



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

21st March 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://stpatricksiveseyst.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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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

Our statement to live by next week is:
'In Lent, I remember to say my prayers.'

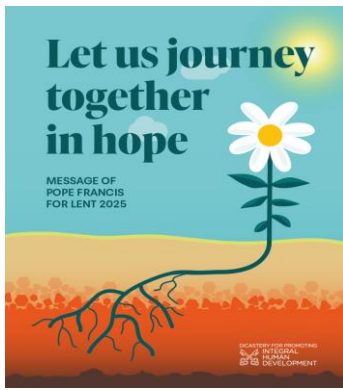


CHANGE: Throughout the school years, the whole family will grow and change - learning more about life and about one another. Change can be an exciting part of family life. The Season of Lent presents a great opportunity to examine our conscience - do we need a change of heart, a change of attitude? We are all called to change: to grow and so enrich the world around us - to love as Jesus loved. That is what being fully human means! Jesus is like the gardener. He is patient with us, nurtures us and helps us to change for the better. Enjoy hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this week's word which is **CHANGE**.



Coming to church will help your family learn about Jesus and will help you to change for the better and grow closer to God. 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.

"Lent helps us fight against any of our faults. We all can improve and change for the better." (Pope Francis)



THE SEASON OF LENT: The season of Lent helps us to prepare for the season of Easter. At school we are doing three things to help us: we are praying, giving and fasting. Thank you for your support as together we nurture our children to grow closer to God.

We had a fantastic turn out for our first 'Early Bird' Lenten Liturgy yesterday morning. Thank you and well done to everyone for making it in time. We look forward to welcoming you next Thursday again at 8:00 a.m. for an 8:15 a.m. start.

Sacramental Preparation



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Thank you for coming to the meeting last night. You should be all set for next Tuesday. Mr Reynolds will be sending home the resources to help the children prepare for their First Forgiveness.

MASS: We will be celebrating Mass in church on Wednesday, 2nd April before we finish for Easter. Please try and join us to support the children. They love it when you come along. Mass will start as usual at 9:15 a.m.



PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Lent is a time of change and each new day is an opportunity for us to change. God has 'planted' us on this earth to produce the good fruits of love, joy and kindness in our lives. Jesus helps us to keep growing in faith and goodness - to change the world and make it a better place.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS: THREE classes hit our school target last week! Our winning class though yet again was...Year 4 with a super total of 98.5%. They enjoyed an extra 5 minutes active time each day. What an achievement! Well done children. Other attendance heroes were Nursery and Y6. Well done children. We're really proud of you!



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| Nursery: 97.9% | Reception: 92.5% | Year 1: 95.7% | Year 2: 96.5% |
| Year 3: 93% | Year 4: 98.5% | Year 5: 95.8% | Year 6: 97.1% |
| WHOLE SCHOOL: 95.7% | | | |

TOP TIPS FOR ATTENDANCE: Have 'digital down time.' Turn off those devices an hour before bed and encourage reading a book instead. Help your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Everyday, Ready and On time).



WORLD MATHS DAY: Wednesday, 26th March is World Maths Day and we are celebrating this day in school with a Rock Day to show just how brilliant we are at Maths. The children are invited to come to school in their best 'rock star' outfit on Wednesday, ready to battle it out in our Times Table Rockstar tournament!

As always, we ask that parents/carers DO NOT go out and buy anything new, the best ones are always the ones that come from drawers/wardrobes in the house.

We look forward to seeing everyone 'Rock star ready' on Wednesday.





THE GREAT LENTEN BAKE OFF IS BACK! Back by popular demand we'll be holding our annual Lenten bake off again on the final Wednesday before we finish. Children are asked to bake their best cakes or biscuits to sell and our adjudicators will be judging on the look, the taste and popularity. Home made cakes are the only ones that can enter the competition but anyone is welcome to donate cakes to raise money for our Lenten fundraising. More information to follow next week but get practising this weekend children! Who will be the star bakers this year?!! We don't want any soggy bottoms!!

HARPURHEY COMMUNITY GROCERY: Would you like to get your groceries for a reduced price?! Wouldn't we all?! Why not join the Harpurhey Community. 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>



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, 2nd 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: Sandra McClean (RIP) & family, Teresa O'Leary (RIP) & family, Pope Francis, Jo Phillips and family, Miss Bevan & family, Miss Aulton & family, Miss Rehan & 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, thank you for your patient care for us. Show us where we need to change - to grow more in our love for you and for each other. Amen.

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

