



## Reflection



This Sunday, we hear that Jesus goes to the top of a mountain with Peter, James and John. When he gets there his appearance changes – his face and clothes shine with light.

A voice comes from a cloud, saying: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Whose voice do you think this is? How do you think the disciples feel when they hear God's voice?

We can hear God's voice when we stop and pray. When we make time for God in our lives. And when we make the right choices in how we treat others.

The disciples' lives are changed by what happened on the mountain. They now know just how special Jesus really is – that he is God's Son. They have seen his face shine like the sun and they have heard God speak to them.

Our lives are changed by Jesus too. Jesus lives in all of us. He asks us to always try to do what is right, to stand up for what we believe in and to help other people. Jesus calls us to show God's love to others. What will you do this Lent to listen to God and to make sure your love for other people shines out like the sun?

**Prayer:** God of mercy and peace, forgive us when we get angry with others and help us to make our peace with them so that we can all work together to make a better world. Amen.

## Family Mass

It was lovely to see so many of our families at Family Mass last Sunday for the first Sunday of Lent. The children were fantastic at reading, the collection, the offertory and as altar servers. Thank you to all who were able to come.

## Lent

During Lent, we raise money for a range of charities, please see below for our alms giving activities. We realise there are many demands on everybody's money currently so please support where you are able to.

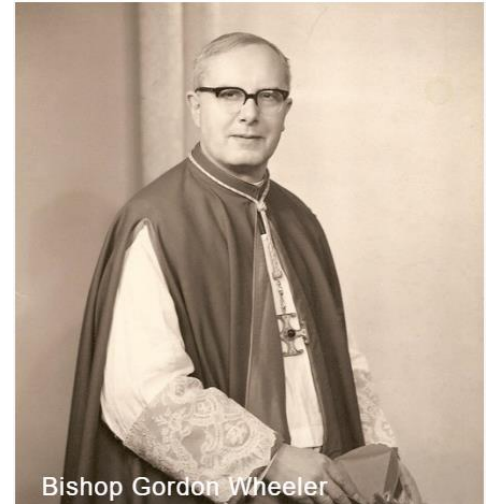
- Mary's Meals – all classes will be asked to bring in spare change to raise money for this very worthy cause.
- 8/3/23 - Family Fast Day – children in KS2 will be asked to take part in family fast day where children can pay £1 to have soup and a roll or donate £1 towards Cafod.
- 10/3/23 – Good Shepherd Fundraiser at 2.30pm
- 10/3/23 – Non uniform for the Good Shepherd, suggested donation £1.
- 13/3/23 – Easter egg raffle tickets on sale.
- 13/3/23 – Easter egg donations for SVP food bank.
- 17/3/23 – Non uniform for Comic Relief – wear something red, suggested donation £1.
- 17/3/23 – Bun sale for Comic Relief run by the Mini Vinnies.
- 27/3/23 – Easter egg donations for SVP food bank close.
- 30/3/23 – Easter Egg raffle – all money raised to the Good Shepherd Appeal.



## NEWSLETTER – 3 March 2023

### Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust

Today we came together with Holy Name to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust where 6 schools became a trust. We are now 13 schools and are continuing to grow. It was lovely to share this occasion with Holy Name via Zoom with a special liturgy led by the children and staff of both schools.



Bishop Gordon Wheeler

### Good Shepherd Fundraiser

On Friday 10 March, we will be having our annual Good Shepherd Fundraiser. All money goes towards the Bishop's Good Shepherd Lent appeal. Each class will have a game to play and something they have made available to buy. Parents or family members are invited to collect their child at **2.25pm** from their normal classroom door. They should then come to the front of school to enter via the hall. There will be a range of activities in the school hall and the KS2 area. If you are unable to collect your child as we appreciate many of our parents may be at work, please send them with some money and we will take children to the activities.

Following the Christmas fair we had some issues with children being taken and then returned to school for football clubs via internal doors. This is a safeguarding issue as we ensure we keep a register of who has left school and who is still under our care. If you take your child out of school for the fundraiser, please keep them with you and then drop them at football at 3.20pm so we have an accurate record of children we have responsibility for. Thank you in advance for your support on this to ensure the safety of the children.

We look forward to seeing you to raise money for this worthy cause. It is also a non-uniform day and we ask children to bring £1 to come in their own clothes which goes towards the appeal. If everyone is able to do this we will make £208 before we even have the event so please support us if you are able to.

We did not receive many books for the book fundraiser on World Book Day so any we did receive will be sold during the Good Shepherd Fundraiser. If anyone has any donations, please pass them to Mrs Robertshaw.

### Easter Egg raffle

The Easter egg raffle will open on Monday 13 March and close on Wednesday 29 March. Each ticket is £1. All money should be sent in named envelopes. All money raised goes towards the Good Shepherd Appeal.

### Easter Egg donations

Easter egg donations are very welcome from Monday 13 March to be donated to the SVP foodbank. Donations will close on Monday 27 March so we can organise delivery.

