



## Reflection



This Sunday Jesus uses the image of a grain of wheat to talk about what is in store for him – death and resurrection. Jesus says that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies then it will give a rich harvest.

Jesus had to die so that he could rise again. Through his death and resurrection, he gave us all new life. And he calls us all to follow him, in all that we do.

Just like a seed, our actions, even if we do just one little thing, can also grow into something big. Especially if we join together with others. For example, if I want to make the world a fairer place, on my own I am easy to ignore. But if all of us come together and get our friends and our families to join in too, we are much harder to ignore!

What will you do this week to make a difference to someone else?

## Prayer

Christ Jesus, fill us with your love and mercy and show us how to make a difference to the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world. Amen.

## Major Roofing work

We are having major roofing work starting on **2<sup>nd</sup> April**. This will not impact the classrooms as it is over the kitchen and hall however it will impact the carpark and entrance into school. The entrance down the side of church will be closed off as will the gate that Year 3 and Year 4 exit through, at the end of the day. Parents will need to come around the school building via Reception's playground to collect their children from Year 3 and Year 4.

## Book fair

The book fair will be in school from **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 8.30am – 8.50am and 3.20 – 3.40pm** in the small hall/KS2 library. It will not be available after school on the Friday, but it will also be available during parents evening. Parents should enter through the side hall door.

Payment is via a QR code, no cash payments. School receives a percentage of all sales to spend on new books for our school so please support us if you are able to. Children can spend their £1 book tokens at the fair too!

We would like to improve our KS1 and KS2 school libraries so if anyone would like to purchase a book that can be donated to our school library, this would be very much appreciated.

## NEWSLETTER – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Year 5 residential

A huge well done to our Year 5 children who were fantastic ambassadors for our school this week, at their residential at Carlton Lodge. Their behaviour was exemplary, and their confidence, resilience and independence grew amazingly over the three days of the residential.

A massive thank you to Mrs Ellis, Mrs Leng and Mrs Wood who went on the Year 5 residential and supported the children so brilliantly.



### Family Fast Day



Well done to the Mini Vinnies for a fantastic Family Fast Day last Friday for Key Stage 2. Thank you to all who donated towards Family Fast Day, even if they didn't want soup and a roll. We raised £150 for Cafod.

### Lent fundraising reminders

Please bring any Easter Eggs and food in by **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. A huge thank you to those who have already donated.

Please bring completed Big Lent Walk sponsor forms and any money raised to school by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**. We can't wait to see how far St. Mary's can walk!



Don't forget non uniform next Friday for the Good Shepherd Appeal. Please pay £1 for this via ParentPay. Currently we have only received payment for 66 children, all money goes to a very worthy cause if you are able to donate.

### World Book Day



Another well done for the amazing costumes we saw last week for World Book Day and for all who donated books for the book swap, attended the assemblies and contributed to the author visit and Northern Arts workshops. It was a

wonderful celebration of our favourite books led brilliantly by Mrs Robertshaw.





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### Parents Evening

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, we will have parents evening in the school hall for all classes apart from Year 2, 4 – 6.30pm. All parents should enter the school hall through the side hall door, register with Mrs Hurley and wait for the bell to ring to indicate their appointment. Please can we ask parents to leave their appointment promptly when the bell rings to ensure all parents get their allocated time. The children's books will be available in the classroom to look at before or after your appointment.

### Mother's Day assembly



The Mini Vinnies were very busy last week with their Mother's Day assembly which they led beautifully where we thought about everything our mothers and mother figures do for us. It was wonderful to have so many family members join us too. Thank you to Mrs Wray for organising and leading the Mini Vinnies in this lovely assembly.

