



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

10th March 2023

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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://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 is:

"IN LENT...I TRY TO FORGIVE PEOPLE WHO HURT ME."



ACCEPT GOD'S LOVE: In this Sunday's Gospel we have a witty dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman drawing water at the well, where each seems to be teasing the other. Water is a sign of life. The 'living water' is the sign of everything that Jesus offers us to satisfy our need of God's love and guidance. With its serious message, this Sunday's Gospel is a lovely example of Jesus' willingness to engage with people just as they are-and that includes us too! God has no favourites; we are all loved equally by God. The season of Lent presents a great opportunity for everyone to enter afresh into the living and nourishing water of God's love which surpasses any food or drink.

"God's love is free. All God wants is for us to accept his love." (Pope Francis)

PRAYER AND WORSHIP: The next Mass will be a whole school Mass to celebrate the life of our patron saint - St. Patrick! So this will be on **Friday, 17th March** in church at the usual time of 9:15 a.m. As always, parents/carers are welcome to come along and join the celebration.



LENTE FUNDRAISING: Pray, fast, give...Today, we continued with our traditional 'Rainbow Friday' in order to raise money for the Caritas Lenten Appeal. It was lovely to see the children and staff dressed up in their brightest clothes and the photos of the human rainbows on Facebook look amazing! Last week, we raised a weekly total of £78.60 which is a wonderful start and we will keep you posted with our weekly totaliser! We have sent home small collection boxes for each family so that the children can put any spare change in for the duration of Lent. These can be brought back into school at anytime during Lent. Thank you to everyone who has embraced our Lenten fundraising and for your generous donations.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS: The attendance figures for each class for last week can be found in the table below. Please continue to encourage your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Everyday, Ready and On time). A gentle reminder that at the beginning of each half term we celebrate with the children who have managed to reach our whole school target of 97%+. The children love this celebration as they have the opportunity to choose their own prize and be proud of themselves. Please help us to do our job by keeping us informed if your child is going to be absent from school. Thank you parents/carers for your continued support and cooperation.

Nursery: 92.2%	Reception: 88.9%	Year 1: 75.9%	Year 2: 95.1%
Year 3: 93.8%	Year 4: 93.3%	Year 5: 90.3%	Year 6: 89.1%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 89.6%			

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Congratulations to all of the children who made the sacrament of Forgiveness on Tuesday evening. It truly was a beautiful service at Church. Thank you to the parents/carers who attended to support the children on their journey of faith. Please make a note of the following dates and times for later on in the year as the children prepare for the next sacrament of First Holy Communion. Sister Anne will be in touch in due course regarding the date of the parents' meeting.



Sunday, 18 th June - 9:30 a.m.	First Holy Communion Mass at St. Patrick's Church
Wednesday 21 st June - 9.30 a.m.	First Holy Communion Mass with the whole school, photographs & party day



READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is... **ASK QUESTIONS** - To keep your child interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read. Start with 'Where did we get to last time?', 'Can you remember what's happened so far?' and 'What do you think will happen next?'.

HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING: If you are struggling with the increases in food and energy bills and are struggling financially, help is available by phoning the cost of living advice line on 0800 023 2692.

This free telephone line offers support with:

- Benefits and help with your rent
- Advice about debt and paying bills
- Food support - help to find community food provision near you
- Help to get online - support to access the internet, laptops, phones and data.

The line is open Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Translations and Sign Video services are available upon request.



INDUSTRIAL STRIKE ACTION-WEDNESDAY, 15th AND THURSDAY, 16th MARCH 2023: Parents, please be aware of the dates that teachers who are members of the NEU union are planning to take further strike action. A letter was sent via email yesterday giving further details of the classes affected. We can confirm the following :

Date	Classes open	Classes closed
Wednesday, 15 th March	Rec, Y1, Y3, Y5	Nur, Y2, Y4, Y6
Thursday, 16 th March	Rec, Y1, Y5, Y6	Nur, Y2, Y3, Y4

#PROUD: We had such a lovely celebration on Wednesday evening at St. Edmund's when parents, teachers and governors came together to meet a selection of pupils who proudly showed off the progress that they are making this academic year. Well done to all of those children who were nominated by their teachers. Watch this space for future celebrations and the children are already working on impressing their teachers in the hope of being nominated!





CURRICULUM NEWS: It's been another super busy week in all of our classes! To highlight just a few examples....The Year 1 children have been researching the artist Henri Matisse this week and have made collage backgrounds in the style of his work. The Year 4 class designed and made some impressive outfits for Greek gods and the Year 6 children built on their chronological understanding as they put key events that lead up to the start of World War 2 in order.

FAREWELL FOR NOW: It's time for Miss Bevan to go and have a jolly good rest in preparation for her new baby. Year 5 & 6 came together yesterday afternoon to wish God's blessings on her and her family. Thank you to the children and staff who have done such a good job at looking after her over the last few weeks. The majority of children think Miss is going to have a boy and they had some fantastic suggestions for names....watch this space!



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: Andrew Betney, Miss Bevan, Maureen Duffy and family, Josephine Ekuase, Mrs Balagizi, Margaret Williams, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, everyone affected by the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Canon Paul Daly, Father Moses, Deacon Stephen, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionaries of Charity Brothers and all other private intentions at this time.



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

