



## Reflection

This Sunday, we hear about a woman who did something very special. And we think about how we can share from what we have, no matter how little that is.

Jesus was watching people putting money in the collection box at the synagogue. He saw some rich people putting in lots of money. They he saw a widow, who was poor, putting in two small coins, the same as a penny.

Jesus said that she had put in more money than all the other people put together. The woman had given only two small coins and the others had given lots of money so what do you think Jesus meant?

The woman gave everything that she had. While the people who had lots of money just gave a little bit of what they had left over.

We can give money, but we can also give other things too. We can give our time – by listening to others, by being there for them when they are sad or worried. And we can give our talents – for example you could sing a song, or paint a picture, or make someone laugh. Can you think of something that you can give and share with others?

**Prayer:** Generous God, help us to share what we have, so that all people may have enough. Amen.

## Family Mass

Our next family Mass is on Sunday 28 November at 11am at St Mary's church and we would love all our families to join us. This Mass celebrates the first Sunday in Advent so marks a very special time in the liturgical calendar.

## Class led collective worship

This year we are working on improving our pupil led collective worship throughout school and as part of this, this half term many of our classes will be sharing their collective worship with other schools in the Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust via Zoom and vice versa. Next week, Year 3 and Year 4 will be celebrating collective worship with Holy Name and Year 5 and Year 6 will be having collective worship with St Stephen's Skipton.

## Whole school Mass

On Friday 12 November, there is a whole school Mass at 9.30am at St Mary's church. This will be led by Year 5 but all our families are welcome to attend.

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### Year 2 Key Stage 1 SATs information meeting

On Tuesday 9 November, Mrs Beirne will host a Year 2 SATs information meeting for parents. Following feedback at parents evening, this will be at 4pm via Zoom to allow it to be recorded but also to allow parents to join from home or work. The aim of the meeting is to show you what assessments your children will do in summer term and what we are working towards in Year 2. We hope you will find it useful.

Topic: Key Stage 1 SATs meeting

Time: Nov 9, 2021 04:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82141174820?pwd=NkpuR2dURVBQMk5PUzYyNkIFUTByZz09>

Meeting ID: 821 4117 4820

Passcode: 106225

### Knowledge Organisers

Following feedback at parents evening, we have printed the knowledge organisers out for parents so you can see what the children are learning about this half term. We hope you find them useful. These have been sent home today.

### Flu vaccinations

There was lower than average uptake for flu vaccinations this year so we have been contacted to ask us to publicise this for parents again. If you missed the first round of vaccinations and would like your child to access this, please use this link to register. The link closes on the 25<sup>th</sup> November. Please also see the attached leaflet.

<https://www.nhs.uk/FLU/information?id=139352&Type=FLU>

### Antibullying week

The School Council will be kicking off our antibullying week, in the week beginning 15 November with a special anti bullying assembly for the children in school. On Monday 15 November, we ask all children to wear odd socks with their normal school uniform and to donate £1 which goes to the Anti Bullying Alliance. The aim of odd socks day is to raise awareness of bullying and this year the theme is spreading kindness. Throughout the week, the children will learn about antibullying as part of their PSHE lessons.

### Children in Need

On Friday 19 November, we will be raising money for Children in Need by having a non uniform day and asking children to donate £1 if possible. We appreciate this is the second charity donation of the week but hope you can support the school in raising money for a wonderful charity that does so much to help children in the UK and abroad.

### Christmas Dinner 10<sup>th</sup> December

A letter will be sent out next week regarding the Christmas dinner which will be taking place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Menu choices will need to be made by Monday 22 November.



**Busy week!**

What a fantastic first week back we have had with a super class assembly from Year 6, School Council preparing an Anti Bullying assembly, tennis sessions in Year 3 and 2, Diwali celebrations in Reception and a Day of the Dead celebration in Year 6 plus all our normal week.

It's only going to get busier this half term as we get closer to Christmas so please see the diary dates below.

Class curriculum newsletters have also been sent today, so please have a look so you know what your child is learning about and key dates for their class.

**Awards**

**Headteacher Awards**

- Reception – Jack B and Maisie D
- Year 1 – Lucas H and Liam T
- Year 2 – Freya C and Leo P
- Year 3 – Ava A and George B
- Year 4 – Seth H and Nicole L
- Year 5 – Zemira Y and Ava Q
- Year 6 – All of Year 6 and Layla R

**Virtue Awards – Hope**

- Reception – Maya P
- Year 1 – Eva J
- Year 2 – Malachy G
- Year 3 – Ruby M
- Year 4 – Oscar E
- Year 5 – Erin B
- Year 6 – Holly B

