



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

20th December 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



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)

Getting to know Jesus will bring us great joy. 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.



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!! Then it



was time to party and dance as the children came back to school on Tuesday evening for a Christmas Disco! Wednesday, was really busy too! After a beautiful Mass led by our Year 4 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! We even had a special visitor who was the most jolliest of men!! 'Ho ho ho! Merry Christmas!' was to be heard from our library as children got to tell Santa how good they've been this year. 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 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, the children have displayed impeccable behaviour



and it's been magical for them! Thank you parents/carers for all you've done to embrace the festivities and join in with festive spirit. Thank you to our staff who have spent many additional hours on a voluntary basis planning, preparing and putting on all of the extra activities. It's been a great partnership between home and school, all for the good of our children. THANK YOU EVERYONE!

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:

Tuesday, 24th December (Christmas Eve)	7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick's (signed for the deaf)
Wednesday, 25th December (Christmas Day)	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 2025 place in our Reception class is Wednesday, 15th January. Please be aware that a place in our Nursery is unfortunately not a guarantee that you will be offered a Reception place! Therefore please do not delay in completing your application. Applications can be completed online at: https://secure.manchestergov.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.



RETURN TO SCHOOL: We look forward to welcoming the children back to school after the Christmas holiday on **Tuesday, 7th January 2025** 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: Margaret Williams (RIP) & family, Judith Oyilu Omachi (RIP) and the Otene 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, help us to bring love, joy, peace and hope to our loved ones this Christmas. Happy birthday! Amen

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



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

