



## Reflection

This Sunday, Jesus tells us a story about some workers who all receive the same wages, even though some worked all day and some just worked for an hour.

Jesus is showing us that God's idea of fairness (sometimes we use the word justice), is different from ours. God's fairness is about making sure that every single person gets what they need, no matter what their situation.

God gives us what we need and not just what others think we deserve. God is generous and created a world with enough for absolutely everyone.

We can try hard not to take more than we need and make sure we don't waste food, water or energy. We can be generous with what we have, like the landowner in the story, sharing what we have with others. And we can try to make a change to our world so that it is a fairer place for all people to live. Sometimes we can make a difference by ourselves. And sometimes we do this by writing to the Prime Minister or other people in power asking them to make the changes.

What will you do this week to try to help make sure that all people around the world get their fair share of the things that God has given for us all?

## Prayer

Living Lord, we give thanks for your generosity and love. Help us to take no more than we need, to share all that we have and to work together for change so that the world becomes a fairer place for everyone. Amen.

We keep Ewa Gillespie and her family in our prayers.

## Family Mass

All our families are invited to join us for our first family Mass of the year this Sunday at 11am at St Mary's church. Children are asked to sit with their families. We hope to see as many families as possible to join with the parish for mass. Refreshments and cakes/pastries in the school hall following the family Mass.

## Year 3 and Year 6 class Mass

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am in St Mary's church, Year 3 and Year 6 will come together for the first class Mass of the year.

## Macmillan Coffee afternoon



We will be having our annual Macmillan Coffee event on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** in the school hall at **2.30pm**. We ask for donations of cakes or biscuits to be sold for this worthy cause by **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September by 9am**. **Please ensure cakes or biscuits do not contain nuts due to severe nut allergies**. The Mini Vinnies will be selling cakes and biscuits and drinks from 2.30pm – 3.00pm in the school hall to as many family members as possible. Any leftover sweet treats will be sold after school in the school carpark. All donations go to Macmillan. Thank you in advance for your support for this very worthy charity.



## **Harvest Festival**

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm we will have our harvest festival in church. Each class will present something such as art, prayers, poems and the Mini Vinnies will lead the service. We ask all the children to bring a tin that can be donated to the SVP foodbank. As a Catholic school, we want to teach our children that part of our mission is to carry out and continue the work of Jesus Christ by helping those in need by donating food for people who are in need.

As this is very early in the half term and the Reception children have not been to church with the school before, the Reception children will present first and then will go back to school. Family members are invited to join us at 2.30pm in St Mary's church to give thanks for all the good and positive things in people's lives.

## **Rosary Day**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October the children will be celebrating Rosary Day in school. October is the month of the Rosary and the children will learn about the Rosary and how and why we pray this. Parents are invited to join their child's class at 9am for their collective worship about Rosary Day. This will last a maximum of 15 minutes. We appreciate if you have children in different classes you are unable to attend both. Last year we tried having KS1 at the beginning of the day and KS2 at the end of the day but the 9am one was more well attended.

Part of our school development plan this year for Catholic life is involving our families in the Catholic life of our school so if you are able to join us, it would be lovely to share this special day with you.

## **Mission Statement**

In the first week of school, the children had a mission day to reflect on our mission statement and unpick what it really means and how we can live our mission. Please see the website [here](#) to see some examples and videos of their lovely work.

## **Curriculum year group meetings**

Thank you to all who have attended or watched the curriculum meetings for Year 4, Year 3 and Year 6. If you wish to catch up on these they can be seen on the school website.

Next week we have the curriculum meetings for Year 2 on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm for Year 1 via Zoom. Please see below for the Zoom codes.

### **Year 1**

Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84168463521?pwd=eVRHWlhPRmtpbzFRSkNtMW5vWWtkUT09> Meeting ID: 841 6846 3521 Passcode: 631047

### **Year 2**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87604879032?pwd=dk83WIBhVjRmU09QUSs2VmxvSTBqZz09> Meeting ID: 876 0487 9032

## **Class Dojo**

Following feedback on our parent survey, we have started to send reminders via Class Dojo. Please make sure you have a log in for your child's account. It's lovely to see how many positive points they have too for their excellent behaviour. If you have lost your log in or password, please contact the office. Please continue to send any messages for teachers via the office email to ensure they are seen rather than Class Dojo.



## NEWSLETTER – 22 September 2023

### **Punctuality**

The school office has asked that another reminder is sent regarding punctuality at the start of school. We have a number of parents who regularly are late to school which is impacting our very busy office staff. They are often delivering children to classrooms at 9.10am. Please try your best to be in the school playground for 8.50am so your child can enter the classroom with their class and have a settled start to the day.

