



### Prayer



Loving Creator of mine,  
I feel the pace quicken, the time draw near.  
I am filled with joy as I move toward Easter  
and the promised reconciliation with you.  
Teach me to follow the example of your Son,  
to be worthy of being called one his people:  
Help me to live each day as he did  
turning hatred to love and conflict to peace.  
I await the new life with eagerness, faith  
and a deep gratitude.  
Amen

### Book Fair

The book fair will be in school from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March until Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 8.30am – 8.50am and 3.20 – 3.40pm in the small hall. It will also be available during parents evening. Payment is via a QR code, no cash payments. School receives a percentage of all sales to spend on new books for our school so please support us if you are able to.

### Parents Evening – reminder

If you have not booked your parents evening appointment (not Year 2), please contact the office or log on to <https://stmaryshorsforth.schoolcloud.co.uk> by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 9am.

### Non uniform – 22 March

Following feedback at the parents evening in October 2023, we advised parents we would trial payments to be via Parent Pay. We have added £1 for the upcoming non uniform on 22<sup>nd</sup> March to your child's Parent Pay account. This money goes to the Good Shepherd Fundraiser.

### Good Shepherd Fundraiser – reminder

Please complete the link sent out last week to advise if you will be collecting your child on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March for the fundraiser <https://forms.office.com/e/8KfwN9Ch69>. This link will close on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. We will only take children to the fair if you have indicated this on the forms link.

If you are collecting your child for the fundraiser, please collect them from their normal classroom door at 2.25pm and then come to the front of school to enter the fundraiser via the school hall door. We will open the fair at 2.30pm. **Please bring change as without a local bank we do not have sufficient float. All games and goods will be £1 so if you could bring pound coins it would be incredibly helpful.**

### Food donations for SVP foodbank - reminder

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**.

## Diary Dates – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Headteacher Awards Virtue Awards – Charity

Reception – Jack W & Kara H

Year 1 – Ernie E & Annie-Rose M

Year 2 – Fionn S & Austin S

Year 3 – Eva J & Grace H

Year 4 – Amelia S & Arthur D

Year 5 – Delia P & Amos Mc

Year 6 – Mehrsam M & Skyla S

Reception – Bradley B

Year 1 – Mia W

Year 2 – Zena G

Year 3 – Jude P

Year 4 – Nina A

Year 5 – George B

Year 6 – Alex G

## Diary Dates

### March

|                    |               |                   |   |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|---|
| 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* <b>Not Y2</b>  |
| Thursday           | 21            | 4.00–6.30pm       | Parents Evening* <b>Not Y2</b>  |
| 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   |
| <del>Tuesday</del> | <del>26</del> | <del>9.30am</del> | <del>Whole school Mass led by Year 5* Please note change of date.</del> |
| Tuesday            | 26            | 2.00pm            | Year 3 and Year 4 Easter workshop*                                      |
| <b>Wednesday</b>   | <b>27</b>     | <b>9.30am</b>     | <b>Whole school Mass led by Year 5*</b>                                 |
| Wednesday          | 27            | 2.30pm            | Year 3 and Year 4 Easter production*                                    |
| Thursday           | 28            | 9.05am            | Year 5 class assembly*  |
| Thursday           | 28            |                   | School closes   |



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### Parish News

#### PROPOSED NEW MASS TIMES

Please can all feedback be submitted by 11th March so it can be collated for the extraordinary meeting of the parish council on 13th March

#### CATHOLIC CARE ANNUAL APPEAL

9-10th March 2024. There will be a retiring collection in all 3 churches this 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).

#### 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 next week of the 13th March. Wednesdays at Holy Name Hall 6.00pm & St Mary's school at 6.30pm & Sundays at Assumption at 3pm.

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Volunteers are needed for the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday 28th March 7.00pm at St. Mary's and 8.00pm at Holy Name. Twelve parishioners from each church community are asked to represent the Apostles by symbolically having one foot 'washed'. If you feel you could help by doing this, please contact Laveena or Amanda in the Parish Office.

#### 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 |