



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

28th March 2024

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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://stpatricksiveseyst.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.PatricksRomanCatholicPrimarySchoolManchester)

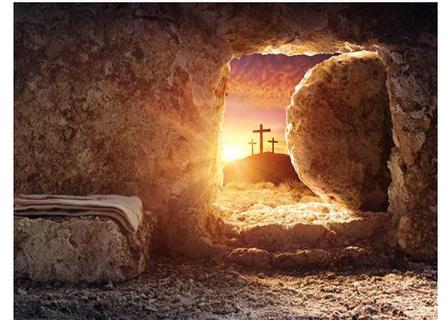


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If there is any parent who wishes their child to be baptised, please contact the Parish Priest of the parish in which you live. If you live within the boundaries of this parish, please see Canon Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Canon Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk



ALLELUIA! Easter Sunday is the greatest day in the Church's calendar. This day reminds us that Jesus, the Son of God, offers each one of us a share in his everlasting life and eternal happiness. All are warmly invited to come and join with the Church community this Sunday and celebrate the hope that Jesus' resurrection brings to our lives. As a family, share ideas about what you might also do to celebrate Easter Sunday and make it special. All services for Holy Week are at the end of this newsletter.



*"Let us prepare to celebrate Easter in the joy of God!
Christ is risen! Christ is alive!" (Pope Francis)*



LENT: As our Lenten journey comes to an end, we'd like to thank everyone for your generosity as we've collected for Caritas & St. Joseph's Penny. We've got to give a shout out to our Charity Reps, Y6 Prefects and GIFT team for their leadership skills shown during this liturgical season. They've kept us on track and we couldn't have done it without them. Our collection last week on Rainbow Friday was £94.44 and we've now raised a total of £352.91 which includes all other donations. THANK YOU!!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS: Thank you to our families who were here every day and on time last week. Our overall attendance was a disappointing 96.6% - we're getting closer to our target! We had 4 classes exceeding our target of 97%! These trail blazers were rewarded with extra playtimes! Well done to Y4 who were our winners and celebrated with an extra 5 minutes play every day! Who is going to be an attendance HERO next half term? (Here Everyday Ready On time) The results for last week are here below.



Nursery - 96.7%	Reception - 97.4%	Year 1 - 98.6%	Year 2 - 97.2%
Year 3 - 93.1%	Year 4 98.7%	Year 5 - 95.7%	Year 6 - 98.4%
Overall total 96.6%			



CURRICULUM NEWS: As you'd expect, much of our week has been focused on the events of Holy Week and as always our children have responded with great reverence & respect. Teachers couldn't have packed the week with any more really! Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 had fantastic afternoons singing their young hearts out at the annual sing-a-rounds. We've had topics to complete with quizzes, lunchtime clubs as well as Easter crafts! Take a look on our Facebook page to see what your child has been up to this week.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY: We can't let the term finish without rewarding our winning house with their termly celebration. The children work so hard to win their house points for either displaying our 9 gospel values or 9 essential life skills. The winning house, St. Mark came together on Tuesday to enjoy milkshakes, popcorn and a film. It's so lovely to see siblings enjoying some quality time together. Thank you children for displaying exemplary behaviour. We are so proud of you!



BAKE OFF IS BACK: As part of our **FUN**draising campaign this year, the children requested the return of bake off. Children, you asked, we listened. Tuesday afternoon some chief tasters, Miss Loughrey, Mr Eaglestone and Miss Cusick along with the charity reps adjudicated all of the delicious cakes and biscuits. We all had a fabulous time choosing our favourite ones and taking home a few samples to try. Congratulations to all of the winning star bakers!!

EASTER EGG HUNT: School governors met yesterday evening and after hearing all about how hard our children are working in lessons as well as playing co-operatively with class-mates, they gave strict instructions to let everyone have an Easter egg hunt before going home today. Staff had to be in school early to hide all of the eggs around the school. We hope you enjoyed the hunt children and well done!



ANYONE FOR TENNIS?: Two weeks can be a long time when you're trying to occupy youngsters! Parents/Guardians, you'll be pleased to hear that there is an Easter tennis and football Camp. 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 or website <https://betterflow.courseprogress.co.uk/onlinejoining/home>



FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

Manchester Active & Manchester City Council are offering thousands of FREE places for children eligible for benefits-related free school meals at holiday clubs across the city.

Activities can include:

- Arts & crafts
- Sports & exercise
- Music
- FREE nutritious meal & more!

CHECK ELIGIBILITY OR BOOK HERE

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FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES: We know many of our families benefit from the free activities put on by the local authority over school holidays. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to make new friends as well as keeping active and having great fun! We will upload this to our facebook page and parents will be able to click on the link to register.

