



St. Patrick's R.C. Primary, a Voluntary Academy

Newsletter

25th April 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

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School Website: www.st-patricks.manchester.sch.uk

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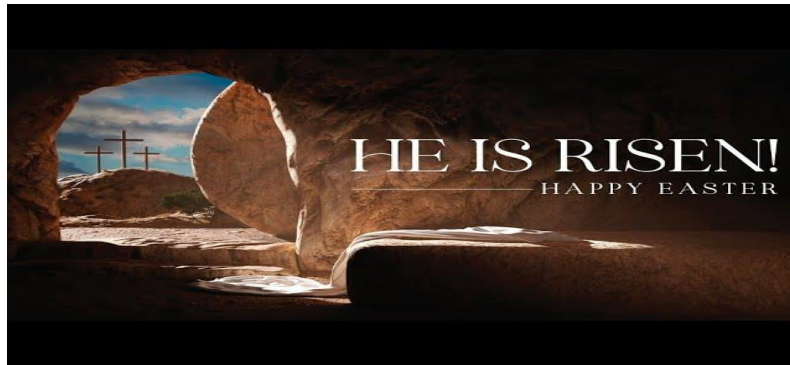


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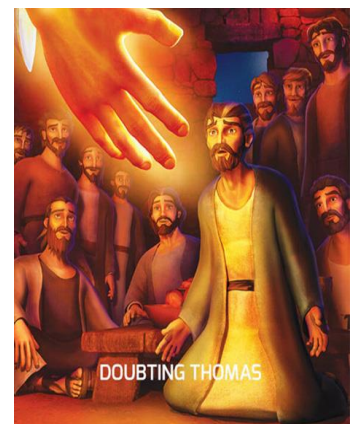
WEEKEND MASSES - Come to the table, everyone is welcome!

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



Welcome back to the glorious season of Easter! Alleluia, Alleluia!

BELIEVE: In this Sunday's Gospel, we read that the disciples were gathered in a room. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" and he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. Thomas, one of the disciples, was not there when Jesus came and he refused to believe what had happened. One week later, they were in the room again, and Thomas was also there. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Here, touch the marks on my hands and feel the wound in my side. Doubt no longer, but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen me and yet believe!"



Coming to Church especially during the season of Easter will help your family learn about Jesus, the early Christian Church and will help you to make a fresh start, growing 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.

"We all have in our hearts some areas of unbelief. Let us say to the Lord: 'I believe.'" (Pope Francis)



POPE FRANCIS (RIP): The world was shocked and saddened by the unexpected death of our beloved Pope Francis. He will be remembered for being 'the people's Pope'. He led us by example - leading a humble, faithful and joyful life. On Saturday we will be privileged to join Catholics from around the globe to witness his funeral and pray for the repose of his soul.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:

Our winning class before the Easter break was....our Year 4 class with a winning score of 99.2%, just a whisker away from a perfect score! They've been rewarded with an extra 5 minutes play with their friends everyday this week.

This morning, we also rewarded children who either met our target of 97% or managed 100% last half term. We had some great prizes and congratulations children on this fantastic achievement. Results for all classes are below so let's hope children are now well rested and ready for the summer term.

Nursery: 84%	Reception: 94.9%	Year 1: 98.6%	Year 2: 97%
Year 3: 94.5%	Year 4: 99.2%	Year 5: 93.9%	Year 6: 95.7%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 94.8%			

TOP TIPS FOR ATTENDANCE: Often during the school holidays, routines can be more relaxed which is a great way of resting and relaxing. However, we're back at school now and children need lots of sleep to stay healthy, well and ready to learn. It's time to stick to a regular bedtime routine which allows your child to get plenty of sleep. Children aged 3-6 need 11 hours sleep. Children aged 7-11 need 10 hours sleep. Help your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time).



How to support your local foodbank



THANK YOU FROM CARITAS: Many thanks and lots of gratitude from Caritas today for all of your food donations. It is very much appreciated and will be a massive help in their campaign to support our community when we are in need.

