



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

13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Tel: 0161-834-9004

Weekend Masses: Vigil Mass - **Saturday**: 6.30 p.m. at St. Malachy's  
**Sunday**: 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (signed for the deaf) at St. Patrick's  
**Sunday**: 11:00 a.m. at St. Malachy's

Parish Website: <https://stpatricksliveseyst.yolasite.com/>

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

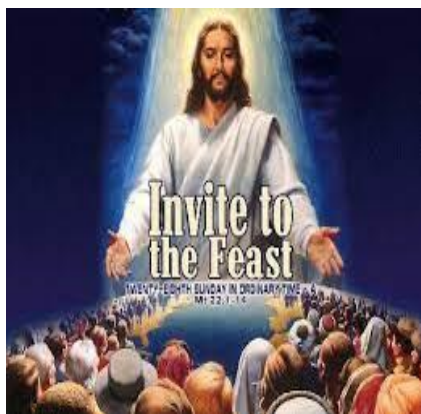
Facebook page: [St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Primary School, Manchester](https://www.facebook.com/St.Patrick's-Roman-Catholic-Primary-School-Manchester)



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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 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:  
'SIMPLE THINGS CAN MAKE US HAPPY.'**



**WE ARE ALL INVITED!** At different times throughout our lives, we and our children will receive various invitations - some more important than others. However, the most important invitation is the one that is offered to us is in the Gospel reading this weekend.

Throughout the Bible the joyful images of weddings are often used to describe how much God loves us. When Jesus told this story he was thinking of the Chosen People, the people of Israel, but many of their leaders did not respond to God's invitation when Jesus came.

God's invitation is not just for certain people but for all of us, regardless of our past or present situation. God's banquet starts here on earth and continues right into heaven.

In this Sunday's Gospel God is like the king, inviting us to the feast. We are reminded that we are invited to share in God's life: to celebrate belonging to the family of God forever, living in peace with everyone.

*"Jesus invites us to build the civilization of love together." (Pope Francis)*

**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTER:** The attendance for last week can be seen in the table below. Unfortunately, we weren't able to celebrate any classes surpassing the whole school target of 97%+. The race is on to see which class will be crowned the winning class for October and so next week, each class has another chance to make a real difference and collectively improve upon their attendance each day. Please try to encourage your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time). Please remember, it is parents responsibility to inform school when your child is absent.



Nursery: 78.1%	Reception: 92.1%	Year 1: 85%	Year 2: 94%
Year 3: 93.4%	Year 4: 94.3%	Year 5: 96.2%	Year 6: 95.3%
<b>WHOLE SCHOOL: 91.2%</b>			

**A HUGE THANK YOU!** We held 2 charity events last week to help our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves who live locally and also overseas. Firstly, thank you for the very generous donations of tins and dried food brought in throughout the week. These will be offered up during our 'Giving' Mass next Wednesday and our charity prefects will be contacting the Lalley Centre so the donations can be shared amongst the needy in the Salford Diocese. Secondly, we raised a magnificent £83.21 for CAFOD during our 'Brighten Up' day last week. The money will be sent directly to them to assist them with their work overseas. Thank you again, we are blessed to belong to such a generous school community.



**REMEMBRANCE LITURGY:** On Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding a Remembrance Liturgy for Years 1-6 in the school hall at 2:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for all members of our school community to come together and light a candle and pray for the repose of the soul of a loved one that has gone before us. You will receive a letter today asking for the names of loved ones that families would like to remember. Please send the form back into school to your child's class teacher by **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November**.



**PRAYER AND WORSHIP:** Our next Mass will be on **Wednesday, 18th October** at 9:15 a.m. for Years 1, 2 and 3. The Mass will be led by Year 3 and the theme will be on 'Giving' during this time of harvest. The following Mass will be on **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November** for All Saints Day. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and so we'll be celebrating a whole school Mass at 9:15 a.m. As always, parents/carers are very welcome to join us at Church.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** An important notice for our Year 3 families who are on the Sacramental Programme. Your next meeting with Sister Anne and the catechists will be on **Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November** at 7.00 p.m. in the church. The Rite of Presentation will then be celebrated on **Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November** at 9.15 a.m. Please ensure that you have these dates in your diary and that you attend the preparation meeting.

**READING TOP TIP:** Our top tip this week is: **DON'T READ A STORY BOOK!** "What??" We hear you say! "Have the teachers gone mad!!" Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Story books are great—but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is!



**HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING:** Manchester City Council have set up a cost of living advice line for anybody who is struggling with the increases in food and energy bills or who is generally struggling financially. The 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.

You can also access their cost of living advice line by calling 0800 023 2692. The line is open Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**E-SAFETY TOP TIP:** Our top tip this week is: **TAKE AN INTEREST IN YOUR CHILD'S ONLINE WORLD**

- Find resources to keep your child safe online
- Be honest if you don't understand apps and games they're using, ask them to explain their online world to you
- Tell your child that they can come and talk to you about anything they are experiencing online
- Notice changes in behaviour, as this could be a sign that something may be wrong
- Accept that young people will take risks on and offline. However, encourage your child to talk to you even if they make a mistake and think it's too late!
- Be open to what you're being told. Be mindful of the words you use, especially if you're upset by something negative you discover about your child's online activity
- Most importantly seek help and advice if needed, don't think you must do this alone!





