

St Mary's R.C. Primary School Newsletter

Statement To Live By

Next weeks Statement to live by is: 'I know what humility means'. Please talk to your child about this.

Tony Cragg

The funeral for Tony was so well attended and a lovely fitting tribute to him. Thankyou and well done to those children who came and sang so beautifully. Also a big thankyou to those children in KS2 who stood outside before/after the funeral to pay their respects—we have never seen them so quiet before! Our children never let us down and really know how to behave and be respectful—and this day was no different. We were so proud of them. The remembrance mass on Wednesday was also so lovely, and again our children did us, and Tony proud. Tony's family were delighted with what our school have done to pay our respects to Tony since his passing and asked us to pass on their thanks to everyone. Thankyou to those families who donated this week for Christies, in Tony's name. We also want to create a lasting memorial in school for Tony and will use some of the donations for this. We appreciate many people don't carry cash anymore so we are keeping the collection open until after the weekend if anyone else would like to donate. We have also shared the Just Giving link on our school Facebook page.

Chair of Governors

Mrs Pam Kelleher, our current Vice Chair of Governors has currently stepped up to the role of Chair of Governors. Pam has been a governor her for over 10 years and was previously the Headteacher at St Peter's in Middleton so is very experienced and just like Tony, she loves our school very much.

Girls football team

As our girls football team won the Rochdale league this year, they have now been invited to represent Rochdale in the GM league next week. We are so proud of them and we wish them the best of luck. Go

Nursery Open Evenings

There will be 2 Open Evenings, 27th April and 8th June, 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 first date is next Monday 27th April. 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.

Invacuation Friday 24th April

In line with DfE guidelines we need to run practice drills of our invacuation procedures, we had a practice today at lunch time and are very proud of both staff and children with how well everyone followed instruction.

Church news

On Monday, we had the funeral for Tony Cragg and our children did us so proud. Then on Wednesday the whole school community came together to remember and celebrate the life of Tony Cragg. Again, our children were wonderful. Thankyou so much. There will not be a mass next week due to Father having another funeral that day. The next mass will be the whole school crowning of Mary mass on Wednesday 6th May at 10.00am, which we look forward to every year. Year 3 always lead this and we will select a girl and boy from Year 3 to crown. As always, all are invited to join us for this and any school mass.

Year 3 Sacramental Programme meeting and mass

We have been asked to send apologies to the parents who attended the meeting at St. Patrick's this week. We were not informed that this meeting had been cancelled. We will update you when we get any further information about future meetings and again sorry for this.

Head Boy/Girl

Well done to all the class champion winners and to Nursery for winning class of the week. We hope you have a lovely weekend and enjoy that big bright thing in the sky!



24TH APRIL 2026

DIARY DATES

St Mary's Bake Off - 15th May



Year 4 Assembly - Friday 8th May at 9.00am

MASS TIMES

Services to Sunday 3rd May

Monday 27th April	10.00am	Mass at St Mary's
Tuesday 28th April	10.00am	Mass at St Patrick's
Wednesday 29th April	10.00am	Requiem mass for Julie Ann Patricia Rostron St Patricks No mass at St Mary's
Thursday 30th April	1.30pm	Full school mass Alice Ingham, all parishioners welcome
Friday 1st May	10.00am	Mass at St Mary's
Saturday 2nd May	10.00-10.30am 12.00pm	Confessions St Mary's Mass at St Patricks followed by confessions
Sunday 3rd May	9.30am 11.15am	Mass at St Patrick's Mass at St Marys

AWARDS

Class Champion Awards this week:
Nursery - Mabel & Noah
Reception - Jaxon
Year 1 - Nathan
Year 2 - Lena
Year 3 - Fearne
Year 4 - Jacob
Year 5 - Isabella
Year 6 - Mabel & Aubrey

Winning House this week:
St Andrew's

Class of the week:
Nursery