EASTER SEASON



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP: Thank you to those parents/carers who were able to join us at Mass on Wednesday. We came together at Church and listened to the story of Easter as well as praying for our Holy Father, Pope Francis (RIP). The children will be learning all about the birth of the early Catholic Church over the next few weeks.

DIARY DATES: The summer term in schools can be extremely busy - really exciting for the children but it means staff and parents need to be super organised. Therefore we have added some significant dates for the remainder of the term. We will keep adding to these as events and activities are organised. Please make a note of them in your diaries or put them up on your fridge!

TRIPLE 'A' CHALLENGE: Governors have decided yet again that our children deserve to have an end of year fun-filled trip out of school with their class-mates. However, this isn't just a foregone conclusion. Children will need to meet the governors' TRIPLE 'A' challenge if they want to get a seat on the coach!

- ✓ ATTENDANCE: children need to be here everyday and on time!
- ✓ ATTITUDE: children need to have a positive attitude to learning and behaviour following instructions, first time, every time!
- ✓ ACHIEVEMENT: children need to be trying their best to achieve their best results!



DONATIONS TO TRIPS: To give advance notice to parents/carers, we are anticipating that most trips will cost at least £15.00 (maybe more!) a child this year. Transport costs continue to be astronomical. By giving you this advance notice, we do hope that you can plan and save for the trips. As soon as the cost of the trip has been calculated, we will inform parents. A great way to get children to 'earn' this treat would be to give little chores around the house so they can make a contribution to the trip themselves.

READING TOP TIP: Most children will be out of the habit of reading due to the Easter break. Our top tip this week is: **TAKE BREAKS WHILST READING.** Your child doesn't have to read an entire book in one go! Any time spent sharing or talking about a book is beneficial, even if it's just a couple of minutes at a time. If they have to close the book early because it's time for tea, or they're just losing interest, that's okay. Reading can take a lot of mental energy and taking breaks gives children a chance to slowly build the mental stamina they need, so that soon they will be able to read for longer stretches of time.



Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



SAFEGUARDING: All staff in school have a responsibility to keep children safe. Staff are very skilled and receive regular training. If you have any concerns at all about any child or family please contact the school administration team and ask to speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Clinton, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Shaw, Miss Loughrey, Miss Byrne and Mr Eaglestone. Our governor responsible for Safeguarding is Mrs Kinsey, who can also be contacted via the school office.

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 isn't far away now - Monday, 2nd June.

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NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE: Are you looking for a nursery place or know someone who is? Is their date of birth on or before 31.08.2022? If so, we have places within our nursery available for your child to start after Summer! 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 their 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.

FAREWELL FOR NOW: We said good-bye to Miss Rehan on Wednesday because she is temporarily leaving to have a baby in a few weeks. We wish her and her family all the very best as they prepare to welcome a new little one.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Pope Francis (RIP), Jo Phillips and 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, please help our belief in you to grow, through recognising your presence in the loving words and actions of those around us. Amen

GOVERNANCE: This is just a reminder that we now need to elect ONE parent governor from St. Patrick's to join the Local Governing Board. If this is something you'd be interested in and have skills to offer, please speak to a member of the administration team to arrange an initial meeting with Mrs Clinton to get more information and documentation to apply.

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



Humility

Faithfulness

Service





‘Nothing is worth more than the life of a child.’

Pope Francis

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*Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord
And let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he Rest in Peace.
Amen*

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES (subject to change and updates)