#### Headteacher Awards

Reception – Amal S & Olivia C  
 Year 1 – Leo A & Corny P  
 Year 2 – Pearl W & Freddie S  
 Year 3 – Aiden K & Ned D  
 Year 4 – Lucas P & Mia L-M  
 Year 5 – Genevieve D'A & Oonagh K-E  
 Year 6 – Fabio Z & Finlay S

#### Virtue Awards – Forgiveness

Reception – Bridie C  
 Year 1 – Marion W  
 Year 2 – Aamir S  
 Year 3 – Jesse Mc  
 Year 4 – Ben W  
 Year 5 – Thomas W  
 Year 6 – Oscar E

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### Diary dates

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

#### March

W/B	18		Book Fair
Monday	18	2.00pm	Year 5 and Year 6 Easter workshop*
Tuesday	19		Year 5 Rewind to Easter
Tuesday	19	4.00–6.30pm	Parents Evening*
Thursday	21	4.00–6.30pm	Parents Evening*
Friday	22	2.00pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Easter workshop*
Friday	22		Non-Uniform for Good Shepherd - £1 suggested donation
Friday	22		Donations in for Cafod Big Lent Walk
W/B	25		Stations of the Cross
Monday	25		Donations close for food bank
Monday	25		Year 5 trip
<del>Tuesday</del>	<del>26</del>	<del>9.30am</del>	<del>Whole school Mass led by Year 5*</del>
Tuesday	26	2.00pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Easter workshop*
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Whole school Mass led by Year 5</b>
Wednesday	27	2.30pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Easter production*
Thursday	28	9.05am	Year 5 class assembly*
Thursday	28		School closes

#### April

Monday	15		School opens
Thursday	18	9.05am	Year 3 class assembly*
Friday	19	9.30am	Whole School Mass led by Year 3*
Monday	22	9.30am	Jungle Book
Tuesday	23		Year 4 Class Saint Day – St George
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9.05am</b>	<b>Year 1 class assembly</b>
Thursday	25		Open the Book
Friday	26	9.30am	Year 2 and Year 5 Class Mass*
Monday	29		Reception farm trip
<b>Monday</b>	<b>29</b>		<b>Islam workshop</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>Class photos</b>

#### May

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>Athlete event in school</b>
Thursday	2	9am	Year 3 open classroom*
Friday	3	9am	Year 4 open classroom*
Tuesday	7	9am	Year 1 open classroom*
Wednesday	8	9am	Year 2 open classroom*
Thursday	9	9.30am	Whole School Mass led by Year 4*
Friday	10		Bring a flower for Mary
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>Mary Day</b>
Friday	10	9.05am	Year 2 class assembly*
W/B	13		Key Stage 2 SATs Week
Sunday	19	11.00am	Family Mass*
Monday	20		Pentecost Picnic
Monday	20	2.00pm	Reception Stay and Play*
Tuesday	21	9am	Year 6 open classroom*
Wednesday	22	9am	Year 5 open classroom*
Thursday	23	9.15am	Reception class assembly*
Thursday	23		School closes
Friday	24		Training Day



## **Parish News**

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

A leaflet is available in the porches/narthex, detailing the times of Masses, services and Confessions during Holy Week. Please take one.

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Please could the Altar Servers let the priests or office know if they are able to server during Holy Week? There will be practice session for the Vigil Mass at St Mary's on Saturday 30th March at 11.30am. The sessions should only take approximately 30 minutes and we ask that parents stay for the duration of the practice.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Mass of the Lord's Supper Thursday 28th March 7.00pm at St. Mary's and 7.00pm at Holy Name. Volunteers are needed for the twelve parishioners from each church community who are asked to represent the Apostles by symbolically having one foot 'washed'. If you feel you could help by doing this, please contact Laveena or Amanda in the Parish Office. Parishioners at Holy Name are asked to bring in plants to decorate our altar of repose. Please bring them to the presbytery by lunchtime on the Wednesday of Holy Week and collect them on Good Friday.

### **Watching with Our Lord (Maundy Thursday)**

will take place until 10.00pm at St. Mary's & at Holy Name.

### **GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Holy Name Gospel Class.

There will be an extended Gospel Class on Good Friday in HN church hall. All children are welcome and there is no need to register beforehand. The children will be collected from church just before 3pm

St Mary's Good Friday Workshop.

Parents are asked to sign their children in at the school hall before attending the service. Pre-school children to be accompanied by an adult please. Any offers of help for the SM workshop will be gratefully received, please let Amanda or Liz Wood know if you can help in anyway asap. Both groups will return to church for the Veneration of the cross. All welcome.

### **HOLY SATURDAY**

Office & Mornings Prayer on Saturday 30th March in Holy Name Church at 10am. All welcome

### **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