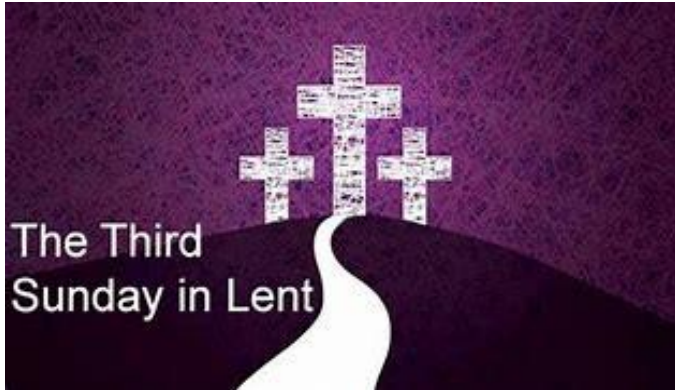




## Reflection



This Sunday we hear that Jesus arrived in Jerusalem for a feast called Passover and went to the Temple. There he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, which the people used as offerings to God. There were also many money-changers, so that pilgrims from different lands could change their money and buy the offerings.

The Temple was where people went to say prayers, but some people were buying and selling things instead. They were trying to make money from people's faith in God. They stopped the Temple being

a quiet place where people could talk to God and turned it into a market.

Jesus drove the traders all out of the Temple. How do you think all the people felt when they saw this? Jesus was standing up for what he believed in. He saw something that he did not think was fair or right and so he acted to change the situation.

What will you do this week to make the world a fairer place and how will you stand up for what you believe in?

## Prayer

Christ Jesus, show us how to be brave enough to stand up for what is right and fair. Give us the courage to change the things we know are wrong and help us to make the world a fairer place together with our brothers and sisters around the world. Amen.

## Family Fast Day

During Lent, we are asking children in KS2 to take part in CAFOD Family Fast Day on Friday 8th March 2024. We hope that children on school dinners and packed lunches will take part and forego their usual lunch and then donate £2.00 to have soup and a roll for lunch instead.

This helps the children to think about other children all over the world who go hungry on a daily basis. The money will be collected on ParentPay and will be sent to CAFOD.

Mini Vinnies and staff will be helping serve the soup and roll for lunch on the day.

If children would like to take their normal lunch and still donate £2.00 this would help support Cafod and the great work they do.

If you would like your child to take part in this worthwhile activity please log onto your Parentpay account to confirm by **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00am.**

## Easter Egg Raffle

To raise money for the Good Shepherd Appeal, we will be selling raffle tickets for £1 each for our Easter Egg Raffle that takes place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. These will be on sale from Monday.

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### Good Shepherd Fundraiser

Each year we have our Good Shepherd Fundraiser to raise money for [Catholic Care](#). To ensure we know which children will be collected, please indicate using the forms link <https://forms.office.com/e/8KfwN9Ch69> You are invited to pick your child/ren up at 2.25 on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** and the fundraiser will be in the hall and KS2 area from 2.30pm. Please complete the link by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 9am.

### Lent fundraising reminders



We would love to support children and families who don't have as much as us and would like to donate Easter Eggs for the SVP food bank. In addition to this, as Lent lasts for 40 days, we thought it would be a great idea to set ourselves a '40-day food bank' challenge. We are asking for food donations throughout Lent. 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.



We are taking part in the CAFOD 'Big Lent Walk' to raise money and help fight global poverty. The aim is to collectively walk 200km! If every child in school took part, this would be less than 1.5km per child which we think is very achievable. Sponsor forms will be given out in the first week after half term to record distant walked and money raised. Children are encouraged to walk as much as they can throughout the duration of Lent- we will be incorporating some walks into our school week as well! Please bring completed 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!



### World Book Day - REMINDER

World book day is on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**.

#### What to Wear

This year, we invite all children to come into school on WBD dressed up as a character from a book that has been made into a film. You do not need to have watched the film; it could just be a well-known character. The costume can be as simple or as complicated as you like.

#### Competition

This year, we invite you to make and decorate a mask as a book character. You can either use your own template or the one provided by school. You can be as creative as you like! There will be one winner chosen from each class who will be awarded with a book-related prize.



#### Northern Arts Factory

During the day on World Book Day, all year groups will have the chance to work with staff from Northern Arts drama company on a book theme. This is always a highlight for the children.

#### World Book Day Assembly

You are invited to join us for the World Book Day assemblies on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. During this time, the children will have chance to show off their costumes, take part in a book themed quiz and listen to a story. We will also announce the competition winners! Reception and KS1's assembly is at 9.05am in the school hall and KS2's assembly is at 2.30pm in the school hall.

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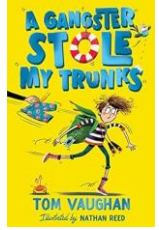
### **Book Swap**

The children at St. Mary's do love to read and we know how many fabulous books so many of you have at home. However, due to the current financial climate, it might be becoming increasingly challenging to purchase new books. Therefore, we have decided to hold a 'book swap' after school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March (World Book Day itself).