**ATTENTION NURSERY PARENTS AND CARERS:** The deadline for applications for a Reception place in September 2024 is Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please click on the link to complete your application.

<https://parentportal.manchester.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions>

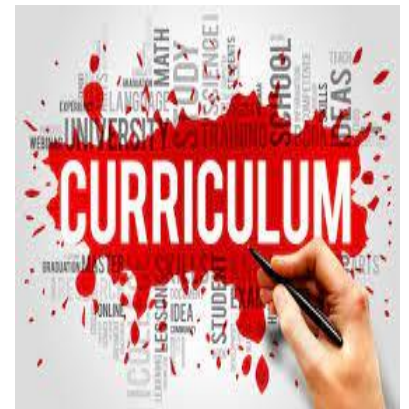
**GET ONLINE WEEK:** An event has been planned at Newton Heath Library, taking place on 16<sup>th</sup> October from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This event is meant to celebrate a national initiative run by the Good Things Foundation, called Get Online Week. At this event, there'll be some amazing organisations from across Manchester present, including the Blair Project, In4, Reform Radio and DISC, all set to present some of the things they do. This will be an amazing opportunity for our children and families to link in with offers and initiatives in Manchester that can help young people get into the digital world.



**ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS AND CARERS:** There is a very important deadline approaching! 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 is when all applications for Year 7 secondary school places for September 2024 need to be submitted. Please click on the link to apply for your child currently in Year 6.

[https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500322/secondary\\_school\\_admissions/7516/apply\\_for\\_a\\_year\\_7\\_secondary\\_place\\_for\\_september\\_2024#:~:text=If%20you%20live%20outside%20Manchester,be%20classified%20as%20late%20applications.](https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500322/secondary_school_admissions/7516/apply_for_a_year_7_secondary_place_for_september_2024#:~:text=If%20you%20live%20outside%20Manchester,be%20classified%20as%20late%20applications.)

**CURRICULUM NEWS:** What a busy week we've had across many subjects in our curriculum. To highlight some of the learning... Miss Donovan, Mrs Philips and Year 4 have been inspired by the famous Dutch artist Vincent Van Gogh. They studied his masterpiece called 'Starry Night' and painted their own version using acrylic paint and a palette knife to create textural effects! Year 6 and Miss Loughrey have had a Computing Day and have developed their understanding of coding and programming. In Nursery, the children have been reading all about Goldilocks and the three bears! They loved acting and pretending to be some of the characters! Why not check out our school Facebook Page to see what your child's class has been learning about this week?



**500 WORD STORY:** We've already had some children engaging with the 500 Words initiative! The UK's most successful children's writing competition has now opened for submissions and will run until Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November. Since the competition was first launched in 2011 by Chris Evans on the Radio 2 Breakfast Show, it has received over one million stories from children throughout the UK. This year, the two age categories will be 5-7 year-olds and 8-11 year-olds. Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story they would love to read without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar. This could be a great project for the half term holiday and parents can find out more about how to enter by clicking on the following link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words-collection/zj9b8p3>

**PARENTS' EVENING:** Further to the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings in September, parents will have the opportunity to make an individual appointment with their child's class teacher on **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October**. The teachers will be able to report on how well your child has settled in this academic year and discuss individual targets to support your child's progress. A five minute appointment between 3:30-5:15 p.m. can be made and the teachers have been out on the playground after school each day this week to enable parents to make an appointment that is most convenient for them. If any parent has missed their child's class teacher this week then please make a phone call to the office and the staff will be able to slot you in for a suitable time to suit you.

Don't forget parents' evening!



**ATTENTION PARENTS:** NHS England is urging parents to check that their children are up to date with their MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccinations in the wake of measles cases rising across the country. Childhood vaccination rates have fallen over the past ten years and this week statistics show that over 102,000 children aged four and five years old starting in Reception are not protected against catching measles, mumps and rubella. Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. If you are unsure if you or your child are up to date, check your child's red book or GP records and make an appointment to catch up any missed doses.

**OCTOBER HALF TERM TENNIS AND FOOTBALL CAMP:** Over the half term holiday, Monday-Friday 9.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. Ages 5-10, beginners very welcome, all equipment provided. Please book online through the Better UK app, website or click on this link: <https://betterflow.courseprogress.co.uk/onlinejoining/classes-results?filter=%7B%22showFullCourses%22:false,%22centre%22:231,%22courseGroupCategory%22:%5B2%5D,%22courseType%22:2%7D>



**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: Nathaniel Shani (RIP), family & friends. The pupils and staff of MCA, Wilfrid Usher (RIP), Oliver O'Leary, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, CAFOD, the Lalley Centre, Father Paul & Father Moses, the Presentation Sisters, our children and staff, all those working with environment agencies, and all other private intentions at this time.



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening commencing at 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Mass for Years 1, 2 and 3 @ 9:15 a.m. in church
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Non-Uniform Day in aid of school fund - 50p donation
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October	3:15 p.m. - school breaks up for a half term holiday
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October	School reopens at 8:40 a.m.
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November	9:15 a.m. Whole school All Saints Mass in church- parents/carers welcome
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> November	2:00 p.m. Remembrance service in the school hall-parents/carers welcome

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