



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

28th April 2023

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



'FOLLOW ME': This Sunday is traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who leads us into the joys of eternal life. Part of a shepherd's job is to look after the sheep and help them to stay safe. When we let Jesus lead us, just as a shepherd leads his sheep, he helps us to make the right choices and fills our lives with goodness and holiness. All we need to do is to follow him. Today, Jesus can lead us and our children through the Church, through prayer and through the lives of people who show us how to live in a way that pleases God. He is the patient shepherd who never gives up on us.

"It is for each of us to learn the path by which Jesus requires us to follow him, and to follow in that path." (St Katharine Drexel)

PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Two important dates for your diaries...Our next Mass in church will be to celebrate Ascension Thursday, on 18th May. Mass will be at 9.15 a.m. so please do join us for this holy day of obligation once you've dropped your children at school.

Our next Mass will then be on **Wednesday, 24th May** when we will celebrate one of our favourite traditions, the Crowning of Mary. We invite all of our parents to attend this beautiful celebration and ask that children bring to school a bunch of flowers so that we can process into church & 'crown' our statue of Mary. The procession will start at 9.15 a.m.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME & HOLY COMMUNION: Year 3 parents, please look out for some very important communication from Mrs Clinton. A letter will be emailed out to you today regarding the Holy Communion celebration.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS: The attendance figures for each class for last week can be found in the table below. Well done to Reception and Year 3 for meeting our attendance target last week. They were rewarded with an extra 5 minutes playtime by their teachers this week. As we enter a new month, the ice-cream party winners for April will be announced next week so...watch this space! Please help us to do our job by keeping us informed if your child is going to be absent from school and continue to encourage your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Everyday, Ready and On time). Thank you parents/carers for your continued support and cooperation.

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| Nursery: 91.5% | Reception: 97.2% | Year 1: 93.1% | Year 2: 93.8% |
| Year 3: 98.5% | Year 4: 95.4% | Year 5: 94.2% | Year 6: 95.6% |
| WHOLE SCHOOL: 94.8% | | | |

READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is... **MAKE TIME TO READ!** Research shows that reading with your child for as little as 10 minutes a day can significantly boost how well they do at school. Set aside a regular time every day to read with your child, whether it's for 10 minutes when they get in from school or reading a bedtime story together. Little and often works best!



COST OF LIVING CRISIS

HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING: Check you've received all the government's cost-of-living payments. The government's [cost-of-living payments](#) are available for those receiving certain benefits or tax credits. You don't need to apply for these - if you're eligible the money should go straight into your account. If you think you're due a payment but haven't received one, [report a missing payment](#) to the government. **Be aware of scams!** If you receive any emails, texts or phone calls asking you to fill in an application form or asking for your bank details to receive a cost-of-living payment, **do not talk to them or send a reply.** Get more information on [cost-of-living scams](#) on the Money Saving Expert's website.

FIVE DINNERS.COM: We know how hard times are at the moment so the folks at FiveDinners.com - online meal planning service - have decided to give away FREE lifetime memberships to try and help you save money on food shopping and reduce the mental load of deciding what to eat every night. There's no catch or restrictions, simply full access to their meal plans to make your dinnertimes a little easier and cheaper. FiveDinners.com is an online meal planning service co-founded by author and TV chef Theo Michaels. To help with the cost of living crisis so many families and individuals are facing Theo has decided to offer their meal planning service for FREE (usually £49.99 per year); every week they publish a new meal plan with an automatically generated shopping list; set to your serving size so you know exactly what you need for the week ahead. It saves you time, money on food shopping and ultimately takes away the headache of deciding what to cook every night. You can even create and save your own meal plans choosing from hundreds of recipes. Simply head to <https://FiveDinners.com> and click green join button now.

CURRICULUM NEWS: Another super busy week across the curriculum at St. Patrick's this week! During their English lessons, the Year 1 children have been writing about Jack and the Beanstalk and carefully using the suffix '-er' after tasting Jack's magic beans! The Year 4 class have been exploring electricity and using practical scientific equipment to see how an electrical circuit works. The Nursery children have been learning the names of different body parts as they moved in time to the music during their dance lesson! Check out our Facebook page to see what else has been going on in school this week!



