



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

28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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://stpatricksiveseyst.yolasite.com/>

School Website: [www.st-patricks.manchester.sch.uk](http://www.st-patricks.manchester.sch.uk)

Facebook page: [St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Primary School, Manchester](#)



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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](mailto:paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

Our statement to live by next week is:  
'In Lent, we prepare for Easter.'



**FORGIVENESS:** Forgiveness is the lifeblood of any family or community. In this Sunday's Gospel the younger son insults his father; his inheritance is all he thinks about. To make matters worse, his reason for returning is not love or consideration for his father, but simply his own desperate hunger. The father doesn't even question his son's motives. He welcomes his son back with the open heart and the open arms of forgiveness. The message for us is that, whatever we may have done wrong, if we are truly sorry, we can still count on the loving forgiveness of God, who is our Father, and on the freedom that his forgiveness brings. Enjoy exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this week's word, which is FORGIVENESS.



*Coming to church will help your family learn about Jesus and will help you to forgive yourself and others, growing closer to God. 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.*

*"May each family rediscover family prayer, which helps to bring about forgiveness." (Pope Francis)*

**EARLY BIRD LENTEN REFLECTION:** Thank you to everyone who attended on Thursday as you listened and took time to reflect. We hope you enjoyed these few moments of peace. The children did remarkably well and we hope they enjoyed the breakfast treats! Our thanks to Miss Campbell for organising these sessions for the children.



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:**

Huge congratulations to our children and parents who attended our First Forgiveness service at church on Tuesday evening. Children made their Sacrament of Reconciliation and had to be extremely brave and courageous. We are very proud of you children! We will send an update out on the next dates after the Easter break.

**PILGRIMS OF HOPE:** The father in this Sunday's Gospel gives us a glimpse of God the Father's merciful and forgiving nature. If we acknowledge when we have done wrong, God is always ready to forgive us and help us to forgive others. We are all part of God's family and no matter how many times we need to forgive or to be forgiven, God is there to help us.



**MASS:** next Mass will be on Wednesday in church and everyone is welcome to join us at 9.15 a.m.

**EMMAUS MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST:** Next Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, our school will become an Academy - 'St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Voluntary Academy' and we look forward to working more closely with other local Catholic schools who are also joining the Trust. It's very likely that children and parents will not notice any changes and our close relationship with St. Edmund's will continue. We would like to thank Mrs Gavigan, our School Business Manager who has played a significant role in ensuring that this transition has been as smooth as possible.



**GOVERNANCE:** One change is to the governance of the school and the governing 'body' becomes a 'Local Governing Board'. We lose our Local Authority governor, Mr K. Cope and we would like to thank Mr Cope for his many years of dedicated service. The governing board has to reconstitute which means the governors have to be re-elected or reappointed because their terms of office automatically come to an end on 31<sup>st</sup> March. This means the term of office for our parent governors, Mr J. Mensah and Mr O. Dawodu also must come to an end. Thank you to these two parents for their service to the governance of our schools and being fantastic representatives for parents. We now need to re-elect. We've been instructed by the diocese that we are to have 1 parent from St. Edmund's on the board and 1 parent from St. Patrick's on the board. This ensures that both communities have full representation. If you feel that this could be a role for you, it is most rewarding and you'll certainly be making a difference. Please speak to a member of the administration team to have an initial meeting with Mrs Clinton to get more information.

**EID MUBARAK:** As Ramadam comes to an end this weekend, we wish all of our Muslim families 'Eid Mubarak' and we hope you all have a wonderful time celebrating with family and friends.



**MOTHERING SUNDAY:** We also wish all of our wonderful mothers and significant females who make such a positive contribution to our children's lives, 'Happy Mother's Day' for Sunday. We are blessed to have you!

**BABY NEWS:** We have two pieces of exciting and wonderful news to share with you. Miss Aulton has given birth to a baby boy yesterday, 27/03/25 - Baby Joshua, weighing 6lb 5 oz and Miss Bevan has given birth to a baby girl this morning, 28/03/25 weighing 7lb 15 oz but no name as yet. Both mums and babies are recovering well and we send them all the best. Please keep them and their families in your prayers at this precious time.



**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:**

Our winning class last week was....Year 2 with an amazing total of 97.5% closely followed though by Year 6 at 97.1% Great achievements! Well done children. As you can see from the table below, lots of other classes were very close to our target of 97% so a very good effort on the whole.

Nursery: 92.5%	Reception: 94.5%	Year 1: 95.9%	Year 2: 97.5%
Year 3: 92.5%	Year 4: 96.5%	Year 5: 94.5%	Year 6: 97.1%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 94.9%			

**TOP TIPS FOR ATTENDANCE:** Encourage healthy eating. Eating fruit and veg each day will help prevent illness. Children need lots of exercise and plenty of water. Help your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time).



**MATHS ROCKSTARS!:** We had lots of fun on Wednesday when we all got involved in World Maths Day! Children and staff came dressed as rock stars, full of attitude and confidence as they battled against each other and even St. Patrick's to see who had quick mental recall of the 4 rules of maths. It was a great day and the children definitely want to celebrate it again next year! Thanks to Miss Loughrey for organising the event for us.

**NEXT WEEK - PREPARING FOR EASTER:** Unfortunately, we won't be open during Holy Week this year so this means we will be teaching the children about the events of Holy Week next week. The children will learn about Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The children will be having additional curriculum Religion lessons and participating in class liturgies including visiting the Stations of the Cross. Please support your children with this when they come home, hopefully asking questions. Please do take them to Mass on Palm Sunday and again during the Easter triduum. Whilst learning about the solemnity of Holy Week, we will still ensure they have lots of fun by making Easter cards and crafts during the afternoon.



**BUSINESS MATTERS FOR NEXT WEEK!:** Please send back your family St. Joseph's Penny boxes as soon as possible because we need to send our donations back to Caritas as soon as we can. Teachers will be collecting in your child's reading book so that they can do an audit and catch up on how well your child is doing this year. Teachers will also collect in homework books - no homework over Easter! Yippee! (Unless your child is in Y6!!). Teachers will be sending home your child's P.E. kit so please take this opportunity to get it washed and ready for the summer term. Many thanks for your co-operation. **SCHOOL WILL CLOSE NEXT FRIDAY AT 1.00 P.M. SO PLEASE MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR COLLECTION OF YOUR CHILDREN.**

**THE GREAT LENTEN BAKE OFF IS BACK!:** Back by popular demand we'll be holding our annual Lenten bake off next Wednesday afternoon. Children are asked to bake their best cakes or biscuits to sell and our adjudicators will be judging on the look, the taste and popularity. Home made cakes are the only ones that can enter the competition but anyone is welcome to donate cakes to raise money for our Lenten fundraising. It's free to enter the competition but it will be 50p to buy samples of your 3 favourite cakes. The competition will start at 2.00 p.m. and we'll start the bake sale at 2.30 p.m. Please come along to join in the fun!





**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>

**GIVING:** This is one of easiest weekly fundraising activities throughout Lent. We ask children to donate 50p for wearing brightly coloured clothes each Friday. The added benefit is parents get to wash school uniforms a day early. Thank you for your donations today and Happy Rainbow Friday for our last one today! Next Friday will be a non-uniform day to raise money for school fund.



**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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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! For more information about the admissions process please call in at the school office.



**FREE SCHOOL MEALS**  
Information & Support



**FSM VOUCHERS:** Manchester City Council has again approved funding for supermarket vouchers for the Easter 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 E-Vouchers on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April. This voucher 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: 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.



Can you say the Lord's prayer with actions?

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread and **forgive** us our trespasses as we **forgive** those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen

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

