



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

20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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

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



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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:**

**'I KNOW I BELONG IN A COMMUNITY THAT INCLUDES MY SCHOOL.'**



**SERVING:** In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus once again reminds the disciples - and us too - that a life of service is the best life to live. Life can be so busy, full of the things we really like doing, that it's quite easy to forget about serving others. The Church teaches that we grow in the love of God through serving each other. One of the oldest titles for the Pope is 'The Servant of the servants of God'. This emphasises the importance which the Church places on service. Jesus lived a life of service. Family and school life become more joyful when we follow Jesus' example and live as God intends. So enjoy your weekend together - bring peace and joy into your home and community through serving each other.

*"Jesus leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others." (Pope Francis)*

### **ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTER:**

We have some very happy attendance ambassadors this week as we continue with the fantastic start we've made to the year. Everyone in school is trying their very best to be an attendance HERO! Congratulations to lots of children and families who were in school every day AND on time last week. Special congratulations to Year 6 - 100% for last week so were rewarded with a non-uniform today!

We can't wait to find out which class will win the ice-cream party at the end of the month!



Nursery: 93.8%	Reception: 97.7%	Year 1: 98.3%	Year 2: 97.6%
Year 3: 96.5%	Year 4: 98.1%	Year 5: 98.6%	Year 6: 100%
<b>WHOLE SCHOOL: 97.7%</b>			

**PRAYER & WORSHIP:** Our Mass on Wednesday will fit in very well with our statement and our Sunday gospel - service and leadership. Father will commission and bless our pupil leaders. Mass will be for our Year 4, 5 & 6 classes and we would love our parents to join us. Mass starts at 9.15 a.m. in church. All welcome!

**PUPIL UPDATE FORMS:** FINAL REMINDER: Each year, we have to update our school IT system so it is imperative that we have the correct contact details, medical information, emergency contacts for each and every child in the school. Please click on the link below to update for each of your children.

<https://forms.gle/pJ9SvyDT3iLCHTaG7>

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** Year 3 parents and children - it is your first meeting on Wednesday to sign up, enroll for the programme and prepare for the first celebration - the Rite of Presentation. Father Moses will be joining you on Wednesday and is looking forward to meeting with you and the children. Please come to the side door in Church for a 6.30 p.m. start.



**READING TOP TIP:** Our top tip this week is: **Enjoy bedtime stories.** Read with your child at bedtime as often as you can. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with them. Sharing a book at bedtime helps develop your child's vocabulary, gets them used to the idea of regular reading, and gives you both a great opportunity to bond.

**PHOTOGRAPHS:** Your child should have brought home the 'proof' of their annual school photograph. Parents need to make payment on line with John Hunt photography. These photographs do make fantastic Christmas presents for loved ones and provide wonderful memories of your child - we all know, they grow up so fast!

**COLLECTION AT HOME TIME:** Home time is a busy time and our staff have a big responsibility to ensure that your child is handed over to the parent/guardian who is coming to collect. We have put a one way system in place to help keep everyone in the community safe. Yes, this means, parents/guardians have to wait patiently in the queue at the gate and further to walk because you have to walk the perimeter of the school. We have over 200 children that need to be dismissed so let's all work together so this is done in an orderly and safe fashion. A letter detailing the arrangements for parents has been distributed today and children have also been informed about the arrangements.

**YEAR 6 PARENTS:** Our Lady's R.C. High School invite parents and pupils to their open evening event next Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September. This will help you make your decision about what high school your child will attend next September so it's an important event. Furthermore, the school is offering 1:1 tours for parents whilst the school is in operation. Parents will need to phone the school to book an appointment between dates, Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October. The deadline for parents to choose their child's Y7 place at high school is 5.00 p.m., Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October. Don't leave it until the last minute!!



**SCHOOL GATEWAY:** As you are aware, we have moved to a new online payment system called School Gateway. Thank you to all the parents who have registered so far. If you are struggling to register or download the app please come and speak to the office staff who can help. This new app is a way for parents to keep up to date with what is happening in school and to pay for any dinner money, breakfast club or trips.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.schoolcomms.sga>

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/school-gateway/id596039615?ign-mpt=uo%3D4>

**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Moira Murray (RIP) and family, Leanne Clegg (RIP) and family, the Ganley family, Jo Phillips and family, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, CAFOD, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Father Paul, Father Moses, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionary Brothers of Charity, our children and staff and all those called to be involved in Education, and all other private intentions at this time.



**BEDTIME PRAYER:** Dear Lord Jesus, you served others. Please help me to follow your example so that my home, my school and my community may be filled with your love. Amen

**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!



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September - Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Bookings available for a 1:1 tour of Our Lady's R.C. High School for prospective parents. Please contact the school.
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Y5&6 girls' football festival at MCA after school with Mr Eaglestone Parents to collect from MCA.
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Mass for Years 4, 5 and 6 @ 9:15 a.m. in church (led by Y4)
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Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Open evening at Our Lady's R.C. High School for Y6 families
Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> October	GIFT team to Christ the King school to work with other GIFT teams from local primary schools.
Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Stay and play for Nursery & Reception parents in the hall - 9.15 a.m. start.
Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> October	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day - brighten up for CAFOD (50p donation). <b>WEAR YOUR BRIGHTEST CLOTHES</b>
Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Rite of Presentation celebration Mass for Y3 families, 9.15 a.m.
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Science workshop for Year 4 & 5.
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest festival assembly - collection of dried/tinned foods. <b>NON-UNIFORM DAY</b>
Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October	World Faith Week - learning more about Sikhism.
Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Mass for Years 1, 2 & 3 (led by Y3).
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Non-Uniform Day in aid of school fund. School closes at the usual time for 2 weeks.

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