



## Reflection

This Sunday we hear Jesus is trying to prepare his disciples for what is coming next – his death on the cross and his rising again. He tells them that if they love him, they must keep his commandments.



Jesus asked us to love God and to love one another. It is often easy to show our love for those people who are close to us.

We can be kind and generous to our friends, we can listen to our parents, carers and teachers. We can share with our brother or sister. They show their love for us by comforting us when we are upset, by looking after us and by sharing their things with us too.

We are all God's children. God loves each and every one of us because we are special. And so we need to do our best to show our love to all people, not just those who are close by.

How will you show your love for others, both here and around the world in the coming week?

**Prayer:** God of love, you sent your only Son into the world to show us how to live. Help us to love you and one another in our words and in all that we do. Amen.

## Year 6 SATs

We are so proud of the Year 6 children who sat their SATs this week and showed the virtues of perseverance and resilience. We know they all tried their very best. Well done Year 6! Enjoy a well-earned rest over the weekend. A huge well done to Mrs Brooke and Mrs Wood for preparing the children so well plus all the teachers and teaching assistants who have worked with the children throughout their time at St Mary's.

## Bring a flower for Mary

May is the month of Mary. We will be celebrating this throughout the month but ask all children to bring one or two flowers to school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May. The children will visit the Mary statue at the entrance and in the prayer garden to present Mary with their flowers and to say prayers.



## Family Mass

All our families are warmly invited to join the parish for our next family Mass on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 11.00am at St Mary's church. We hope you can join us.

## Family Fun Day

Don't forget the PTA family fun day on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May after family Mass. Children are asked to come in non-uniform on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May and to bring a bottle in exchange for non-uniform for use in the family fun day

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### Coronation Celebration Day



We hope you all enjoyed the Coronation last weekend. It was wonderful to celebrate as a school with our coronation picnic, activities and assembly to present everything we had found out about King Charles.

### Online Safety

Please find attached guides about what parents and carers need to know about Telegram to keep your children safe online.



### County Lines

The school staff have completed county lines training this half term and as children as young as 7 have been involved in this, we felt it would be useful for parents to

have some information about it too. Please see below.

### What are county lines?

County lines is a term used when gangs and organised crime networks from big cities expand their drug dealing operations to smaller towns often using violence to drive out local dealers and exploit children and vulnerable people to sell drugs on their behalf in return for money, gifts or status. Dealers will use a dedicated mobile phone line known as the 'deal line' to take orders from drug users.

This form of exploitation has devastating effects on each individual's life, their families and their community. Children as young as 7 years of age are groomed, pressured and coerced into trafficking drugs, often between urban and rural sites.

These vulnerable children are used to transport drugs, cash or even weapons whilst being exposed to physical, mental and sexual abuse.

If you think a child is in immediate danger, contact the police on 999. If you're worried about a child but they are not in immediate danger, you should share your concerns with the designated safeguarding lead (Sarah Hurley).

Some children are particularly vulnerable, including children who:

- have previous experience of abuse or within the care system
- are living in homes with domestic abuse/mental ill health/ substance abuse
- have few social opportunities and feel isolated
- are living with financial abuse or in deprivation
- have frequent house moves or homelessness
- have a learning disability
- have been excluded within the education system
- are involved with gangs through older friends or siblings

Some signs to look out for include:

- an increase in visitors and cars to a house or flat
- new and regularly changing residents (changing accents compared to local accent)
- returning home later or staying out all night
- unexplained absence from school, college, training or work

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- young people going missing maybe for long periods of time
- young people seen getting into different cars/taxis driven by unknown adults
- being found in areas away from home
- increasing drug use or large amounts of drugs found on young people
- unexplained often unaffordable new things e.g. clothes, jewellery, phones, cars etc
- increasingly disruptive or aggressive behaviour
- using sexual or drug related/ violent language you wouldn't expect them to know

