



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

4th October 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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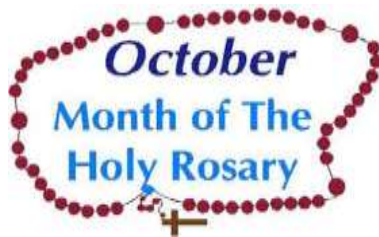
If there is any parent who wishes their child to be baptised, please contact the Parish Priest of the parish in which you live. If you live within the boundaries of this parish, please see Father Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Father Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Our Statement to live by next week is:

'I can work, rest, play and pray each day'

OPENNESS: In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus shows us that the kingdom of God is open to everybody, to people of all cultures and backgrounds - and that includes you and me too! Jesus puts forward a child as an example of how to enter God's kingdom. Why a child? Could it be a child's simplicity or dependency - or a child's openness to God. God wants us to accept him and to trust him always to be there for us. God has a great plan for each of our lives, and we can discover what it is when we are open to God. Enjoy a very special time together this weekend, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this week's word, 'OPENNESS.'

"Let's try to be open to God's word, and open to the Lord's surprises when he speaks to us." (Pope Francis)



OCTOBER-THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: During October, the children will be learning about the Holy Rosary as a form of meditative prayer devoted to Mary our Mother. Parents, why not take some time over the coming month to listen to many of the child friendly stories related to the Rosary. Perhaps say a decade of the Rosary together as a family before going to bed one evening this week.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Year 3 parents and children - don't forget our first celebration is this Sunday, 6th October for the Rite of Presentation. Please be at church for 9.15 a.m. and staff will be ready to welcome you. Don't forget your baptismal candles.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:

We fell just short of our school target again last week but FIVE classes were definitely attendance HEROES!! Year 1 couldn't have done better and achieved 100% - they were rewarded with a non-uniform day yesterday! Not only did Y1 win last week, they also won the prize for the month of September with 99% which is an amazing achievement! They really enjoyed their reward of an ice-cream treat this afternoon! Well done children!



Let's all remind our children about the importance of hand-washing to stop the spread of germs as we move into the Autumn months.

Nursery: 98.5%	Reception: 97.5%	Year 1: 100%	Year 2: 92.9%
Year 3: 95.2%	Year 4: 92.9%	Year 5: 98%	Year 6: 97.7%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.3%			

BRIGHTEN UP FOR CAFOD: It was wonderful to see the children and staff all dressed up in their brightest and most colourful clothing today in aid of CAFOD! Thank you children/parents/carers for your generous donations and for supporting the wonderful work that CAFOD do for our brothers and sisters who are in need in developing countries.
#childrenhelpingchildren#proud



HARVEST FESTIVAL: Next Friday we'll be holding our annual harvest festival. We are asking for donations of tins and dried food for our local food bank at the Lalley Centre (run by Caritas). Again, our charity reps and GIFT team will be leading this and giving us plenty of reminders. It will be a non-uniform day for all children who bring a donation. Many thanks for your support.

PUPIL LEADERSHIP - GIFT TEAM: Grateful thanks to our GIFT team who have been out and about this week. Firstly, they met with other GIFT teams from our partner Primary schools and led a prayer station, teaching others how to pray the actions to the Lord's prayer. Furthermore, they've led a Creation Walk, linking CAFOD, the season of creation and the awe inspiring season of Autumn.
#inspirational#service#humility



EYFS STAY & PLAY: Many thanks to those parents who were able to stay and play with their children this week. We hope you found the activities beneficial and you'll think about doing something similar at home. Our youngest children are still learning to talk so do try your best to give them this attention - engaging in purposeful play and conversation will really bring on their oracy skills.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Our next Mass will be on **Wednesday, 16th October** at 9:15 a.m. for Years 1, 2 and 3. The Mass will be led by Year 3 and the theme will be on 'Giving' during this time of harvest. As always, parents/carers are very welcome to join us in St. Patrick's Church. Come along, the children love to pray and sing with you.



READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: *CHANGE YOUR VOICE FOR EACH CHARACTER.* If reading a book aloud with your child, try becoming some or all of the characters in the story! Change your voice for the characters. You can speak in a whisper for a shy mouse. You can speak angrily. You can speak in a loud silly voice. You can speak in a quiet voice. Even when you have only one character, have fun changing your voice. This will make the story more entertaining and help your child understand which characters are talking. As a bonus, you will be helping your child learn new words, such as shyly, angrily, happily, and sadly, because children will match your tone of voice to the words in the book and to the pictures on the pages.



FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS:

We've been notified by the council that they will be providing FSM vouchers for 1 week of the mid-term break. This means those parents eligible will receive a voucher for £15. Please look out for this in your email over the next couple of weeks.

COHENS CHEMIST - PHARMACY FIRST SERVICE: Your local pharmacy can advise and provide treatment for the following conditions: sinusitis (age 12+), shingles (age 18+), impetigo (age 1+), sore throat (age 5+), earache (ages 1-17), urinary tract infections in women (ages 16-64). Visit Cohens chemist to discuss any of these or phone on 0161 205 5480. No appointment necessary. Address: 407 Queens Road, M40 8RE



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>

NEW ALLEN STREET WORKS: We have been informed that there is footpath resurfacing work taking place on New Allen Street between Livesey Street and Keele Walk which is due to start on Monday 7th October. This work will take around 1 week to complete. The council have requested that no cars are parked on the street during this time, so please be aware of this when bringing your children to school next week. Breakfast club children are asked to come in by the front door where Miss McArdle will be ready to meet them. Please remember that the carpark is for staff use only so please do not pull into the carpark or block the entrance as this will impact on the traffic. We are hoping that there will not be too much disruption to the school entrances but please be patient and understanding with others while this work is undertaken.

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.



Dear Lord Jesus, please help me to be more open to you by being kind and open to the people I meet each day. 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:

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 School closes at the usual time for 2 weeks
Thursday 31 st October	Deadline for Y6 to apply for high school places - 5.00 p.m.
Monday 4 th November	School opens at the usual time

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