



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

7th March 2025

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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://stpattricksliveseyst.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'sRomanCatholicPrimarySchoolManchester)



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WEEKEND MASSES - Come to the table, everyone is welcome!

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:

'In Lent, I try to be helpful and kind to family and friends.'

Lent



LENT HAS STARTED!

Wednesday was Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. As with other Catholics throughout the world, we came together to celebrate Mass and receive ashes on our foreheads to mark the beginning of the Lenten Season. The season of Lent reminds us of Jesus' 40 days of fasting and prayer in the wilderness, where he grew stronger through resisting various temptations. In this Sunday's Gospel, the tempter makes three suggestions in an effort to divert Jesus from his true mission. Jesus rejects the temptations, one after another - each time with a word from Scripture, which is the Word of God. It is part of the human condition to face temptations in life. But the more familiar we become with the Word of God, the more we too can be strengthened to resist temptations and be filled with new life. Enjoy and help spread God's love, through LENT. Enjoy a very special time together this weekend, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and the season of LENT.

Ash
Wednesday

Coming to church will help your family learn about Jesus and will make your life more joyful. 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.

"Lent is a 'powerful' season, a turning point that can foster change in each of us. Let us deny ourselves something every day to help others." (Pope Francis)



JUBILEE YEAR - PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

Tomorrow is International Women's day! Teachers will be continuing our theme from World Book Day (When I grow up, I want to be...) with inspirational female saints who can bring us hope. Perhaps some children would like to get ahead and undertake some research this weekend before we learn about...St. Catherine of Siena, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Joan of Arc, St. Katharine Drexel, St. Teresa Chikaba, and St. Josephine Bakhita.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:

Thank you to all the parents who attended the celebration Mass on Sunday. It was wonderful to see you all there. Our next very important meeting will be on Wednesday, 19th March at 6.30 p.m. at church. This is to help prepare yourselves and the children for their Sacrament of Forgiveness which will be at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 25th March at St. Patrick's Church.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:

Our winning class last week was...Year 5 with a super total of 97.4%. They enjoyed an extra 5 minutes active time each day. What an achievement! Well done children. As you can see, Nursery and Year 2 also exceeded our school target of 97%. Our winners for the month of February were Year 2 so they're going to enjoy an ice-cream treat next Friday. Congratulations children!



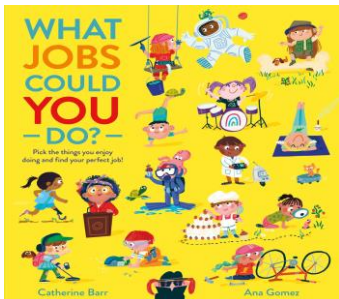
Nursery: 98.4%	Reception: 90.6%	Year 1: 94.3%	Year 2: 97%
Year 3: 92.9%	Year 4: 95.6%	Year 5: 97.4%	Year 6: 96.4%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 95.1%			

TOP TIPS FOR ATTENDANCE:

Do NOT take holidays during school time. You have 13 other weeks to take them. Help your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time).



#PROUD: What a wonderful celebration evening we had on Wednesday over at St. Edmund's when our two school communities came together. Specially invited children came to showcase their amazing school work to their parents, staff and governors. We do hope you enjoyed the buffet and your gift bag of treats to take home. Congratulations! You should be so #proud of yourselves!



WORLD BOOK DAY: What a day we had yesterday?! An unbelievable response from the children to the challenge we set for them, 'What jobs could you do?' inspired by this book title. Thank you so much to all of our parents who also embraced 'project WBD2025' and supported your children with costumes and props. We all had a fantastic day and there was such a buzz around school. Thank you also to our visitors who came to speak to our children about the jobs they do. There are more visits planned in the future.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS: We have three classes out on educational visits next week. Please can parents ensure they pay their donations of £10.00 by Monday at the latest so that the trips can go ahead. Many thanks for your co-operation.

HARPURHEY COMMUNITY GROCERY: Would you like to get your groceries for a reduced price?! Wouldn't we all?! Why not join the Harpurhey Community. Come along to Carisbrook Street to find out more between 9-4 Monday-Friday. All are welcome. Find out more by clicking on this link. <https://communitygrocery.org.uk/harpurhey>



YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL: This is a reminder to Y6 parents that the Y6 residential is costing £300. We urge you to start making payments, no matter how small so that you aren't left to make a large payment in June. The deadline for paying the balance is Monday, 2nd June.



NURSERY PLACES FOR AFTER EASTER: Are you looking for a nursery place or know someone who is? Is their date of birth on or before 31.03.2022? If so, we have places within our nursery available for your child to start in April and staff will be conducting home visits for children on our waiting lists next week! For more information about the admissions process please call in at the school office.



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: Sandra McClean (RIP) & family, Teresa O'Leary (RIP) & family, Pope Francis, Jo Phillips and family, Miss Bevan & family, Miss Aulton & family, Miss Rehan & 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 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 me and my family to grow in love and strength during Lent through keeping our Lenten promises. Amen

*Stay with us, Lord...on our journey.
Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.*