DATE	ACTIVITY	To note
05/05/25 (Mon)	School closed for a bank holiday	
08/05/25 (Thur)	Stay & Play for Nursery & Reception parents, 9.15 a.m.	
09/05/25 (Fri)	Ice-cream treat for April winners for attendance	
09/05/25 (Fri)	Deadline for Y5 pupils to apply for prefect roles for next year	
12/05/25 (Mon)	SATS for Y6 pupils all week. Children to come to school for 8.00 a.m. for breakfast club	
12/05/25 (Mon)	Art workshop for Y5 (at St. Edmund's)	
14/05/25 (Wed)	Sacramental Programme meeting for parents, preparing for First Holy Communion, 6.30 p.m.	
15/05/25 (Thur)	Interviews for Y5 pupils for future prefects Rounders competition at St. Matthew's for Y5 pupils	
16/05/25 (Fri)	Interviews for Y5 pupils for future prefects P.E. kits to go home	
20/05/25 (Tue)	SPORTS DAY!!!! Morning (9.30 - 11.30) - Nursery, Reception in EYFS Morning (9.30 - 11.30) Years 1, 2 & 3 - Abbott's School field Afternoon (12.30 - 2.30) - Years 4, 5 & 6 - Abbott's School field	Wear P.E. kit to school (no football kits)
21/05/25 (Wed)	Mass & May procession for Rec-Y6 9.15 a.m. All welcome	Flowers
23/05/25 (Fri)	FANTASTIC FRIDAY for the winning house	
23/05/25 (Fri)	Non-uniform day for school fund School closes at the usual time of 3.15 p.m.	50p a child £1 a family
	SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR ONE WEEK ONLY	

2nd half of the Summer term

02/06/25 (Mon)	School opens at the usual time Deadline for Y6 parents to pay for Robinwood Residential Year 4 children have their assessment of timestables	£300
04/06/25 (Wed)	Mass in St Patrick's Church for Y5 & Y6 (led by Y6) - all welcome	
06/06/25 (Fri)	Non-uniform day to raise funds for CARITAS & Jubilee Year of Hope	50p a child £1 a family
06/06/25 (Fri)	Ice-cream treat for May winners for attendance	
09/06/25 (Mon)	Phonics screening check for Y1 children We receive the diocesan anchor for the Jubilee Year of Hope from St. Malachy's School. School liturgy	
11/06/25 (Wed)	GIFT team & some prefects take the diocesan anchor to St. Anne's, Ancoats	
18/06/25 (Wed)	PROVISIONAL - NURSERY & RECEPTION TO SMITHILL'S FARM	
22/06/25 (Sun)	9.15 a.m. First Holy Communion Mass & celebration at St. Patrick's Church - all welcome (Feast of Corpus Christi)	
23/06/25 (Mon)	Meetings for Y6 parents for Robinwood residential - 3.30 & 5.00 p.m.	
24/06/25 (Tue)	PROVISIONAL - YEAR 3 TRIP TO CLICK & CLIMB	
25/06/25 (Wed)	9.15 a.m. First Holy Communion Mass in Church - all welcome. Official photographs and party day for the children	Bring party clothes
25/06/25 (Wed)	PROVISIONAL - YEAR 5 TRIP TO BROCKHOLES, CUMBRIA	
26/06/25 (Thur)	PROVISIONAL - YEAR 1 TRIP TO GULLIVERS' WORLD	
27/06/25 (Fri)	PROVISIONAL - YEAR 2 TRIP TO BEWILDERWOOD	
01/07/25 (Tue)	Art Exhibition in the school hall. Children display their art work - all welcome	Buy some art work
04/07/25 (Fri)	Ice-cream treat for June winners for attendance	

07/07/25 (Mon)	Year 6 children go to Robinwood until Wednesday	
07/07/25 (Mon)	PROVISIONAL - YEAR 4 TRIP TO VENTURE OUT	
08/07/25 (Tue)	Stay & Play for Nursery & Reception parents, 9.15 a.m.	
11/07/25 (Fri)	FANTASTIC FRIDAY for the winning house	
15/07/25 (Tue)	1.30 p.m. 'PATSBURY' - all children to perform	Wear festival clothes
18/07/25 (Fri)	Annual reports go out to parents (parents can make appointments with teachers to discuss reports next week) P.E. kits go home, staff collect in reading books, childrens' work can be sent home	Plastic bag
21/07/25 (Mon)	Transition day	
23/07/25 (Wed)	Whole school Mass & Y6 leavers' celebration party day	Bring party clothes
25/07/25 (Fri)	9.15 a.m. Final assembly for Nursery & Reception - all welcome 11.00 a.m. Final assembly for Y1-Y6 - all welcome 1.00 p.m. SCHOOL CLOSES	Wear school uniform