### **Illness**

If your child is ill and will not be attending school, please email or ring the school office at your earliest convenience to let us know.

### **School Disco**

A huge thank you to all who came to the school disco and to our hardworking PTA who organised the disco. It was lovely to see so many of families. The PTA raised a fantastic £1000 which goes towards supporting all our children.

The feedback from parents as to what you would like the PTA to fundraise for this year was:

58% trips

28% curriculum resources

10% playground equipment

3% - other

The PTA will discuss this at their next meeting. If any parents would like to join the PTA, please contact your class rep.

### **Spelling Shed**

Another area we are focusing on this year is spelling and we have purchased Spelling Shed for our Key Stage 2 children. All children in Key Stage 2 received a log in last week. They can access games online to practise their spelling skills and the feedback from children and parents has been very positive.

### **Free School Meals**

All children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 at a state funded school or academy, automatically get free school meals through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

If you receive benefits and your child already gets Universal Infant Free School Meals, you should still register for free school meals. This is so school can claim funding to support your child at school. This is called Pupil Premium. This money is used to fund additional support in school for your child,

Children in Year 3 or above, are only eligible for free school meals if their parents or carers are entitled to benefits, and they make an application for free school meals.

Children who receive free school meals in primary school will still get them when they move to secondary school. Children on free school meals will also get free milk whilst in primary school.

You can apply for free school meals [here](#).

## NEWSLETTER – 22 September 2023

### Headteacher Awards

Year 1 – Harry P & Imogen H  
Year 2 – Jack Y & Aida R  
Year 3 – Jude P & Eva J  
Year 4 – Florence D & Ayden Y  
Year 5 – George B & Isla S  
Year 6 – Dexter B & Seth H

### Virtue Awards – Courtesy/Respect

Year 1 – Jack W  
Year 2 – Zena G  
Year 3 – Jan C  
Year 4 – George JG  
Year 5 – Genevieve D'A  
Year 6 – Nicole L

### Diary Dates

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

#### September

Sunday	24	11.00am	Family Mass in church*
Tuesday	26		Year 1 class trip
Wednesday	27	4.00pm	Year 2 curriculum parent meeting via Zoom*
Thursday	28	4.00pm	Year 1 curriculum parent meeting via Zoom*
Friday	29	9.30am	Year 3 and Year 6 Mass in church*
Friday	29	2.30pm	Macmillan Coffee Morning*

#### October

W/B	2		Whole school 'Ready Steady Read' sponsored read
Tuesday	3	4.00pm	Year 5 curriculum parent meeting via Zoom*
Wednesday	4		Reception Class Saint Day – St Francis of Assisi
Thursday	5		Rosary Day
Friday	6	2.30pm	Harvest Festival <b>in church*</b>
Monday	9		Year 6 Residential
Thursday	12	3.30pm	Reception phonics workshop for parents*
Friday	13	9.30am	Year 4 and Year 1 Mass in church*
Wednesday	18	9.30am	Year 6 Leeds United Primary Choices
Thursday	19	9.15am	Year 3 class assembly*
Tuesday	24	4.00 – 6.30pm	Parents Evening*
Wednesday	25	9.15am	Year 4 class assembly*
Wednesday	25	2.00pm	Reception stay and play session*
Thursday	26	4.00 – 6.30pm	Parents Evening*
Thursday	26		School closes
Friday	27		Training Day



## **Parish News**

### **CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AFTERNOON**

A Christmas Crafts afternoon will be held in Holy Name Church Hall on Saturday, 14 October from 2-4.30pm, in aid of the Catholic, primary school being built in Nekemte, Western Ethiopia, by Father Melaku (Verona Fathers/Comboni Missionaries), based in Horsforth. Tickets: £5 for adults and £3 for children aged 5-11. Materials and refreshments included. Tickets on sale after all Masses this weekend. Places are necessarily limited; please buy your tickets as soon as possible to support the children of Ethiopia. Any queries, please phone Stef Howard on 0113 225 3474. LIVE SIMPLY GARDENING at St. Mary's on Tuesday 26th September 10.15am -midday. We'll try to tidy up before winter comes - do come and join us!

### **PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP MARCUS**

Copies of the Pastoral Letter on the forthcoming Synod of Bishops which will be read at Masses celebrated this Saturday 23rd September and Sunday 24th September are available in our churches.

### **OLK COFFEE MORNINGS**

Every Sunday in Holy Name Hall after the 9am Mass, Assumption Hall the 9.45am Mass, St Mary's narthex after 8.15am. This week coffees will be in the school hall following 11am Mass. Everyone welcome

### **POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTION**

September For people living on the margins We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

### **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