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### Diary Dates

#### November

Tuesday	9	9.30am	Open day for new parents*
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>Year 2 hearing test</b>
Tuesday	9	4.00pm	Year 2 KS1 SATs information evening via Zoom
Thursday	11		Open day for new parents*
Friday	12	9.30am	Whole school Mass led by Year 5 in church*
W/b	15		Antibullying week
Monday	15		Odd Socks Day £1 suggested donation – wear odd socks with school uniform
Wednesday	17		Year 6 to church
Wednesday	17		Northern Ballet for Y3,4,5
Friday	19		Non uniform for Children in Need suggested donation £1
Monday	22	4.00pm	Year 6 - KS2 SATs information evening via Zoom
<b>Monday</b>	<b>22</b>		<b>Cut off for Christmas dinner</b>
Wednesday	24	9.15am	Mini Vinnie enrolment
Thursday	25	9.15am	Year 4 class assembly in school hall*
Friday	26	11.00am	Year 5 and Year 2 Class Mass in school hall*
Friday	26		Advent charity appeals launch
Sunday	28	11.00am	Family Mass 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent in church*
Monday	29		Woolly Hat campaign starts
W/b	29		Year 6 sacrament of Reconciliation for Advent
Monday	29		Jesse Tree assemblies begin led by Mini Vinnies

#### December

Wednesday	1		Year 4 to church
Wednesday	1	2.00pm	Reception Advent Workshop*
Thursday	2		CAFOD Advent national assembly
Thursday	2	2.00pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Advent Workshop in school*
Friday	3	9.15am	Year 6 lead Jesse Tree Assembly in school hall*
Friday	3	2.00pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Advent Workshop in school*
Monday	6		Year 1 class Saint – Feast Day of St Nicholas
Tuesday	7	2.00pm	Year 5 and Year 6 Advent Workshop in school*
Tuesday	7	2.15pm	Year 1 and Year 2 nativity in school hall* nativity (a recording will also be made to be shared with parents)
Wednesday	8		Pantomime in school
Thursday	9	9.15am	Year 4 lead Jesse Tree Assembly in school hall*
Thursday	9	2.30pm	Reception nativity (a recording will also be made to be shared with parents)
Friday	10		Christmas Jumper Day
Friday	10		Christmas Dinner Day
Monday	13	5.00pm	KS2 Carol Service led by Year 5 in church*
Tuesday	14		End of Woolly Hat campaign
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>Christmas party day – come in party clothes</b>
Wednesday	15	9.15am	Year 3 lead Jesse Tree Assembly in school hall*
Thursday	16	9.30am	Whole school Mass led by Year 4 in church*
Friday	17	2.30pm	Carols in the hall
Friday	17		Finish for Christmas holidays

#### Parish news



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### FROM PARISH TO MISSION

On 10th October 2021, Pope Francis formally opened a two-year process called 'a synod on synodality,' officially known as 'Synod 2021-2023: For a Synodal Church.' In brief, the process entails bishops around the world consulting with all the baptised before coming together for a gathering of bishops in October 2023. This process also marks the beginning of our own diocesan process of consultation, From Parish to Mission. As a major part of that consultation, volunteer facilitators will visit every parish in the diocese from the beginning of November to lead an open meeting to consider the questions put by the Holy See. Our parish meeting will take place in Holy Name Church Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th December. Please do come along to the meeting. If you are unable to attend or if you would rather engage with the process online, you can complete an online questionnaire at: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/parish-to-missionsurvey>. Hardcopies of the questionnaire will be made available to everyone towards the end of November.

### SM SVP ANNUAL APPEAL

Around remembrance Sunday each year the SVP at St Mary's makes its annual appeal. They have decided once more not to make a pulpit address or have a coffee morning but to appeal through the parish bulletin. "The SVP at St Mary's wishes to thank parishioners for their staunch support over the past year. Through your generosity we have been able to provide financial help to a number of people in the parish experiencing worse than usual difficulties during the pandemic. The work of the SVP is not only about money, however, but about be-friending and accompanying, most of which has had to be done by staying in regular contact by phone with people at risk of loneliness and isolation. We are now beginning, with people's consent and in as Covid-safe a manner as possible, to resume visiting people in person so if you know anyone whom you think would benefit from SVP visits please let Pauline know on 07581553357. Sadly, we lost a number of people we have visited for many years during the pandemic and a few of our members have also retired or left for other reasons so if you think you can give any time to the work of the SVP please contact Pauline or any other SVP member. It looks as though the coming year will again be very challenging, with COVID by no means fully vanquished and with rocketing energy prices. People in other countries are faring even worse and St Mary's SVP is "twinned" with 4 conferences in India, to which we pay £600 each year. So may we appeal to your generosity once more to support us in our task of sharing the love of Christ in concrete and practical ways in the year ahead. If you wish to contribute by bank transfer, the details are: St Mary's SVP, sort code 60-60-04. Bank account 46081747. Alternatively, you can hand in or send donations to Amanda in the parish office. God bless you and thank you from all at St Mary's SVP."

### HELPING OUR PARISH

Thank you to the small number of people who responded after Su's complaint about a lack of volunteers. However, we are still urgently in need of more people to take on roles to help our Parish in many different ways. Without your help, this parish won't be able to continue the valuable work that has been done by parishioners for so many years with maintaining our grounds, visiting our sick & housebound parishioners to take them Holy Communion, preparing our young people to receive the Sacraments, counting the collection (as required by HMRC) and with serving Our Lord during Sunday Mass by welcoming, reading & helping to distribute Holy Communion. There are many opportunities which require only a minimal amount of time. We need you to volunteer!

### 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