INDUSTRIAL ACTION: A polite reminder to parents/carers of the classes that will be open and closed on **Tuesday, 2nd May** due to industrial action being taken by the teachers in those affected classes.

| Classes Open | Classes closed |
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| Rec, Y3, Y5 & Y6 | Nur, Y1, Y2, Y4 |

ONLINE SAFETY - CAPTURE VIDEO - FINANCIAL TIMES: A recently published video by Financial Times films, gives an important insight to the impact of social media on our children and family life. Parents/carers, the video is well worth a watch and will support you as you address talking to your children about their use of social media. You can find the video on YouTube by following the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UY2HOpuTlk>

LOCAL ELECTIONS: From 4th May 2023, registered electors will need to show photo ID when voting at polling stations. You may already have a form of photo ID that is acceptable. You can use any of the following:



- Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country
- Driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (including a provisional driving licence)
- A Blue Badge
- Older Person's Bus Pass funded by the Government of the UK
- Disabled Person's Bus Pass funded by the Government of the UK
- Oyster 60+ Card funded by the Government of the UK
- Freedom Pass
- Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)

A full list, which includes accepted ID issued in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland can be found at www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

ATTENTION YEAR 5 BOYS' PARENTS/CARERS: The Saint Ambrose College Entrance Examination application form for Year 7 entry in September 2023 is now available online on the College website at: Saint Ambrose College - Year 7 Admissions 2024 (st-ambrosecollege.org.uk). The deadline for completion of applications is Friday, 14th July 2023. The Entrance Examination will take place on Friday, 22nd September 2023. There will be an Open Day at the school on Saturday, 1st July 2023 from 09:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This will give parents/carers the opportunity to take a look around the school and where advice and help with the admissions procedure will be available. You do not need an appointment, just turn up on the morning. Enquiries to: admissions@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

ANYONE FOR TENNIS!?: The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) are offering FREE taster sessions for families, children, teenagers and adults on Sunday, 14th May from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Manchester Tennis Centre. To book your free place visit lta.org.uk/tennisweekends

ST. PATRICK'S PARKING PLEDGE: The Junior Leadership Team are a really important part of what we do in school and help lead in the decision making process when it comes to what really matters to our pupils. At our most recent meeting, the pupils have shared their worries about coming into and out of school on New Allen Street and are very determined to sort this matter out! They have worked hard to put together a 'Parking Pledge' and have been out and about at pick up times this week asking parents and guardians to sign up and to help keep everyone safe. Please 'show you care and park elsewhere' and take the parking pledge if you haven't already done so.



FIZZY DRINKS: A polite reminder to parents that fizzy drinks are not permitted in school. The teachers have noticed that some children are starting to bring fizzy drinks into school as part of their morning snack or their packed lunches. The teachers will continue to educate the children about the many health benefits of not consuming fizzy drinks and they really appreciate parental support when trying to get this important message across to the children. From Monday, any fizzy drinks will be confiscated and returned to parents at the end of the day.

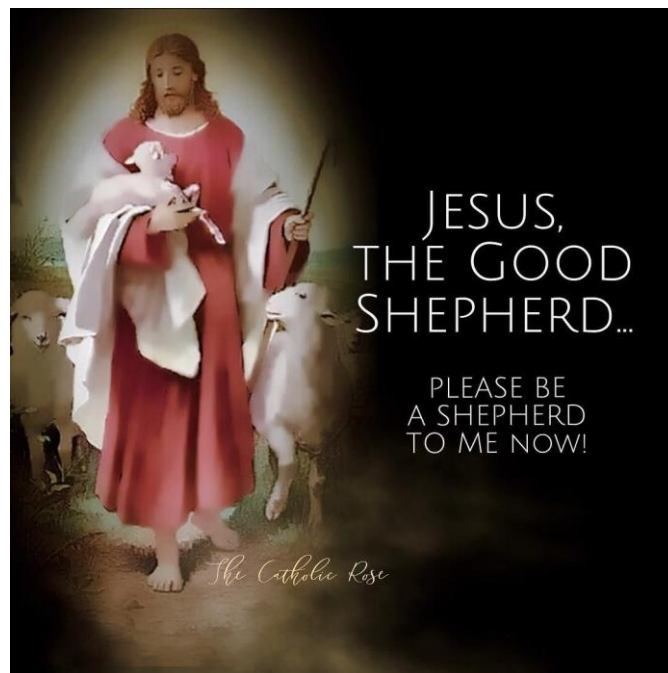


SCHOOL DAY CONSULTATION: Please look out for a letter from Mrs Clinton in your email inbox next week regarding a consultation about changes to the times of the school day.

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: Rosemary Froggart (RIP) and the Byrne family, Andrew Betney, Maureen Duffy and family, Josephine Ekuase, Mrs Balagizi, Margaret Williams, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families from Sudan and Ukraine and others 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 journey.