

# St Mary's R.C. Primary School Newsletter

## Statement To Live By

Next weeks Statement to live by is: 'I try to keep going when things get difficult' Please talk to your child about this.

## Welcome back after Easter

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The children have settled back in well this week ready to start the last term of this school year. Where does the time go! This is always a very busy term with lots going on as we near the summer. Look out for details for upcoming trips etc this term!

## Tony Cragg

The funeral for Tony will be at 10.00am on Monday 20th April at St. Mary's Church. Some of our staff will be attending, including the office staff, so please avoid contacting the office between 10.00 and 11.00am, unless for emergencies only. Some of our older children are attending the funeral to sing, and we are asking our Key Stage 2 children to simply stand in the playground in a line of honour before/after the funeral to pay their respects and clap. We would appreciate as many children as possible to do this and ask parents to inform us if they do not wish for their child to do this.

The family have requested donations to Christies instead of flowers. On Wednesday, 22nd April, we will have a whole school mass to celebrate Tony's life and service to our school. Tony was a life long Rochdale AFC fan and season ticket holder, and so we will all wear Rochdale kits/scarves or blue that day and ask for a voluntary donation of £1.00 or whatever you would like to donate to Christies in Tony's name. Pam Kelleher, our Vice Chair of Governors is now acting as our Chair of Governors.

## Easter Gardens

The Easter Gardens were absolutely outstanding this year. They get better and better every year! Every child who entered received an Easter egg and the winners were given a bigger egg! The pictures are on our Facebook page. Well done to the winners: Lucca, Christiaan, Sienna V, Prince, Kendall, Mia, Charley and Brooke.

## Lenten charity fundraising—thankyou

Our Lenten charity fundraising appeal has now finished. Mrs Ramplin is busy counting the monies for each class but so far the amount raised looks staggering. We will announce the amount raised next week and who is the winning class of this years Enterprise trophy!

## Year 5 Easter Play

Well done to Year 5 who ended last term with such a beautiful and poignant Easter Play. Thanks to Mr Collins and the Year 5 staff for preparing the children so well. Our children are so talented.

## Church news

Monday is the funeral for Tony Cragg at 10.00am. On Wednesday there is a whole school remembrance/celebration mass for Tony Cragg—all are welcome. There will be no class mass on 29th April due to a requiem mass. The next mass will then be our Crowning of Mary mass on 6th May.

## Year 3 Sacramental Programme meeting and mass

The next meeting for parents of children on the Sacramental programme is on Tuesday at 6.30pm and then families are asked to attend mass the following Sunday either at st. Mary's or St. Patrick's.

## Nursery Open Evenings

There will be 2 Open Evenings for anyone who is interested in their child coming to our wonderful Nursery in the near future or just to have a look around. The dates are Monday 27th April and Monday 8th June. Just pop in at any time between 4 and 5.30pm for an informal chat and look around. Please share this information with anybody you think may be interested.

## Head Boy/Girl

Happy Friday!!! We hope you've had an amazing week, congratulations to all home award winners this week and Year 4 for winning class of the week.



17TH APRIL 2026

## DIARY DATES

Come back soon....

## MASS TIMES

### Services to Sunday 26th April

Monday 20th April	10.00am	Requiem Mass Tony Cragg St Mary's
Tuesday 21st April	10.00am	Mass at St Patrick's
Wednesday 22nd April	10.00am	Full school mass at St Mary's all parishioners welcome
Thursday 23rd April	1.30pm	Class mass at St Patrick's, all parishioners welcome
Friday 24th April	10.00am	Mass at St Mary's
Saturday 25th April	10.00-10.30am 12.00pm	Confessions St Mary's Mass at St Patricks followed by confessions
Sunday 26th April	9.30am 11.15am	Mass at St Patrick's Mass at St Marys

## AWARDS

**No Class Champion Awards this week**

**Winning House this week:  
St Andrew's**

**Class of the week:  
Year 4**

