



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

17th January 2025

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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://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'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

Our Statement to live by next week is:

'I can laugh and have fun.'

JOY!: In this Sunday's Gospel below, we read from the Gospel of John. John does not record many of Jesus' miracles, so why is this miracle of changing water into wine given so much importance? It is important for us to know that, although divine, Jesus was also human and enjoyed human happiness. In the Gospel, Jesus helps out the unfortunate bridegroom whose wedding celebrations are on the verge of disaster because they're about to run out of wine. Jesus' miracle brings joy to his own mother and gives a joyful celebration to the whole village. This miracle also reminds us about the joy of heaven, which is often described as a wedding-feast to which we are all invited. Jesus came to bring joy to everyone in every age. Happiness comes and goes, but the joy that comes from close friendship with Jesus stays forever. Enjoy a very special time together this weekend, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this week's word, which is **JOY!**



Getting to know Jesus will bring greater joy to us 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.

"If we are close to Jesus, we will have joy in our hearts and a smile on our face." (Pope Francis)

PRAYER & WORSHIP: Our next Mass in church is on Wednesday, 29th January with our Year 4 & 5 classes. Our children in Year 4 will lead us in prayer whilst our Year 5 leaders will support them. Our theme will be 'Community'. Please try and join us in church for 9.15 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

JUBILEE YEAR - PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Next Friday, we will be launching our jubilee year, Pilgrims of Hope. Of course, our children represent the future, they are our pilgrims of hope! We want this year to be significant & memorable for them. Throughout the year, we will be reflecting on Jesus' message of the good news of justice, freedom and love. We will be taking opportunities to experience the joy of taking actions as Pilgrims of Hope in building a better world.



HAVING HOPE IN OUR FAMILIES: God wants us to be filled with joy - Jesus came to make our joy complete. In the first of his many miracles, Jesus changed the water into wine and brought great joy to the wedding celebration. For us too, Jesus changes our lives when he enters into our hearts and homes; he makes the ordinary special and life more joyful.

Sacramental Preparation



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Bringing your family to Mass each week could be a great way to show your child how to be a pilgrim of hope. 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:

What a stupendous start to 2025!! So many of our children were back in school and we were delighted to see them. Hopefully, this will continue so that they can have a wonderful time in school, learning with their friends. The attendance ambassadors were busy totting up the percentages each day and the scores are in! Congratulations to our winning class, Year 2 with a very heroic and nearly perfect score of 99.4%. They were rewarded with an extra playtime!

Attendance Matters



Nursery: 96.6%	Reception: 95%	Year 1: 97.8%	Year 2: 99.4%
Year 3: 95.7%	Year 4: 95.5%	Year 5: 98.8%	Year 6: 97.1%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.9%			



TOP TIPS FOR ATTENDANCE: Let your child know that school is important by getting involved with their learning - hear them read, attend parents' evenings, come to our Masses and celebration assemblies. Ask them about their day in school and praise them for having a good day! Help them to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time).

OUR SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR POLICY: This week in school, Mrs Clinton led a special assembly for children in Years 1-6. This was to remind everyone in our school community of our school rules. We think our children's behaviour in school is excellent! This doesn't happen by magic though. We all work hard (parents, staff and children) to help each other remember what good behaviour looks like and sometimes we need support to do this. That's ok! We did also remind children that our school uniform policy is closely linked to our behaviour policy. Please remember - tailored trousers, plain black shoes or trainers, hair tied up. P.E. kits should remain in school as they are needed each week. Thank you for your continued support.



READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is...**ESTABLISH A READING ROUTINE:**- Every child in school brings home their reading books & reading record books. Now that the holidays are over, encourage your child to make time to read regularly at some time during the evening. Research shows that 20 minutes reading each day will greatly enhance a child's progress. New Year, fresh start!

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.



WORLD FAITH WEEK: As part of our Religious Education & PSHE curriculum, children learn about other world faiths. Next week, we will be increasing our knowledge about Judaism. Children will have the opportunity to learn about the Jewish rituals, worship, prayers, family and community traditions and festivals. They will be able to compare these to our own faith.



#PROUD: Parents may recall us holding our #PROUD event last Spring. This is an opportunity for invited parents to come along and celebrate their child's improved work. The children are now working hard to improve the presentation of their work so that their teachers, themselves and you are #proud. This year, the celebration evening will be on Wednesday, 5th March and will take place at St. Edmund's at 4.00 p.m. Will you receive an invite?! Let's wait and see.....

BASKETBALL TICKETS: Returning to Manchester the Great Britain women's team take on Estonia in what is set to be an exciting home game for the National Team. As part of the FIBA women's EuroBasket qualifier window the teams are set to go head to head and every point counts! With unreserved seating you can get closer to the action than ever. GB Basketball are offering a 30% discount code for Manchester schools meaning children's tickets are available from £3.50. The discount can be accessed by adding **MCRCOMMUNITY30** at checkout.



Venue: National Basketball Performance Center, Kirkmanshulme Ln, M12 4TF

Doors Open: 6.30 p.m.

Tip Off: 7.30 p.m.

Booking Link: <https://www.universe.com/events/fiba-women-eurobasket-qualifiers-great-britain-v-estonia-tickets-F90JTZ?ref=MCRAActive>

MID YEAR REPORTS: Teachers can't wait to tell parents about the fantastic progress the children have been making since September. Next Friday, parents who have children in Years 3-5 will receive your child's mid-year report which will include information about assessments they've completed as well as their progress in lessons.

PARENTS' EVENING: Parents who have children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1, 2 & 6 will have the opportunity to come and meet their teacher and look at their child's work on Tuesday, 11th February from 3.30 p.m - 5.00 p.m. Come along and the teachers will slot you in - first come, first served.



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; Julienne 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, help our family to experience the joy that you bring, and to share that joy with all who we meet. Amen

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