



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

28<sup>th</sup> February 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://stpatricksiveseyst.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](#)



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### WEEKEND MASSES - Come to the table, everyone is welcome!

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 when we return is:**

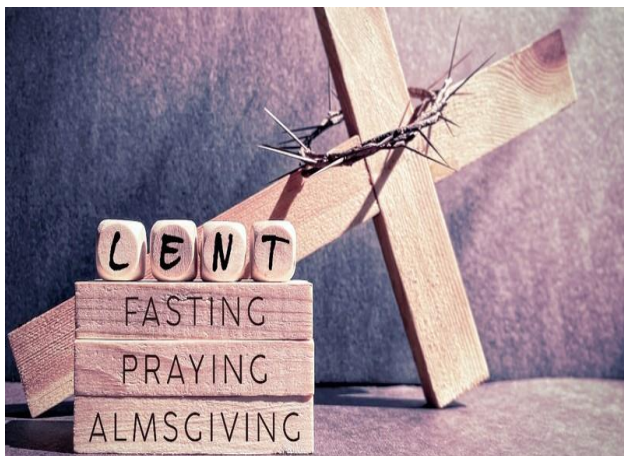
**'I can tell you how I look after myself.'**

**ACTION:** Jesus told a parable to his disciples. "Why do you observe the splinter in your friend's eye and never notice the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your friend, 'Friend, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,' when you cannot see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your friend's eye. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. You can tell what a tree is like by the fruit it produces. You cannot pick figs or grapes from brambles. A good person does good things out of the good stored up in their heart; a bad person does bad things out of the badness in their heart. Your words show what is in your heart.

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 **ACTION**.

*Coming to church will help your family learn about Jesus who wants us to use our actions for the good of others. 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.*

**SEASON ON LENT:** Next Wednesday will be the start of a new liturgical season - the solemn season of Lent. This will start with Ash Wednesday and we will be celebrating Mass at 9.15 a.m. in church. Please join us as we will receive our ashes to mark the occasion. Teachers will support children in making decisions about what positive changes they make during this Lenten season. We will prepare for Easter with prayer, fasting and giving to charity. Each family will bring home a collection box for our Diocesan charity, St. Joseph's Penny and as always we'll be having various Lenten activities going on throughout this season. Please talk to your children at home about what they can do to make a difference and maybe talk to them about your own memories of what you did as a child.



## JUBILEE YEAR - PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

Let's look at the logo more closely.... The Logo shows four stylised figures to indicate all of humanity from the four corners of the earth. They are each embracing another, indicating the solidarity and brotherhood that must unite peoples. It should be noted that the first figure is clinging to the cross. The underlying waves are choppy to indicate that the pilgrimage of life is not always on calm waters. Oftentimes personal circumstances and world events call for a greater sense of hope. This is why the lower part of the Cross is elongated turning into an anchor, which dominates the movement of the waves. As is well known, the anchor has often been used as a metaphor for hope. In fact, in maritime jargon, the hope anchor is the name given to the spare anchor, used by vessels for emergency maneuvers to stabilise the ship during storms. It should be noted that the image shows how the pilgrim's journey is not individual, but rather communal, with the signs of a growing dynamism that moves more and more toward the Cross. The Cross is by no means static, but it, too, is dynamic, bending toward and meeting humanity as if not to leave it alone, but rather offering the certainty of its presence and the reassurance of hope.



### *Sacramental Preparation*



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** Unfortunately and due to unforeseen circumstances, the meeting on Wednesday couldn't go ahead. However, we look forward to seeing you at Mass at St. Patrick's this Sunday to celebrate, 'We are people who follow Jesus.' Please be there for 9.15 a.m.

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:

Our winning class last before half term was....Year 1 (again!) They were rewarded with 5 minutes added to their active time EVERY day this week. Well done children. Congratulations also to our Reception children and Year 2 class who also exceeded our school target. We will find out next week which class has won the ice-cream party for February.



Nursery: 96.3%	Reception: 97.7%	Year 1: 98.3%	Year 2: 97.4%
Year 3: 96.1%	Year 4: 92.1%	Year 5: 93.8%	Year 6: 90.7%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 95.4%			



**TOP TIPS FOR ATTENDANCE:** Arrange medical appointments during school holidays or after school. If you **have** to make an appointment, please make every effort for your child to attend school first so they can get their attendance mark and then return back to school after the appointment.