### Mary's Meals donations

We have been overwhelmed by the number of classes that have filled their jars twice already! We are keeping a class total for each class and the class that raise the most money will have a class reward. Any spare change is very welcome. More than 2.4 million children receive meals from Mary's meal every school day.



The cost to feed a child for a whole school year with Mary's Meals has risen but just £19.15 will feed a child for an entire year. They need our support now more than ever, as with every bowl or mug served to a child in a place of learning comes a renewed glimmer of hope. Thank you for helping to serve up hope, not only to children but to families and communities.

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### Mother's Day presents

Mother's Day presents will be on sale to children on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March by the PTA. Presents will cost £1.50. Children should bring money in a named envelope.

### Planned strike days

Further strike days are planned for on **15<sup>th</sup> March and 16<sup>th</sup> March**. As per our previous communication, staff are not obliged to inform school of their decision to strike and although they did not strike for the first day, they may choose to strike on the above days so please consider child care options for these days.

If the class teacher does choose to strike, we will have to close the class and it will be open to vulnerable children and parents of critical workers only. See guidance [here](#).

### World Book Day



We had an amazing day on Thursday for World Book Day. A day filled with the love of books with reading by different teachers and TAs, assemblies, processions, quizzes and Northern Arts. The children had a wonderful day and we must thank Mrs Robertshaw for organising such a fun filled day.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to contribute towards the cost of Northern Arts. Unfortunately we only received 83% of the required cost. If you are able to log on and pay that would be appreciated as when school has to subsidise this cost it impacts on our ability to hold future events such as Health week.

### Support for children's mental health

If you are looking for tips to support your child's mental health you could try Pooky Knightsmith on YouTube. There are a range of videos to support anxiety, ADHD, emotional regulation and many more. [Pooky Knightsmith Mental Health - YouTube](#)

### Headteacher Awards

Reception – Annie Rose M & Jacob C

Year 1 – Melody G & Oyan M

Year 2 – Laurel B & Harry E

Year 3 – Ronan C & Leo P

Year 4 – Whole class & Thomas W

Year 5 – Millie C & Seth H

Year 6 – Summer H & Liam M

### Virtue Awards – Self Control

Reception – Ava F

Year 1 – Noah H

Year 2 – Hannah B

Year 3 – Willow W

Year 4 – Will F

Year 5 – Rosie T

Year 6 – Evie B

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### Diary Dates

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

#### March

Wednesday	8		Family Fast Day – KS2 soup and a roll
Thursday	9	9.15am	Year 2 class assembly*
Friday	10	2.30pm	Good Shepherd Fundraiser*
Friday	10		Non Uniform day - £1 donation
Monday	13		Year 5 Residential
Monday	13		Easter egg raffle tickets on sale - £1 per ticket
Monday	13		Easter egg donations for SVP food bank.
Wednesday	15		Year 5 Residential return
Wednesday	15		Planned strike day
Thursday	16		Planned strike day
Friday	17	9.15am	Mother's Day Assembly*
Friday	17		Non Uniform – Red Nose Day - £1 donation
Friday	17		Mother's Day PTA shop £1.50
Friday	17		Bun sale – Red Nose Day
Sunday	19		Year 5 Class Saint Day – St Joseph
Monday	20	2.00pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Easter workshop*
Tuesday	21	2.00pm	Reception Easter workshop*
Thursday	23	2.00pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Easter workshop*
Sunday	26	4.00pm	Year 3 Reconciliation
Monday	27	2.15pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Easter production
Monday	27		Mary's Meal campaign closes
Tuesday	28	4.00 – 6.30pm	Parents Evening*
Tuesday	28		Easter egg donations for SVP food bank close.
Thursday	30		Easter Egg raffle – all money raised to the Good Shepherd Appeal.
Thursday	30		Year 6 Primary Choices
Thursday	30	4.00 – 6.30pm	Parents Evening*
Thursday	30	2.00pm	Year 5 and Year 6 Easter workshop*
Friday	31	9.30am	Whole school Mass led by Year 5*
Friday	31	2.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Friday	31		School closes

### Parish News

#### HORSFORTH TOWN OF SANCTUARY

Launch Event Friday 10th March 6pm in St Margaret's Church. Following several discussions on how Horsforth can be more welcoming, you are invited to a fun and informative evening bringing together local residents and friends seeking sanctuary to share food and hear stories, together with music and a quiz. Everyone welcome, including children. You need to book your place on Eventbrite – search 'Horsforth Town of Sanctuary'. Any queries email Rose on [Rose@horsforthchaplancy.org](mailto:Rose@horsforthchaplancy.org).

#### ST PATRICKS DAY PARADE

The 2023 Leeds St Patrick's Day Parade is on Sunday the 12th March leaving Millennium Square via Great George Street at 11.00 am. Please come along to take part and enjoy the festivities on Millennium Square from 11.00 to 4.00 pm. Enquiries: [stpatparadeleeds@gmail.com](mailto:stpatparadeleeds@gmail.com)

#### 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