



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

13<sup>th</sup> December 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'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:**

**ADVENT WEEK 3: 'Rejoice in the Lord.'**



**REJOICE THIS ADVENT:** Who did the people think that John the Baptist might be? In this Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist prepares the people for the coming of Jesus. He tells them to share with others and to show mercy - to put people (not money or power) first; to feel for those who suffer and to do something to help. Within the Catholic Church, these actions, attending to people's basic needs, are known as Corporal (or physical) Works of Mercy. Ask your child what the word 'mercy' means to them. You may want to share with your child what the word 'mercy' means to you. Can you or your child remember a time when you were merciful and gave someone another chance?

*Getting to know Jesus will bring us great joy. Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel by joining us at St. Patrick's or St. Malachy's at the above Masses. Alternatively there are other local churches with other Masses available: all are very warmly invited.*

*'Read the gospels! This way we will learn what is most essential in our lives: love and mercy.' Pope Francis)*

**PRAYER & WORSHIP:** Our final Mass of the term will be next Wednesday at 9.15 a.m. in church. Please join us. We will have our final liturgy next Friday morning, 'Carols around our crib' and again, all are welcome to join us. This celebration will be at the earlier time of 9.15 a.m.

*Sacramental Preparation*



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** Please don't forget to make the effort to take your child to Mass, particularly during this Advent & Christmas season. They are very welcome to join 'little church' either Saturday evening or Sunday morning. The next two dates for your diary are:

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 6.30 p.m.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025, 9.15 a.m. Mass 'We are people who follow Jesus.'

**TOP TIPS FOR ATTENDANCE:** Encourage healthy eating, particularly during the winter months. Eating fruit and veg each day will help prevent illness. Children need lots of exercise and plenty of water.



**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:** Our class results for last week are below. Congratulations to our Year 1 children who pipped other classes to be top of the league with an astounding 99.1% Next week is such an important week in school for our children. They are going to have such a lovely and memorable time with their friends which will have a huge positive impact on their mental health and well-being. Good attendance = friends for life!! Don't let them miss out.



Nursery: 87.6%	Reception: 96%	Year 1: 99.1%	Year 2: 95.2%
Year 3: 94.5%	Year 4: 96.9%	Year 5: 93.3%	Year 6: 93.8%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 94.9%			

**PANTO TIME:** Our older children were treated to a trip to the Pantomime, Aladdin, in Bolton earlier this week. It's becoming one of the highlights of the school calendar. They LOVED it!! We would like to thank parents/carers for your donations towards this. We wouldn't be able to take them if you didn't contribute. Yet again, we received a generous donation from a 'friend of St. Patrick's' which meant we were able to treat all the children to an ice-cream treat during the interval whilst other schools looked enviously on!!

**NATIVITY - CHRISTMAS COUNTS!** Many thanks to everyone who came to support our Nativity on Tuesday. Didn't the children perform so well?! It was wonderful to see such confidence in their singing, their actions, knowing their lines and of course, understanding the message of Christmas. We are so proud of the children and we're sure they'll be happy to perform their songs again for family members at any Christmas gatherings you might have over the festive period.



**CHRISTMAS DISCO REMINDER:** Tickets are selling fast so get them quick!! Please collect your children at the usual time of 3.15 p.m. and return at 4.30 p.m. The children will be able to boogie on down, learn some new dance floor moves as well as requesting their favourite songs. We've gone to great expense and secured the legend that is, 'DJLOCK' who will be flying in from NYC! The discos will end at 5.30 p.m.



**ADVENT BOOK CALENDAR:** We do hope our children are enjoying the Christmas stories this Advent and thank you to our teachers for making this season so special.



**FREE TICKETS:** We have received an extremely generous donation from Hope Mill Theatre Company!! We have been gifted 75 tickets to the musical, 'A Christmas Carol' which is currently on at the Lowry Theatre, Media City. These tickets are for children who are eligible for free school meals and the age group we recommend is Y5 & Y6. Our Y6 pupils are currently reading this book in class as well as studying the Victorians as their History topic. Parents/carers need to email Naomi Albans at [outreach@hopemilltheatre.co.uk](mailto:outreach@hopemilltheatre.co.uk) so she can book you in. The show is on until 4<sup>th</sup> January and she will issue tickets on a first come, first served basis. These tickets should be £28.00 each! Please state what school you attend and the age of your child. Please be polite in your request and good luck!



**YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL:** This is a rolling reminder about the Y6 residential to Robinwood. This will prove to be an invaluable experience for your child and really strengthen their preparation and transition to high school. Please remember to set up a payment plan on School Gateway so that you aren't having to pay a lump sum in May 2025. The cost of the trip could be used for a Christmas or birthday present which the children would really appreciate. Many thanks for your co-operation.



**FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS:** A message for parents/carers whose children are eligible for free school meals. Manchester City Council has again approved funding for supermarket vouchers for the Christmas break to help with the financial pressures that many of our families will face. Families with children eligible for free school meals (FSM) will receive a £30.00 e-voucher from Wonde on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December. This voucher can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice.



**NURSERY PLACES FOR JANUARY:** Are you looking for a nursery place or know someone who is? Is their date of birth on or before 31.12.2021? If so, we have places within our nursery available for your child to start in January! For more information about the admissions process please call in at the school office.



**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:, Margaret Williams (RIP) & family, Judith Oyilu Omachi (RIP) and the Otene family, Jo Phillips and family, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, Caritas, our families on the Sacramental Programme those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Father Paul, Father Moses, Father Anthony, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionary Brothers of Charity, our children and staff and all other private intentions at this time.



**BEDTIME PRAYER:** Dear Lord Jesus, help us to grow in the virtue of mercy, to be open to receiving your mercy and showing mercy to others. Amen

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:** Next week is officially our Christmas week in school and it promises to be a wonderful & memorable week for our children. It's busy so please be prepared!!

Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Traditional Christmas lunch (all children encouraged to participate - £2.55 for those children who normally bring a packed lunch) Everyone to wear their Christmas jumpers/sweatshirts Christmas Disco - £5 a ticket or £10 a family, 4.30 - 5.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Mass for Years 1-6 followed by... PARTY DAY! Children to come to school in their Christmas outfits All children encouraged to participate in our party lunch buffet - £2.55 for those children who normally bring a packed lunch Party afternoon in the classrooms
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Non-uniform day for school fund. 50p a child or £1 a family 9.15 a.m. Carols around the crib - all welcome <b>School closes for children at 1.00 p.m.</b>
Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>School reopens for children at 8:40 a.m.</b>

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

*Third Sunday of Advent*

