



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

29th November 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:

ADVENT: 'God is coming, stay awake!'



ADVENT: This Sunday is the start of the season of Advent, a word which means 'important arrival'. Advent is the time to start making preparations to celebrate Christ's birth - God's momentous arrival into our world in the person of Jesus. The Gospel reminds us that there is no time to lose. We shouldn't put off our good resolutions until New Year. Now, Advent, is the time to think about the way we live our lives and begin to make any necessary changes. The message is clear for all of us: we are to 'stay awake!' Pope Francis reminds us, "Christ asks us to be wide awake and alert, to see the things in life that really matter." Enrich this special season through exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this week's word, which is ADVENT.

Getting to know Jesus helps us to be more resolute. Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel by joining us at St. Patrick's or St. Malachy's at the above Masses. Alternatively there are other local churches with other Masses available: all are very warmly invited.

Advent is a time for us to prepare for the coming of Jesus, Prince of Peace. It's a time to make peace with ourselves and our neighbours."(Pope Francis)

Sacramental Preparation



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Our families will be celebrating together on Sunday. Please be at church for 9.15 a.m. and make your way to the front.

THANK YOU!!! The Parish team have been in touch and asked us to pass on their grateful thanks to all of our families who supported the Christmas Fair last Sunday. Whether you donated something or came along to support and spend your money - it made all the difference. We hope the children enjoyed the excitement of seeing Father Christmas and it was just wonderful to see the church full of children and families. Keep coming!!



PRAYER & WORSHIP: Our children had a beautiful Mass on Wednesday with Father Anthony where he talked to the children about Baptism and their aspirations for their future. Well done to our Year 3 children who led the readings and prayers. Our next Mass will be Wednesday, 18th December - do try and join us!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS.

ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS: Our class results for last week are below. Congratulations to Year 1 who achieved 100% attendance! This is an amazing achievement for such young children. We hope they enjoyed their non-uniform day yesterday. Congratulations also to Year 5 who were a whisker away from 100% as well!

Nursery: 92.9%	Reception: 93.6%	Year 1: 100%	Year 2: 96.2%
Year 3: 93.6%	Year 4: 94.1%	Year 5: 99.7%	Year 6: 96.9%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 95.9%			

TOP TIPS FOR ATTENDANCE: No-one likes the cold weather!! It's really hard to get up and out of our lovely, warm and cosy bed. We understand that. However, please get your children to school. Get things ready the night before so that everyone can be quicker in the morning. Our school and classrooms are lovely and warm and if your children are on school dinners, they can enjoy a hot meal each day with their friends.

CHRISTMAS WEEK: Most parents/carers will know that we always give our children a fantastic time in our final week before we break for the Christmas holidays. If your child usually brings a packed lunch, would you like them to join in our festivities? We will be having serving a traditional Christmas dinner and a party lunch during the final week. Please speak to our admin teams to order these for your child. The cost for this is £2.55 per day.



CHRISTMAS MARKET: As part of their PSHE & R.E. curriculum, our Y5 pupils have been learning about enterprise!! They are going to be busy making some Christmas crafts which they'd like to sell to parents/carers. The children will be 'Ambassadors4change' as they raise money for our chosen charity, Caritas and their Advent campaign #BeeThere. There will be a 'Christmas market' after our Nativity play on Tuesday, 10th December so please bring some pennies and pounds to support our market traders and our charity!

CHRISTMAS DISCO ANNOUNCEMENT: Back by popular demand...the teachers have very kindly agreed to give up their evening on Tuesday, 17th December to host the biggest event in town - the annual Christmas disco!!! Tickets go on sale on **MONDAY, 9TH DECEMBER** for £5 a ticket or £10 per family. Rumour has it that DJLOCK will be flying in from NYC for the disco in the hall where there will be action songs galore to dance to for our younger ravers!! More information to follow next week.



FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS: A message for parents/carers whose children are eligible for free school meals. Manchester City Council has again approved funding for supermarket vouchers for the Christmas break to help with the financial pressures that many of our families will face. Families with children eligible for free school meals (FSM) will receive a £30.00 e-voucher from Wonde on Wednesday, 18th December. This voucher can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice

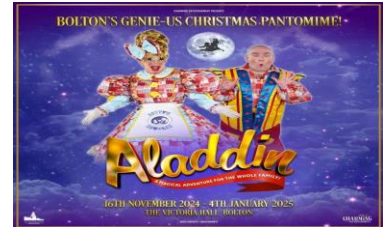


NURSERY PLACES FOR JANUARY: Are you looking for a nursery place or know someone who is? Is their date of birth on or before 31.12.2021? If so, we have places within our nursery available for your child to start in January! For more information about the admissions process please call in at the school office.



READING TOP TIP: This week's...well actually this **MONTH'S** reading top tip is: 'Watch a video of one the teachers on our Facebook Page!!' Yes parents, relax... the teachers have come to the rescue!! As a special Advent treat, the teachers will be posting an Advent video recording of one of their favourite Christmas stories each and every day during Advent. Enjoy!

PANTOMIME PAYMENTS: The deadline for payment is today! Oh yes it is! If you'd like your child to have this memorable experience, please make sure you've made your donation by Monday!! Many thanks to all the parents/carers who've already made the payment. It's much appreciated.



YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL: This is a rolling reminder about the Y6 pupils residential to Robinwood. This will prove to be an invaluable experience for your child and really strengthen their preparation and transition to high school. Please remember to set up a payment plan on School Gateway so that you aren't having to pay a lump sum in May 2025. The cost of the trip could be used for a Christmas or birthday present which the children would really appreciate. Many thanks for your co-operation.



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 Saints & All Souls, men and women who have died in war or conflict, Mabel Cooper (RIP) and family, Jo Phillips and family, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, Caritas, our families on the Sacramental Programme those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Father Paul, Father Moses, Father Anthony, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionary Brothers of Charity, our children and staff and all other private intentions at this time.



BEDTIME PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to get ready during Advent to welcome you with joy this Christmas and when you come again in your glory. Amen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: The next few weeks leading up to Christmas are as busy as ever! Please make a note of the dates. As much as possible, we'll stick to the plan but please be aware that some of these dates/arrangements are subject to change.

Sunday, 1 st December	Celebration Mass for our families on the Sacramental Programme. Please be at church for 9.15 a.m. and head to the front
Tuesday, 3 rd December	EYFS stay & play workshop in the hall
Wednesday, 4 th December	Victorian day for Y6 - children to come dressed in costume
Friday, 6 th December	EYFS, KS1 in school Christmas Show - Alice Saves Christmas!

Tuesday, 10 th December	Years 1 & 2 Nativity in the hall at 2.00 p.m. No charge but don't forget to support our raffle and Christmas market!
Wednesday, 11 th December	Years 3-6 off to the Pantomime Aladdin - oh yes they are!
Friday, 13 th December	Years 3 & 4 sharing toys, crafts & stories (Christmas past and present) with parents & Grandparents. 9.15 a.m. in the hall
Tuesday, 17 th December	Traditional Christmas lunch (all children encouraged to participate - £2.55 for those children who normally bring a packed lunch) Everyone to wear their Christmas jumpers/sweatshirts Christmas Disco 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. - £5.00 a ticket/£10.00 per family
Wednesday, 18 th December	Whole school Mass for Years 1-6 followed by... PARTY DAY! Children to come to school in their Christmas outfits All children encouraged to participate in our party lunch buffet - £2.55 for those children who normally bring a packed lunch Party afternoon in the classrooms
Friday, 20 th December	Non-uniform day for school fund. 50p a child or £1 a family 11:00 a.m. Carols around the crib - all welcome School closes for children at 1.00 p.m.

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

