



Reflection



This Sunday we hear how Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with the disciples, to help them be brave enough to share God's message with others.

The disciples had been sad, lonely and frightened. How do you think they felt after Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit onto them? The disciples were filled with joy, hope and courage to go out and spread the word of God. God's special message of peace for all people.

The Holy Spirit gives the disciples the courage to see that they can do what Jesus asks of them.

Jesus asks us to do the same as the disciples – to spread his message of love and peace to all people through what we do. The Holy Spirit gives us the courage to answer Jesus' call, to do what God asks of us even when it is difficult. We each

answer that call in a different way, but the Holy Spirit helps and guides us along the way.

This week let's try to notice the Holy Spirit in our lives, helping us to be brave, and helping us to spread Jesus' message of peace in our world.

Prayer: God of all, you sent your Spirit to be with the disciples, filling them with joy, peace and courage. May we also be filled with your Spirit, be brave and share your peace in our world. Amen.

Please keep our Year 4 children in your prayers who will be making their first holy communion on Saturday 10th June.

Family Mass

St Mary's church was packed full of our families last Sunday for our family Mass. The children read beautifully and carried the gifts very confidently. It was a really lovely Mass led by Father Michael. Thank you to all who were able to attend.



Good Shepherd Mass

On Wednesday, some of our Year 6 Mini Vinnies joined with representatives of many of our Catholic schools in the Leeds Diocese to present a cheque to Bishop Marcus following our Good Shepherd Fundraiser.

Bishop Marcus was delighted to hear of all the ways we had raised money and with the cheque for over £700. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.

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Pentecost Picnic

The whole school came together today to share a Pentecost prayer and their picnic. The sun shone on us again!

PE

After the half term, **Year 4** will have PE on a **Monday and a Wednesday**. Please can all classes be reminded that if children are wearing shorts for PE they must be royal blue.

Family Fun Day

A huge thank you to our PTA for arranging a brilliant family fun day in the beautiful sunshine on Sunday. It was lovely to



see so many of our families come together for a picnic and some fun activities. The PTA raised a fantastic £1000 which goes to support all the children in our school. Thank you!

Catenian Cup

We are massively proud of our football team who went to the Catenian Cup this week and came 1st in their group! Most impressively, Miss Roberts and Mrs Pounder reported on their amazing behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the competition. Well done!



Online Safety

Please find attached a guide about what parents and carers need to know about Influencers to keep your children safe online.

Reception morning routine

When we come back to school after May half term the children in Reception class will be lining up in the main KS1 playground. This is to support their transition into Year 1. We will have had a practice before we break up but please remind them over the holiday. Also, please make anybody who does morning drop off aware. If you are late and we have left the playground, then you will need to take your child to the main office.

Dates for summer term

We have got a jam packed summer 2 term, please see below for the dates published in September and also new additions in red!

Packed lunches

Please make sure packed lunches do not contain sweets, chocolate bars or anything containing nuts. Please also make sure your child is bringing water only to school. We are aware of a number of children bringing juice into school in metal bottles. We are a healthy school so please support us with these requests.

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Health week

The week beginning 19th June, is our annual health week. During this week we are going to focus on having a healthy mind, body and spirit as well as having lots of fun!

The children will come to school wearing sportswear instead of school uniform Monday -Thursday, then on Friday they will wear school PE kit for sports day. Please also ensure that your child has a water bottle each day, a sunhat and that sun cream has been applied before school. Children may bring their own sun cream into school in the event of hot weather but will need to apply it themselves.

There are a variety of activities booked across the week for the children to enjoy, such as: dance with Miss Natalie, cricket, orienteering and a 135ft inflatable. Mrs Pounder will be joined by our Sports leader running an Olympic carousel, MVMNT are hosting our multi skills sessions as well as Mr Lewandowski organising a range of year group games. It's going to be a fun packed week!

On Thursday the 135ft inflatable will be on the school field and each class will have a session on it. We ask that parents and carers to ensure children do not play on this before and after school for health and safety reasons.

As we are not permitted to make a charge for these activities, it is necessary to rely on voluntary contributions to cover the cost. No child will be treated differently whether or not their parents have made a contribution and will not be excluded from any activity. However, if not enough contributions are received, we will have to cancel the activities. Please go online to your ParentPay account to pay for the week's events by Monday 5th June at 9am.

At St Mary's we love to celebrate all the amazing sporting achievements that everyone is involved in both in and outside of school. We would love to see pictures of any sporting activities / achievements that our children, parents and staff have accomplished in the past year. If you would like to join us in celebrating your talents then please send a picture to award@stmaryshorsforth.org by **Monday 12th June**. We will then display these pictures in a video during Health Week, for all to see and celebrate as a school.

Headteacher Awards

Reception – Jack W & Enzo M

Year 1 – Hugo H & Zena G

Year 2 – Laurel B & Joseph McC

Year 3 – Willow W & Malachy G

Year 4 – Thomas W & Kaitlin H

Year 5 – Fabio Z & Rosie T

Year 6 – Jessica Mc & Naia G

Virtue Awards – Trust

Reception – Mia W

Year 1 – Oyan M

Year 2 – Hannah B

Year 3 – William S

Year 4 – Alanna D

Year 5 – Millie C

Year 6 – Ava Q

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Diary Dates

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

June

Monday	5		School opens
W/b	5		Multiplication check for Y4 (until 23 June)
Wednesday	7	6.00pm	Reception new parent meeting*
Wednesday	7		Year 1 farm visit
Thursday	8		Year 6 farm visit
Thursday	8		Cressida Cowell author Zoom for Y3,4,5.
Friday	9		Year 5 farm visit
Saturday	10		Year 4 First Holy Communion
W/b	12		Phonic Screening Check Y1
Wednesday	14		Year 6 heart dissection workshop
Wednesday	14		Year 2 skipping festival
Thursday	15		Year 4 sports trip to high school
Friday	16		Uniform sale
W/b	19		Health week
Monday	19	3.45pm	New Reception stay and play*
Tuesday	20	9.30am	New Reception session
Wednesday	21		Year 3 farm visit
Thursday	22	10.00am	Open the Book
Thursday	22	9.30am	New Reception session
Friday	23	9.15am	Reception Sports Day*
Friday	23	10.30am	Year 1 and Year 2 Sport's Day*
Friday	23	1.00pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Sport's Day*
Friday	23	2.15pm	Year 5 and Year 6 Sport's Day*
Monday	26		Year 4 farm visit
Tuesday	27	9.15am	Year 3 class assembly*
Wednesday	28		Year 2 farm visit
Thursday	29		Year 1 class trip
Thursday	29		Year 2 Class Saint Day – St Peter
Thursday	29	9.30am	Whole school Mass led by Year 6*
Friday	30	9.15am	Year 4 class assembly*

July

Tuesday	4		Year 2 class trip
Tuesday	4		Year 3 class trip
Thursday	6	9.15am	Year 2 class assembly*
Friday	7	2.30pm	Summer fundraiser*
Monday	10		Year 5 class trip
Wednesday	12		Moving up morning
Wednesday	12	2.00pm	Year 6 production*
Thursday	13		Moving up morning
Friday	14		Reports to parents
Monday	17	9.15am	Meet the new class teacher*
Wednesday	19		School disco – non uniform
Tuesday	18	2.00pm	Leavers' Mass*
Thursday	20	9.15am	Leavers' assembly*
Friday	21	9.30am	Whole school Mass*
Friday	21		School closes

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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

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