If your child would like to take part, please send them with 1 or more book(s) of their own from home between Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. In return, they will be given a token/tokens to 'purchase' books at our book swap after school. This will take place in the KS1 playground (weather permitting).

### **Author Visit**

This year, we have Tom Vaughan (an author who writes funny, illustrated children's books such as 'A Gangster Stole My Trunks') visiting St. Mary's on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. He will host a whole-school assembly followed by workshops for KS2.



### **Library Visits**

In previous years, all classes have had the opportunity to visit Horsforth Library. However, due to staffing restrictions at the library, we are only able to offer a visit to two-year groups. This will be years 1 and 2 as they are not being offered workshops with Tom Vaughan (author).

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, years 1 and 2 will have an opportunity to walk to Horsforth Library. Here, they will take part in an activity led by the library staff, explore the library and the resources available and borrow a selection of books to take back to school.

### **March online safety newsletter for parents**

This month, there is advice on the popular game Fortnite. Parents are made aware of the online chat function within the game and the ability to purchase items from the app. The [newsletter](#) also provides links on how to set up parental controls for this game.

### **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. 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.

To book parents evening, please use the following link <https://stmaryshorsforth.schoolcloud.co.uk/> . It will go live at 7am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. The link will close on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 9am to ensure we can print lists of appointments.

### **Mother's Day presents**

The PTA are selling Mother's Day presents in school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March for £1.50. If you would like your child to purchase a present, please send them with exact change in a named envelope.

### **Mother's Day assembly**

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 9.05, the Mini Vinnies will lead the school in our Mother's Day Assembly. Representatives from each class will share something from their class. Space in the hall is limited so if we could ask for only one person per family to attend, it would help.

**Headteacher Awards**

Reception – Ellie Mae A & Belle S

Year 1 – Jonathan C & Ava F

Year 2 – Elsie S & Melody G

Year 3 – Alice M & Hannah B

Year 4 – Jimena G & Rory B

Year 5 – Amber T & William R

Year 6 – Coen M & Rosie T

**Virtue Awards – Love/Charity**

Reception – Rory M

Year 1 – Annie Rose M

Year 2 – Aida D-R

Year 3 – Noah C

Year 4 – Ramona C

Year 5 – Alanna D

Year 6 – Bay W

**Diary dates**

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

**March**

Monday	4	8.15	Year 6 booster rather than Tuesday due to trip
Tuesday	5		Year 6 trip
Tuesday	5		Year 1 and Year 2 library visit
Wednesday	6		Author visit and workshop
Thursday	7		World Book Day
Thursday	7	9.05am	Reception and Key Stage 1 WBD assembly*
Thursday	7	2.30pm	Key Stage 2 WBD assembly*
Thursday	7		Northern Arts workshops
Friday	8		Family Fast Day – KS2 soup and a roll
Friday	8	9.05am	Mother's Day Assembly*
Monday	11		Year 5 Residential
Thursday	14	2.00pm	Reception Easter workshop*
Friday	15	2.30pm	Good Shepherd Fundraiser*
Friday	15		School Council trip
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* accept Y2
Thursday	21	4.00–6.30pm	Parents Evening* accept Y2
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
Tuesday	26	9.30am	Whole school Mass led by Year 5*
Tuesday	26	2.00pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Easter workshop*
Wednesday	27	2.30pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Easter production*
Thursday	28	9.05am	Year 5 class assembly*
Thursday	28		School closes



## Parish News

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Holy Communion Preparation If your child is currently in Year 4 and you have not already applied to join the next preparation course, please email our catechist team asap for an application form or for more information at: [catechist.ourladyofkirkstall@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:catechist.ourladyofkirkstall@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) The course will commence the week of the 13th March.

### MEDJUGORJE FILM

Fr Michael has organised a showing of Apparition Hill, a film about seven strangers who journeyed to Medjugorje. Wednesday 6th March in St Mary's Church. Meeting at 7pm. Wine (& non-alcoholic drinks) & cheese refreshments will be provided. All welcome.

### CATHOLIC CARE ANNUAL APPEAL 9-10th March 2024.

There will be a retiring collection in all 3 churches next weekend. In 2023, in its 160th Anniversary Year, the Charity supported over 2,700 people in need. Please give as generously as you can enable us to continue our work. If you would like to become a Friend of Catholic Care please visit our website: Friends of Catholic Care - Catholic Care ([catholic-care.org.uk](http://catholic-care.org.uk)) If you are able to make a regular contribution you can set up a standing order. Bank details: Catholic Care (Diocese of Leeds) 05-00-20; 11472611. If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid your donation, please contact us for a Gift Aid form: [finance@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:finance@catholic-care.org.uk).

### SOUP LUNCH

A simple soup lunch will be available in Holy Name Hall at 12:45 on Thursday 7th March (after midday Mass). All are welcome. No charge but donations to CAFOD.

### 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