church on Tuesday evening (12<sup>th</sup> March) for children to make their First Forgiveness. Remember:

- Arrive at 6.45 p.m.
- Children to wear full school uniform
- We'll be seated on the left hand side

**INFECTION CONTROL:** As we're all aware, due to the very nature of being a school, children are going to pick up germs and illnesses. Please help us to help your child. We've got a number of cases of chicken pox, hand foot & mouth, head lice as well as ringworm. Please continue to carry out thorough checks on your children to see if they have any symptoms of these and then treat them accordingly, following medical advice. Please continue to teach them about the importance of hygiene routines when using the bathroom as well as the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' for coughs and sneezes as well as hair being tied up once below shoulder length. Let's continue to work together.



**SCHOOL HEALTH - MEASLES:** Measles is circulating and The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has declared a national incident. Please click on this link to learn more about what you need to do. <https://www.manchesterlco.org/measles>

**MOTHER'S DAY:** Congratulations to all of our amazing mothers this Mothering Sunday. We hope that our children will treat you well and give you some well-deserved attention. Congratulations too to all of the significant adults in our children's lives who are doing such a wonderful job at parenting our children. You're brilliant too so try and take a break on Sunday!



**NURSERY PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER:** Are you looking for a nursery place or know someone who is? Is their date of birth between 01.09.2020 and 31.08.2021? If so, we have places within our nursery available for your child to start in September! For more information about the admissions process please call in at the school office.



**SCHOOL GATEWAY:** Thank you to all the parents who have registered so far. If you are struggling to register or download the app please come and speak to the office staff who can help. This new app is a way for parents to keep up to date with what is happening in school and to pay for dinner money, breakfast club, any trips or other monies that are owed.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.schoolcomms.sga>

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/school-gateway/id596039615?ign-mpt=uo%3D4>



**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: Theresa Cusick (RIP) & the Cusick family, Bobby Power (RIP) and the Eadsforth family, Moira Thompson (RIP), Angeline Holt, Oliver O'Leary, Alice Ritchie, Leanne Clegg, all mothers, mothers to be, grandmothers, mothers who have passed away (RIP), all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Father Paul & Father Moses, the Presentation Sisters, our children and staff, all those working with environment agencies, the homeless & rough sleepers, CAFOD, Caritas, the Lalley Centre and all other private intentions at this time.



**2024 THE YEAR OF PRAYER:** Pope Francis has declared 2024 as a special Year of Prayer. Here is a bedtime prayer for you to say with your children this week: *Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for giving your life for us. Thank you too for all the kind people in our community who show us your way of love and self-giving. Amen*



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