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.



LOCAL ELECTIONS ON 2ND MAY: We've been asked to remind parents/carers that when voting, you'll need to take your photo ID. Please pass this message on to family and friends.



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!

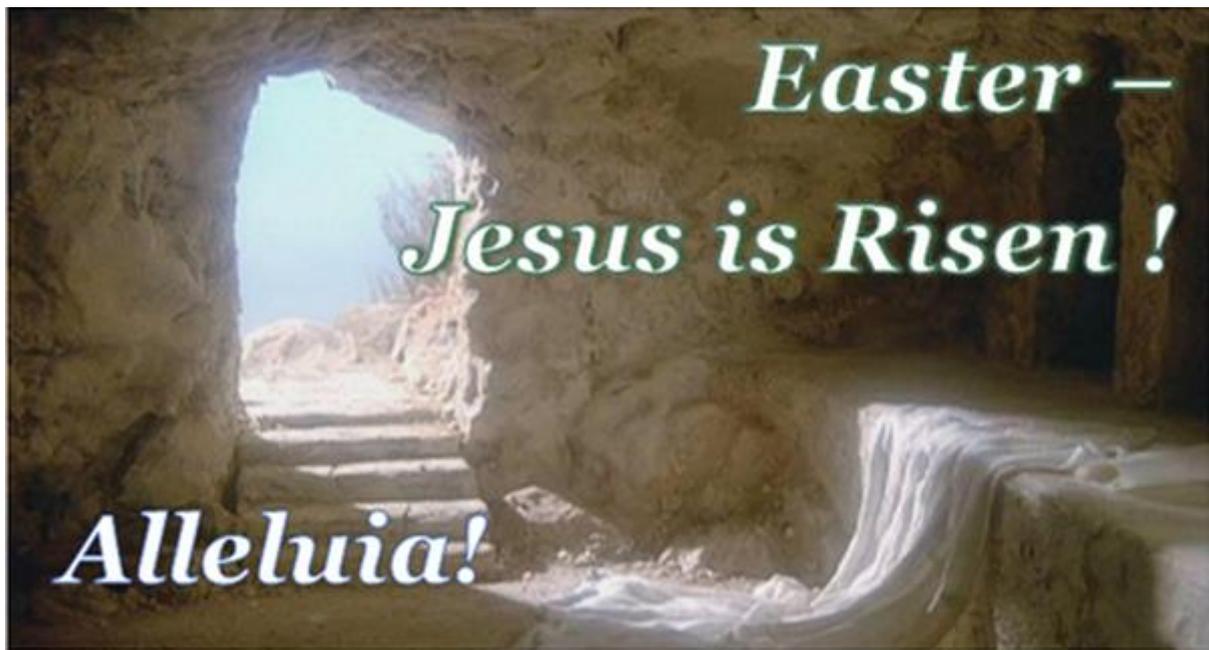
SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Angeline Holt, Oliver O'Leary, Alice Ritchie, Leanne Clegg, Carole Donovan, the children who have been kidnapped from schools in Nigeria, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Father Paul & Father Moses, the Presentation Sisters, our children and staff, all those working with environment agencies, the homeless & rough sleepers, CAFOD, Caritas, the Lalley Centre and all other private intentions at this time.



2024 THE YEAR OF PRAYER: Pope Francis has declared 2024 as a special Year of Prayer. Here is a bedtime prayer for you to say with your children this week: **Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for this Sunday's wonderful celebration of your resurrection. Please bless my family with new life throughout the great Season of Easter. Amen.**

**SCHOOL CLOSES TODAY UNTIL
MONDAY, 15TH APRIL.**

*On behalf of the staff and governors, we
wish all of our families
a happy and holy Easter.*



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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY	<p>Confessions 6.15 - 6.45 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00 p.m.</p>
GOOD FRIDAY	<p>Children's Stations of the Cross, 11:00 a.m. (St. Malachy's) This may take place outdoors weather permitting; come suitable dressed. Children must be accompanied by a parent or other adult family member. Confessions 2.15-2.45 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord, 3:00 p.m.</p>
HOLY SATURDAY	<p>Confessions 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Poswiecenie jadla wielkanocnego/ Blessing of Easter foods 12noon (No 6.30 p.m. Mass this weekend at St. Patrick's) GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER 8:00 p.m.</p>
EASTER SUNDAY	<p>Mass (St. Patrick's) 9.30 a.m. Mass (St. Malachy's) 11:00 a.m. Mass (signed, St. Patrick's) 11.30 a.m. Vietnamese Mass (St. Patrick's) 4:00 p.m.</p>