



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

27th September 2024

Tel: 0161-834-9004

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

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

Parish Website: <https://stpatricksliveseyst.yolasite.com/>

School Website: www.st-patricks.manchester.sch.uk

Facebook page: [St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Primary School, Manchester](https://www.facebook.com/St.Patrick's-Roman-Catholic-Primary-School-Manchester)



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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 CAN SAY ONE GOOD THING ABOUT MYSELF.'
BRIGHTEN UP FOR CAFOD!**

GOODNESS: God's gift of goodness is here, now - for free - for everyone! This Sunday's Gospel is a reminder that, just like Jesus, we can rejoice in God's goodness - wherever it is found. St. Patrick's school is a diverse and enriching community founded by people with a desire to serve God and to help our children to be the best they can be. Parents, school and parish working together help our children grow in goodness, and unite all of us, enriching and enhancing the life of our school community. St Basil the Great reminds us, "Each person, according to their ability, should be a pattern of goodness to others." Enjoy a very special time together this weekend, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this week's word, 'GOODNESS.'

"Let us allow God to fill our hearts with his goodness. A good example brings about so much good. Goodness always tends to spread." (Pope Francis)

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:

We just fell short of our school target last week but four classes did fantastically well to exceed 97%. Those children were rewarded with additional active time which of course they all loved. Next week we'll find out the winners for September - who'll be enjoying an ice-cream treat?!



Nursery: 92.6%	Reception: 98.6%	Year 1: 98.2%	Year 2: 98.6%
Year 3: 95.5%	Year 4: 94.5%	Year 5: 97.3%	Year 6: 93.1%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.4%			



PRAYER & WORSHIP: Our Mass on Wednesday certainly fitted in with our thoughts for this week - goodness and leadership. Father Moses was delighted to commission and bless our pupil leaders during Mass. We have a brand new Junior Leadership Team representing all classes, the Year 5 leadership teams - GIFT team, digital leaders, urban crew, ambassadors for change, house captains, nurture champions and of course our prefects for the year. The children are looking forward to fulfilling their leadership roles this year and helping to shape the future of our school.

#goodness#service#leadership#responsibility#proud

BRIGHTEN UP FOR CAFOD: Next Friday, we are asking our children to come to school in their most brightest clothes as we 'brighten up for CAFOD.' Our children learnt all about this charity last week so it's now time to support children in less developed countries. We ask that each child brings 50p or each family brings £1. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. Our pupil leaders, (charity reps, GIFT team and Ambassadors 4 Change) will help to remind the children.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Year 3 parents and children - our first celebration will be next Sunday, 6th October for the Rite of Presentation. Please be at church for 9.15 a.m. and the Catechists will be ready to welcome you.

READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: Ask your child to **make predictions** about what they are about to read. If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the bear on the front cover? Where do you think he will go?'



COLLECTION AT HOME TIME: We have had a fantastic response from parents/guardians this week as we have improved our procedures at collection time. Yes, unfortunately, parents/guardians need to queue and wait patiently to come onto the premises. BUT, this system is much more organised and less stressful for all those involved in ensuring the safety of our children. Please continue to be patient. Lessons finish at 3.15 p.m., St. Patrick's is a big building and it takes time to get the children out of the classrooms and to the collection points. Thank you so much for your co-operation, it is much appreciated.



AFTER-SCHOOL CARE: The headteacher from Abbott Primary School has been in touch. They may have the capacity to start an after-school club for local primary aged children in this area. We know that some parents/guardians would really welcome this support. Miss Wilson, the headteacher would like to find out how many parents/guardians would be interested and what their needs are. If after-school care is something you need, please click on the link below and submit the form.

<https://forms.gle/oEe2oujCsRbBTyH26>

YEAR 6 PARENTS: Our Lady's R.C. High School is offering 1:1 tours for parents whilst the school is in operation. This is a great way to see just how fantastic the school really is. Rumours that the school now has a state of the art gym are true! The students also have a brand new area to play and gather in the school yard. There is also a new 3G pitch on the way. No wonder the school is over-subscribed! Parents will need to phone the school to book an appointment between dates, Monday 30th September - Friday 4th October. Please click on the link below or email directly to h.scoular@olsc.manchester.sch.uk
<https://forms.gle/wuGDff6gSC7wm5xUA>



The deadline for parents to choose their child's Y7 place at high school is 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 31st October. Don't leave it until the last minute!!

GIRLS ACTIVE: You may or may not be aware that as girls get older and progress into their teenage years, they tend to become less engaged in sport and physical activity. The Youth Sports Trust is undertaking some research across the country to try and find out why this is and what we can do to encourage girls to enjoy physical activity. Maybe what's on offer, doesn't interest them for example. Parents/Guardians of girls in Years 3-6 should have received a letter about this containing more information about a survey/questionnaire we're asking the girls to participate in. If you don't want your daughter to participate in the survey, you will need to 'opt out' by Friday, 4th October.

GIRLS FOOTBALL: With the above item in mind, there was no stopping our girls' football team on Monday evening when they went to compete at MCA with other local primary schools. Not only did they have great fun, they scored plenty of goals, showed great resilience and displayed fantastic team work! We were super proud of them and they just can't wait for the next tournament!

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Moira Murray (RIP) and family, Leanne Clegg (RIP) and family, Jo Phillips and family, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, CAFOD, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Father Paul, Father Moses, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionary Brothers of Charity, our children and staff and all those called to be involved in Education, and all other private intentions at this time.



BEDTIME PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, you are the source of all goodness. Thank you to all the people who help us to grow in goodness so we can become the best we can be. Amen

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!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday 30 th September - Friday 4 th October	Bookings available for a 1:1 tour of Our Lady's RC High School for prospective parents. Please contact the school
Tuesday 1 st October	GIFT team to Christ the King school to work with other GIFT teams from local primary schools
Wednesday 2 nd October	Stay and play for Nursery & Reception parents in the hall - 9.15 start
Friday 4 th October	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day - brighten up for CAFOD (50p donation) WEAR YOUR BRIGHTEST CLOTHES
Sunday 6 th October	Rite of Presentation celebration Mass for Y3 families, 9.15 am
Wednesday 9 th October	Science workshop for Year 4 & 5
Friday 11 th October	Harvest festival assembly - collection of dried/tinned foods NON-UNIFORM DAY
Monday 14 th October	World Faith Week - learning more about Sikhism
Wednesday 16 th October	Mass for Years 1, 2 & 3 (led by Y3)
Friday 18 th October	Non-Uniform Day in aid of school fund (50p donation) School closes at the usual time for 2 weeks

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