



Newsletter No. 4: Friday 26th September 2025

Weekly News

Dear Parents,

This week we have been thinking about our Gospel message in which we hear about a dishonest manager and about how we cannot love God and money equally. God must come first in our lives. We should focus on God and how we treat others as opposed to concentrating on money and material items. We have been thinking about how we can make sure that we put God and other people before possessions this week.

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our YR coffee morning this morning. We hope you found this relaxed, informative and had a chance to meet some of the other parents. We have also completed all of our welcome briefings for this half term. We hope that you found them useful and informative. Parents' evening will take place later this half term so that you can find out more about how your child is getting on.

This afternoon it has been wonderful to distribute various monitor and leader roles and responsibilities to the children in year six. We have children who are going to be learning mentors and supporters of the younger children, behaviour mentors and reading buddies. We also have some fantastic monitors who will be in charge of organising resources for assemblies, collecting Dojo points, as well as our 'office angels' and hall and sound technicians. Wow - you will be very busy, children.

Our Mini Vinnies are busy working on a new initiative: plans for Family Fast Day - we always like to mark this day in school. They would like us to donate our favourite treat by bringing it in to school next Friday and we will then send them on to the St Thomas Food Bank. Please see the letter from the Mini Vinnies attached. These initiatives give our children the chance to turn all of their concern into action, which is truly inspirational and in keeping with all of our Catholic Social Teachings! We would welcome your support with this.

Have a lovely weekend
Kind regards
Mrs Hill

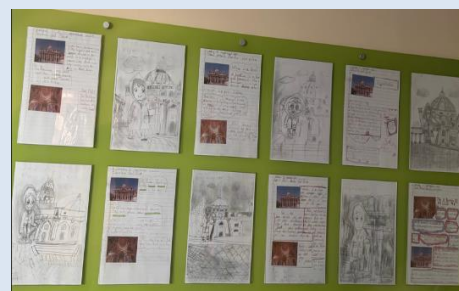
Virtues

As part of our induction to new classes, we have completed some beautiful art work around the theme of our Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope. We have been learning about a character called 'Luce.' Each class has taken Luce on an imaginary pilgrimage to a special place.

Y3 have been thinking about Croagh Patrick in Ireland and praying for those who are hungry and in need. See their beautiful work with pastels!



Y4 have been thinking about St Peter's Basilica in Italy. They have produced some wonderful sketches, thinking about the use of dimension, perspective and various techniques to add to the effect.





Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

Notices

We are saddened to inform you that our chef manager, Mrs Jackson, will be leaving us today. We thank her for her amazing contributions to our lunch offer at St Mary's and all of her hard work. We wish her every success in her new role. In the meantime, we are looking to recruit. Please see the advert sent earlier today, or contact the school office if you are interested in the position.

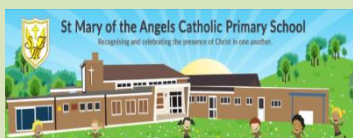
- Please also see the letter earlier today regarding our school lunches.
- Class pages are ready for you to have a look at. There is a wealth of information on them. Staff will talk you through how to navigate the page during the welcome meeting.
- The staff are busy planning lots of exciting curriculum learning for this academic year. We kindly ask that you donate to our school fund via the gateway to help pay for any little extras and treats for the children throughout the year. This is running very low after our celebrations and treats last year and we would love to set up some more treats for the children to enjoy this year.

Open Day

We are holding an open day for any prospective Nursery and Reception parents. You are welcome to join us to find out more about the school on:

Wednesday 5th November at 9:30am

If you know of any prospective parents, please pass on this message. We look forward to seeing you then.



Events

Monday 29th September - Y5 trip

Tuesday 30th September - Y4 walk to Mass with the Parish

Wednesday 1st October 9am - YN parents invited for a coffee morning

The Tempest photographer will be in school on Thursday 9th October

Friday 10th October - children can wear a yellow item for mental health day

We will be having a book fayre in school, week beginning 13th October - more details will follow.

Thursday 16th October 2:15pm - YR parents are invited to a welcome prayer service

Friday 17th October 9:10am Harvest Mass in school for Y1-6 (all welcome)

Parents' evenings will be on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd October. More details to follow soon.

Prayer and Reflection

This Sunday marks the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Luke's Gospel 16: 19-31, Jesus reminds us about how we should live our lives. Jesus offers a comparison between a rich man and Lazarus.

Being comfortable often makes us blind to the needs of people around us. We should not forget that our words and actions in life can influence others and we can have an impact, both locally and globally.

*Lord, Help us to put others first, being generous and thoughtful in your name.
Open our eyes to the needs of others, so that we can help them. Amen.*

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

