



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

10th January 2025

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)

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



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2025 a new year and fresh start!

WELCOME! Welcome back to school and a Happy New Year to all of our families and friends. In Church this Sunday we celebrate a special feast - the Baptism of the Lord. The new year presents an opportunity to remember, or to discover, the blessings received at Baptism. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus begins his mission to the world when the Holy Spirit comes down upon him - the same Spirit we receive through Baptism and Confirmation. Pope Francis reminds us that, "Faith is a gift which we receive in Baptism and which allows us to encounter God." Jesus came for everyone: to draw us all into his family so that we can become more like him and joyfully share in God's own life. Enjoy your weekend and help spread God's love. Blessings and best wishes for 2025.



Getting to know Jesus will help us grow stronger as a family. 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.

"Baptism gives strength and it gives light." (Pope Francis)



PRAYER & WORSHIP: Father Moses celebrated our first Mass back on Wednesday and asked us what we are striving to be better at during 2025. We listened to the parable of the farmer sowing seeds and learnt how the seeds represent us. Father also told us that he will be leaving our parish to go to St. Augustine's parish. Thank you Father Moses for all you have done for our children and families!

PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Every 25 years, the Catholic Church holds a Jubilee Year. All members of the global Church family are called to participate in this Holy Year. It is a time to grow in our faith and prayer life. A time too to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. Key aspects of a Jubilee Year include how we treat one another and how we live out the mission of the Church. 2025 is going to be a year where we're called by Pope Francis to be 'Pilgrims of Hope' and we can't wait to get started! We'll be launching our special year towards the end of January and we'll keep everyone up to date on our pilgrims progress!



Sacramental Preparation



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Bringing your family to Mass each week could be a great New Year's Resolution. They are very welcome to join 'little church' either Saturday evening or Sunday morning. The next two dates for your diary are:

Wednesday, 26th February 2025, 6.30 p.m.

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

Please ensure you make arrangements to attend the meeting and Mass.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS: We had a wonderful celebration this morning for all those children who worked so hard to be attendance heroes last term. Lots of children achieved 100% and received our sought after gold reward stickers as well as a prize from our goody box! Very well done children! Unfortunately, none of our classes met our target of 97% for December so the ice-creams will have to stay in the freezer! Good luck for January children!



TOP TIPS FOR ATTENDANCE: It's a well known fact that most people aren't getting enough sleep! These are the recommended hours needed for children of primary school age:

Age 3-5: 10-13 hours each day including naps

Age 6-12: 9-12 hours each day

Staggering! If you ever wonder why you struggle to get your child out of bed in the morning, perhaps it's because they haven't had enough sleep. Help them to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time) by helping them to get plenty of sleep.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL: This is a rolling reminder about the Y6 pupils 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. The cost of the trip could be used for a birthday present which the children would really appreciate. Many thanks for your co-operation. We would like to meet parents and children after school on **Monday, 20th January** so we can tell you a bit more about what to expect. We will hold the first meeting at 3.30 p.m. and an additional meeting at 5.00 p.m.



ATTENTION NURSERY PARENTS: The deadline for applications for a September 2025 place in our Reception class is Wednesday, 15th January. Please be aware that a place in our Nursery is unfortunately not a guarantee that you will be offered a place in reception! Therefore please do not delay in completing your application. Applications can be completed online at: https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary_school_admissions/7264/apply_for_a_reception_class_place_for_september_2025/5 If any parent needs assistance with completing their application, please feel free to call into the office and a member of the Admin Team will be happy to help.



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, Julie Anne Fotsodap (RIP) and family, Carol Parkes (RIP) and 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, thank you for the gift of Baptism. Please help us to live like you and to spread God's love throughout this new year. Amen



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