



Reflection

This Sunday, Jesus tells us that he is in all people, and that when we help others or treat them badly then we are doing the same to him.

We are all God's children. We are all brothers and sisters – members of one big global family. And Jesus is saying that he is in each one of us. And so, every time we help someone else, every time we treat someone kindly, welcome them or share with them, then we are doing this to Jesus.

This week let's all try to remember that Jesus is in every person and to treat people as Jesus wants us to. Let's try to help those who are hungry, thirsty, lonely and sick.

Prayer

God of all, show us how to answer your call so we may see your kingdom – a place where no one is hungry, thirsty, or alone – here on earth. Amen.

We keep Alfie and his family in our thoughts and prayers as he is laid to rest next Friday.

Month's Mind Mass

Following the recent tragic death of Alfie Lewis, a former pupil, we will be having a Mass on Thursday 7th December at 5pm at St Mary's church, dedicated to him. A Month's Mind Mass is a Mass said for the repose of the soul of a person on about the 30th day after the person's death. This Mass is open to all in our community, all children and adults are welcome.

A message from the Mini Vinnies



Dear parents,

Part of our role as the Mini Vinnies is to turn concern into action.

We want to say thank you for the donations of Advent calendars for the SVP foodbank. We collected 113!

On Monday, we will be launching our Woolly Hat campaign in collective worship. We will be collecting items for the Apostleship of the Sea which supports sailors who are away from their families at Christmas. We have been asked to collect new; men's socks, men's gloves, shower gel, shaving gel, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, lip balm, disposable razors, small comb, small notepad, pens and chocolate (either a small bar or handful of small chocolates). Please bring these in by **Monday 11th December**.



Thank you,
The St Mary's Horsforth Mini Vinnies.

Family Mass

We are excited for our next family Mass on Sunday 3rd December at 11.00am at St Mary's Church. This is an opportunity for our families to come together for Mass for the start of Advent.

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Advent Workshops

Christmas is a coming! Our Advent workshops begin next week with Year 3 and Year 4's on 1st December at 2pm. You are invited to come into your child's class to complete Christmas crafts with your child. One adult per person and preferably no younger children wherever possible as there are only enough crafts for one per child.

Friday	1	2.00pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Advent workshop*
Tuesday	5	2.00pm	Year 5 and Year 6 Advent workshop*
Friday	8	2.00pm	Reception Advent workshop*
Tuesday	19	2.00pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Advent workshop*

Bring a bauble

Reception children are asked to bring a bauble to represent their family to be added to the St Mary's Christmas tree by Thursday 30th November.



Horsforth
Town of Sanctuary

The Real Refugees

MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER 7.30 - 9pm

At St Mary's School Hall, Broadgate Lane, Horsforth

What is it really like to flee for your life and seek sanctuary in the U.K?
What can we all do to help?

Come and hear

Personal stories from refugees
An update on the real situation

Light refreshments provided

For more details contact: Rose McCarthy on rose@horsforthchaplaincy.org

Nativity tickets

Reception and Key Stage 1 nativity tickets are now on sale at £2 each. All proceeds go towards paying for the cost of the productions. The nativities will be recorded and shared with Reception and Key Stage 1 parents too.

Key Stage 1 Christmas nativity - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/758940259747?aff=oddtcreator>

The Key Stage 1 nativity is on **12 December at 2.15pm.**

Reception nativity - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/758943870547?aff=oddtcreator>

The Reception nativity is on **14 December at 2.30pm.**

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Christmas fair

Please indicate by completing this link whether you will be collecting your child for the Christmas fair at 2.30pm on 15th December in the school hall. This allows us to arrange to take children to the fair who will not be collected. If you do not complete the link, we will assume you are collecting your child. We do appreciate some of our parents are unable to attend due to work commitments. We look forward to seeing you there! <https://forms.office.com/e/vjFq177x2y>

We ask all children to bring in a chocolate bar donation on Friday 8th December for the Christmas fair. **No nuts please.**

If anyone has had a clear out of good quality toys, the Mini Vinnies would love to sell these at the Christmas fair. Any donations by **Wednesday 13th December 9am.**

Possible disruption to parking on Broadgate Lane – Friday 1st December

Alfie Lewis' family have asked us to make parents aware that his funeral is on the afternoon of Friday 1st December. People will be meeting at his bench on Broadgate Lane prior to the funeral so there may be possible disruption when coming to collect your children at the end of the day due to the number of cars already parked on Broadgate Lane. Please allow extra time.

Reindeer Run

Your child will be bringing home a letter and sponsor form today for the Reindeer Run on Tuesday 19th December. Please help us to raise as much money as possible for St George's Crypt.



Dance Fest

We were very proud to be part of Northern Art Factory's Dance Fest 2023 on Tuesday. Miss Roberts and Mr Waddington took a brilliant group of children who performed a dance from Matilda on the stage at Yeadon Town Hall. It was an amazing experience for the children and they not only performed brilliantly but their behaviour was excellent also.

Northern Arts have asked us to share the following information:

Whether you took part in the show or came to watch we hope Dance Fest has inspired you and sparked a love of dance and performance. We

would love to extend a warm welcome to our weekly classes held at The Grove, you can come along for free to see which classes are a good fit for you. Just click the link below to get booked on.

<https://northern-arts-factory.ck.page/dancefestreesession>

We also had a videographer filming the show and in the next few weeks that will be ready to share. If you'd like to be added to the waiting list to receive a viewing link please click the link below and register your details.

