



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

16th December 2022

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 Canon Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Canon Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Our Statement to live by when we return after the Christmas break is:
"SIMPLE THINGS CAN MAKE US HAPPY."



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 first and most perfect model of Jesus."
(St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross)*



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 a brilliant Christmas themed Science Day where each class carried out some kind of scientific investigation before sharing their findings with the rest of the school in a special 'Show and Tell Assembly.' 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!! The children in Years 5 and 6 even managed to fit in a Santa Dash in order to raise money for our school fund! Thank you to all who sponsored the children so generously! During the afternoon, the children made some Christmas crafts and cards to take home to their loved ones. On Wednesday, after a beautiful mass to celebrate Christmas, 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! Some of our younger children even had a special visitor dressed in red with a white beard! Thursday evening was all about the Christmas discos. This is the first time we've done this so we'll be keen to get feedback from the children. Judging by the photos on facebook, they were a great success! And 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 the first 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 and thank you to all who contributed towards making it so special and memorable for the children.



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. That's why we are all saddened at hearing the tragic news about four young boys who have died in Solihull after falling into icy water. It is a stark reminder to us all that we must continue to speak to the children about the risks of playing near frozen canals, lakes and even garden ponds.

MASS TIMES OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD:

Sunday, 18th December	9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. (signed), 2:00 p.m. Spanish all @ St.Patrick's
Saturday, 24th December (Christmas Eve)	Carols at 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. @ St. Patrick's
Sunday, 25th December (Christmas Day)	9:30 a.m. (signed) @ St.Patrick's 11:00 a.m. @ St. Malachy's



IMPORTANT HEALTH NEWS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS: You may have heard on the news about Strep A or Group A Streptococcus. It is a bacteria that can cause illnesses such as Scarlet Fever in young children, often between 2 and 8 years old. It spreads very easily when people cough. Scarlet Fever is usually not serious. It can be treated with antibiotics and children can normally go back to school in 24 hours. But some children can get it worse. If this happens you must tell a health professional or ring 111 for help.

Symptoms of Scarlet Fever include, a sore throat, swollen neck glands - a lump on the side of the neck, a high temperature, after 12 to 48 hours it causes small bumps that feel rough like sandpaper on the tummy and chest, on white skin the rash looks red, on brown or black skin this can be hard to see but you can still feel it. If your child has any of these signs keep them off school and talk to your GP who will tell you if any treatment is needed. Please keep the information flyer that was sent home last week in an easy to access place in your home for reference.

EYFS NEWS: In January, we will be making some changes to our Nursery and Reception provision so that we are working as a unit instead of two separate classes. Your children will remain in either the Nursery or Reception class for registration but may be supported in their learning by Miss Cox or Miss Byrne. There will be no changes for you at drop off or home time. If you have any queries, please see Miss Byrne.

FIND A WARM WELCOME SPACE TODAY: Every library in Manchester is a 'warm space', a free, safe place where residents can go 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)

RETURN TO SCHOOL: We look forward to welcoming the children back to school after the Christmas holiday on Wednesday, 4th January at the usual times of 8:40 a.m. (surnames A-J) and 8:50 a.m. (surnames K-Z).



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: Sister Rita (RIP) and the Presentation Sisters, Christa Ormerod (RIP) and the Hamilton family, Beryl Lewis (RIP) and the Bevan family, Andrew Williams (RIP) and the Williams family, Anne Clarke, John Leighton, Maureen Duffy, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Canon Paul Daly, the Missionaries of Charity Brothers and all other private intentions at this time.



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



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