Help them to become an attendance HERO (**H**ere, **E**very day, **R**eady and **O**n time).

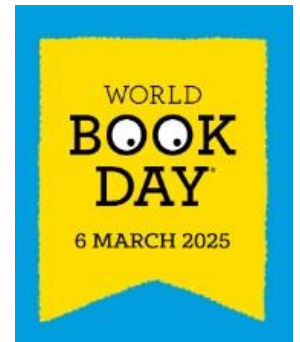
**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN:** Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility and for our school staff, this is our top priority. At our school, our staff are well trained in safeguarding and receive regular updates. They are trained to look out for signs and symptoms of types of child abuse and know exactly what steps to take. If any adults in our community are concerned about the safety of any child, they also have a duty of care to report this to children's social care or to a Designated Safeguarding Lead in school.





**READING TOP TIP:** Our top tip this week is: **CHANGE YOUR VOICE FOR EACH CHARACTER.** If reading a book aloud with your child, try becoming some or all of the characters in the story! Change your voice for the characters. You can speak in a whisper for a shy mouse. You can speak angrily. You can speak in a loud silly voice. You can speak in a quiet voice. Even when you have only one character, have fun changing your voice. This will make the story more entertaining and help your child understand which characters are talking. As a bonus, you will be helping your child learn new words, such as shyly, angrily, happily, and sadly, because children will match your tone of voice to the words in the book and to the pictures on the pages.

**WORLD BOOK DAY:** The big day is next Thursday!! We know the children are all excited. The theme this year is all about what children can envisage themselves doing as job, a career, a vocation. We do ask that parents/carers DO NOT go out and buy a costume. The best ones are always the ones that come from drawers/wardrobes in the house. Rope in the grandparents and get the family on board to give yourselves some ideas. We must have some future doctors, lawyers, vets, bio-chemists, archaeologists, priests, bishops, nuns, saints, fire fighters, nurses, carers, police officers, Members of Parliament, marine biologists, scuba divers, surfers, gymnasts, Olympians, cyclists, accountants, environmentalists, engineers, architects, authors, designers...etc etc The list of ideas is endless! We look forward to seeing the fantastic costumes next Thursday and as always, we expect the standard of costumes to be stupendous!!! Good luck everyone!! The book we will be celebrating across the school will be, 'What jobs can you do?'



**HARPURHEY COMMUNITY GROCERY:** Would you like to get your groceries for a reduced price?! Wouldn't we all?! Why not join the Harpurhey Community and for the month of February, membership is free. Come along to Carisbrook Street to find out more between 9-4 Monday-Friday. All are welcome. Find out more by clicking on this link.

<https://communitygrocery.org.uk/harpurhey>

**COST OF LIVING - WINTER FUEL PAYMENTS:** Do you need help now to keep warm, but you didn't get a winter fuel payment? The changes to the winter fuel allowance have caused a lot of discussion and some worry. So, we wanted to make parents/carers and families aware of some help that is available on the Manchester City Council website.

Manchester City Council is making payments up to the end of March of £150-£200 to people who are aged 66 and over who live in Manchester and who also do not receive housing benefit or council tax support. The form is quick and easy to fill in and you won't be asked anything about any savings. This is the link: <https://www.manchester.gov.uk/winterfuelfund>. Payments will be made as promptly as possible to bank accounts or through post office vouchers. You will need to give contact details and your National Insurance number. Family members can make an application on your behalf. Or, if you need help filling in the form, please call for free on their cost of living advice line on 0800 023 2692.



**YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL:** This is a reminder to Y6 parents that the Y6 residential is costing £300. We urge you to start making payments, no matter how small so that you aren't left to make a large payment in June. The deadline for paying the balance is Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June.



**NURSERY PLACES FOR AFTER EASTER:** Are you looking for a nursery place or know someone who is? Is their date of birth on or before 31.03.2022? If so, we have places within our nursery available for your child to start in April! 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: Pope Francis, Jo Phillips and family, Miss Bevan & 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 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, please help us to be good friends to our family, our neighbours and all who we meet through our words and actions. Amen



*Stay with us, Lord...on our journey.  
Guide us on our journey  
as pilgrims of hope.*