<https://northern-arts-factory.ck.page/dancefestvideo>

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Year 4 MTC meeting

The recording of our Year 4 Multiplication Check meeting can be found on our website or using this link.
[Parent workshops — St. Mary's Horsforth Catholic Voluntary Academy \(stmaryshorsforth.org\)](https://www.stmaryshorsforth.org)

Year 6 SATs meeting

The recording of our Year 6 SATs meeting can be found on our website or using this link.
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Be Internet Legends

Next week, our Key Stage 2 pupils will be discovering how to be safer and more confident online as part of Google and Parent Zone's Be Internet Legends programme.

Your child will take part in a LIVE online assembly on **Tuesday 28 November at 9.30am**

You can also watch the assembly by following the link below.

<https://youtube.com/live/1TZmvblu8pg?feature=share>

This is just one of the ways that we are giving our pupils the life-skills that will enable them to embrace and utilise new technology in a socially responsible and safe way and allow them to flourish.

If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact Mr Waddington who leads our Computing curriculum.



Staffing

Miss Roberts in Year 2 will be leaving our school at February half term to travel the world, first stop Canada! Although we are sad to lose an outstanding teacher who has brought much to our school especially with PE, we wish her the very best with her travels. We are currently recruiting for a new teacher for Year 2.

Morning drop offs

A small number of children are being left in the playground much earlier than school starts. Please be reminded that there are no staff outside at this time and children are not monitored so this is at your own risk.

Headteacher Awards

Reception – Orla O'S & Reuben S

Year 1 – Corny P & Mia W

Year 2 – Owen C & Jasmine L

Year 3 – Ben G & Georgie M

Year 4 – Ronan C & Mia L-M

Year 5 – Francesca G & Arthur T

Year 6 – Skyla S & Phoebe B

Virtue Awards – Hope

Reception – Belle S

Year 1 – Ivy A

Year 2 – Elias W

Year 3 – Iris H

Year 4 – Jimena G

Year 5 – Freya W

Year 6 – Oscar E



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Diary dates

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

November

W/B	27	Reception children bring in a Christmas bauble for the school tree
Monday	27	History enquiry day
Tuesday	28	Year 6 and Reception NCMP height and vision check
Thursday	30	Bring greenery for wreath making

December

Friday	1	Woolly Hat Appeal and Refugee Christmas presents launches
Friday	1	2.00pm Year 3 and Year 4 Advent workshop*
Sunday	3	11.00am Family Mass in church*
Tuesday	5	Year 4 Rewind to Christmas
Tuesday	5	2.00pm Year 5 and Year 6 Advent workshop*
Wednesday	6	9.30am Pantomime
Thursday	7	9.15am Year 4 lead Jesse Tree worship* please note change in year
Thursday	7	Y6 rugby tournament
Friday	8	Bring a chocolate bar for the Christmas fair
Friday	8	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day
Friday	8	2.00pm Reception Advent workshop*
Monday	11	Refugee presents donations close
Monday	11	Woolly Hat Appeal closes
Tuesday	12	2.15pm Year 1 and Year 2 nativity* collection for St George's Crypt
Wednesday	13	Flu vaccines
Thursday	14	9.15am Year 6 lead Jesse Tree worship* please note change in year
Thursday	14	2.30pm Reception nativity* collection for St George's Crypt
Friday	15	2.30pm Christmas Fair*
Monday	18	5.00pm Key Stage 2 Carol Service led by Year 5* collection for St George's Crypt
Tuesday	19	Reindeer Run – sponsored event for St George's Crypt – wear PE kit
Tuesday	19	2.00pm Year 1 and Year 2 Advent workshop*
Wednesday	20	9.15am Year 3 lead Jesse Tree worship*
Thursday	21	Christmas party day – party clothes
Friday	22	Non uniform – thank you for all charity donations
Friday	22	9.30am Whole School Mass led by Year 4*
Friday	22	2.30pm Carols in the hall
Friday	22	School closes



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Parish News

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ADVENT WORKSHOP

Sun 10th Dec in St. Mary's school hall from 2pm until approximately 4pm. All children from OLK parish are welcome! Come and joins us for an hour and a half of a variety of craft activities for pre-school and primary aged children. Then, from 3.30 – 4 pm we sing carols, say prayers and light the Christingles the children have made. The cost for the workshop is £3.50 per child. We are limited to 80 children, so booking is essential to avoid disappointment. Application letters are in all 3 churches. Please fill in the consent form at the bottom of the letter and return to the parish office, or to Liz Wood or Gail Partington with the payment of £3.50 by Friday 24th Nov. Please note: if you are running a stall then you still need to fill in a form for your own children.

Can I offer some help? Yes please! If you can help in any way, whether running a stall, making refreshments, or helping beforehand, then please let us know. All help will be greatly appreciated.

VISITATION FROM BISHOP MARCUS

Next weekend (4th & 5th Dec) Bishop Marcus will make his visit to the parish. He will be celebrating the 6.30pm vigil at Holy Name, 8.15am at St Mary's & the 9.45am at Assumption.

THE REAL REFUGEES

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ST GEMMA'S LIGHT UP A LIFE APPEAL

At the end of every year, we invite our supporters to remember the lives of their loved ones as part of our Light up a Life Appeal, whilst supporting St Gemma's Hospice. At both of our services we take a moment to reflect, sing and listen to poems and turn on the lights of our Christmas Trees. We have two services; one at the Hospice and one at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Moortown, both services are open to anyone who would like to join us:

St Gemma's Hospice 10th December open from 3pm with a service at 4pm Immaculate Heart of Mary 14th December at 6pm Our Hospice service can also be watched online or for more information visit: www.st-gemma.co.uk/lightupalife

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