

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

14th 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://stpattricksliveseyst.yolasite.com/>

School Website: www.stedmundsrcprimaryschool.co.uk

Facebook page: [St. Edmund's Roman Catholic Primary School](https://www.facebook.com/St.EdmundsRomanCatholicPrimarySchool)



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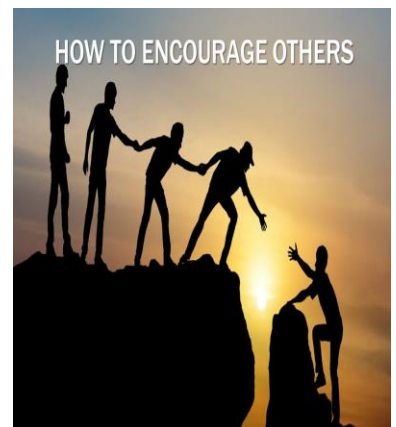
WEEKEND MASSES - Come to the table, everyone is welcome!

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 understand the importance of peace.'



ENCOURAGEMENT: There are times when we all need encouraging: that is, to be inspired with courage and to have our hope renewed, especially when we are going through difficult times. The snapshot of Jesus' glory in this Sunday's Gospel was an encouragement to the three disciples. For the first time they received a glimpse of the awesome divinity of Jesus. But soon they would go through difficult times and see Jesus crucified. So beforehand, God tells them to listen to Jesus and allows them to see Jesus for who he really is. Following Jesus isn't easy: it never was. But if, like the disciples, we too listen to Jesus, we will experience the encouragement that God offers freely to each one of us - today. Enjoy exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this week's word, which is ENCOURAGEMENT.



Coming to church will help your family learn about Jesus and will help you to encourage each other to 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.

"The invitation of the Transfiguration is to listen to Jesus and to follow him, laying down our lives as a gift of love for one another." (Pope Francis)

JUBILEE YEAR - PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Our diocese have made arrangements for an anchor, symbolising the year of hope to be taken on a pilgrimage around the schools in our diocese. The anchor will arrive at St. Edmund's on 19th May!! More information to follow nearer the time.



EARLY BIRD LENTEN REFLECTION: Miss Campbell will be leading a weekly 'early bird Lenten reflection' each Tuesday morning starting at 8:15 a.m. Children and parents are all welcome to attend and they will last for about 15 minutes only. Please come to school just 30 minutes early once a week to help you prepare for Easter by meeting our obligation of praying more during Lent. Any early birds will enjoy a breakfast treat after the session and we look forward to welcoming as many people as possible this Tuesday.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Our next very important meeting will be this coming Monday, 17th March at either 3:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. This is to help prepare yourselves and children for their Sacrament of Forgiveness which will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 25th March at St. Patrick's Church.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:

Our winning class last week was...Year 6 with an amazing total of 99.3%. What an achievement! Well done children. As you can see, Year 3 also exceeded our school target of 97%. Our winners for the month of February were Year 3 and they enjoyed their ice-cream treat this afternoon. Congratulations children!



Nursery: 87.4%	Reception: 96.1%	Year 1: 92.2%	Year 2: 95.5%
Year 3: 97%	Year 4: 96.3%	Year 5: 94.1%	Year 6: 99.3%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 94.9%			

TOP TIPS FOR ATTENDANCE: SLEEP is so important for children of Primary age. Children should be getting a minimum of 10 hours sleep so that their body can rest and recover after a busy day in school. Getting enough sleep will help fight off infections including coughs and colds. Try and get your children to bed in good time so they can wake up feeling refreshed and ready for the day ahead. Help your child to become an attendance HERO (**H**ere, **E**very day, **R**eady and **O**n time).

QUARRY BANK MILL: Our Year 2 class had an amazing day out to visit Quarry Bank Mill to learn all about what childhood was like over 100 years ago. They couldn't believe that children had to WORK AND GO TO SCHOOL! Children hardly got any time to play and had nearly no toys at all! They were flabbergasted to hear that even though girls and boys worked just as hard as each other in the mill, boys got paid double the amount than girls at the end of each gruelling week! How disgraceful. Thankfully, over the years the laws have changed and children are no longer expected to work in this country and they get to enjoy their childhood. Quarry Bank Mill is a great place and isn't far for families to visit.



St. Patrick's Day Festival: It has become somewhat a tradition that our school is invited each year to attend celebrations for St. Patrick's Day. We have a huge contingency of Irish families in Manchester and we are extremely proud to be included in the annual festivities. Our Year 6 class went along to Wythenshawe Forum on Wednesday to join other schools from across Manchester to learn about Irish culture and customs as well as participating in traditional dance, learning instruments and songs. They even got to perform their own piece. As always, our children were fantastic ambassadors for St. Edmund's and many members of the public came to congratulate them on their impeccable behaviour. #proud#Mancunians

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>



LENTEN ACTIVITIES: Our children have been learning this week how, as is our Catholic tradition, we are expected to do more during Lent so that we can prepare for Easter. We will be **PRAYING** more and our focus will be using our hands to help us to understand our British Values. We will be **GIVING** more and our focus will be on raising money for St. Joseph's Penny. We will be **FASTING** more and we'll be encouraging each other to go without some treats and donating our money instead. We appreciate your support as you help keep our faith and traditions alive!

GIVING: This is one of easiest weekly fundraising activities throughout Lent. We ask children to donate 50p for wearing brightly coloured clothes each Friday. The added benefit is parents get to wash school uniforms a day early. Thank you for your donations today and Happy Rainbow Friday!



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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.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR: As well as the beautiful Spring flowers that have returned this year, we'll also be receiving eggs which we hope will hatch into chicks over the coming weeks. It's always a great time of excitement in our Early Years and many of our children from the older classes look forward to visiting the incubated eggs as they hatch to life!!



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. Edmund'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 encouraging us. Please help us to be more like you - to be an encouragement to those around us. Amen.

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