### Headteacher Awards

Reception – Noah H & Corny P

Year 1 – Lucas B & Kayla N-G

Year 2 – Lucy H & Jude P

Year 3 – Nina A & Willow W

Year 4 – Jemima H & Will F

Year 5 – Stan B & Tiffany Y

Year 6 – Evie B & Martha F

### Virtue Awards – Trust

Reception – Harry P

Year 1 – Maya P

Year 2 – Jesse V

Year 3 – Lucas P

Year 4 – Amber T

Year 5 – Mehrsam M

Year 6 – Stan S

## Diary Dates

Please note changes or additions in red. \*denotes parents welcome

### May

Tuesday	16	1.15pm	Open the book
Thursday	18	9.30am	Whole School Mass led by Year 5*
Friday	19	9.15am	Year 1 class assembly*
Friday	19		Bring a flower for Mary
Friday	19		Non uniform – bring a bottle for the PTA family fun day
Sunday	21	11.00am	Family Mass*
Sunday	21		PTA Family Fun Day
Monday	22	2.00pm	Reception Stay and Play*
Thursday	25		Pentecost Picnic
Thursday	25	9.15am	Reception class assembly*
Thursday	25		School closes
Friday	26		Training Day

## Parish News

### PENTECOST NOVENA OF PRAYER FOR PARISH RENEWAL

Any work of renewal or revival is first and foremost a work of God, so starting on Friday 19th May and finishing on Saturday 27th May (the eve of Pentecost) we are going to have a novena of prayer for the renewal of our parish. The novena of prayer before Pentecost is really the original novena when the church was gathered awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Each day during the 9 days there will be at least 3 holy hours where the blessed sacrament will be exposed on the altar for adoration: one in the early morning, one later on in the morning or in the middle of the day and one in the evening (see the exact times in the bulletin and on sheets at the back of Church). There is also a special prayer for parish renewal which we will pray at the end of each of these holy hours (see the back of church for copies). This is a wonderful opportunity for us to ask the Lord what he wants to do in our parish and receive an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. If each one of us takes on at least some of this extra prayer time in front of Jesus for the sake of the parish, I'm sure there will be wonderful fruits and graces for us personally and for the whole parish. It doesn't matter if you are a lapsed Catholic, non-Catholic or anything else, or have no idea what a "holy hour" or "adoration of the blessed sacrament" is, we would love it if you would come and sacrifice some time for this special intention. All are welcome!

### HORSFORTH WALK OF ART 2023

Textile panel of Horsforth. Calling all creative, crafty people! There is a wall hanging being created for this year's Walk of Art. We have been asked to produce a textile image, no larger than 6" square, that represents St Mary's church. The textile piece will be sewn on to a large 'map' of Horsforth. By textile we mean it can be knitted/crocheted/sewn etc. NB: It doesn't have to look like the church so it could be a cross or something else to represent the church. Rose would also appreciate if someone could create a piece that would represent the Town of Sanctuary in a similar size. Smaller pieces (approx. 4") are also needed to populate the map, other 'things' we see around Horsforth - birds, bats, dogs, flowers, skate boarders, cyclists, houses, trees, aeroplanes etc and many other things. If you or other people, you know are interested in making any of these that would be excellent. Your piece must be a textile e.g., wool, felt, fabric, cotton, etc. If you use fabric paints, please make sure they are waterproof as the panel may be displayed outside at some point. If you can contribute, please let Amanda know. Ideally the elements are needed by June to allow for sewing onto the map, thank you. The Walk of Art will take place the weekend of the 1st & 2nd July.

### TRINITY SUNDAY FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday 4th June at Leeds Trinity University, Brownberrie Lane, LS18 5HD. All are welcome to come and celebrate our patronal feast together as a community. Festivities will begin at 12pm in the Chapel where Mass will be celebrated by Rt Rev Marcus Stock with music from the St Mary's Catholic Primary School Choir. Celebrations will then continue outside the main entrance at about 1pm with a complimentary lunch, bouncy castle, face painting, lawn games and candy floss cart. The event is free of charge; however, booking is essential. You can register your place here via our events calendar: <https://www.leedstrinity.ac.uk/events/> For any queries, contact [c.sayburn@leedstrinity.ac.uk](mailto:c.sayburn@leedstrinity.ac.uk)

### SUNDAY MASSES (Saturday Vigil)

Holy Name	6.30pm
St. Mary's	8.15am
Holy Name	9.00am
Assumption	9.45am
St Mary's	11.00am
Holy Name	11.15am