



ST PATRICK'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God



16th September 2024

Catholic Life

Autumn Half-Term 1

Dear parents and carers,

As we begin this new school year together, we would like to invite families to share in the prayer and spiritual life of our school. Our children look forward to the times when parents and families join us in prayer in school and in Church. These Prayer and Mass times allow adults to take time out of their busy lives to spend quality time with their children in the presence of God and friends. Families are invited to join both in school and in St.Patrick's Church where you will receive a warm welcome from Fr.Pat and parishioners!

These are the times for the Autumn Half-Term. Occasionally, we may need to reschedule if the church becomes unavailable but we will notify if this happens.

Mass will be held on Friday 10am at St Patrick's Church, Westbury Street. If it is your child's Class Mass, please come and join us- it is a great half an hour to begin your day!

Friday 20th September	Class 13 and Class 7
Friday 27th September	Class 11 and Class 5
Friday 4th October	Welcome Mass (whole school- all welcome)
Friday 18th October	Class 12 and Class 6
Friday 25th October	Class 10 and Class 4

Stay and Pray takes place in school either in the classroom or in the school hall. This term will be in the mornings (9:15am)

Thursday 19th September	Class 8
Thursday 26th September	Class 9

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Thursday 3rd October	Class 10
Thursday 10th October	Class 12
Thursday 17th October	Class 11
Thursday 24th October	Class 13

In addition to these dates this term, we will also be celebrating other events in the Liturgical Year of the Church. Please discuss these with your children as we celebrate them in school.

Friday 20th September- World Peace Day

We will listen and reflect on Pope Francis' letter Fratelli Tutti which means All Brothers and Sisters. Pope Francis's letter asks us to reach out to our sisters and brothers in need, whoever they are, wherever they may come from. Each class will reach out to our sisters and brothers in our local community by sending a message of peace. The Pope has also asked us to pray to "Our Father" during this special Year of Prayer. Please pray this prayer at home.

1st October - Feast of St Therese of Lisieux (Little Way Week)

We will celebrate the life of St Therese and look at how she helped others. The focus of the week is to remember how Saint Thérèse gave to the Church a teaching called the 'Little Way'. This is a commitment to do small tasks with love every day. It is a simple way of encouraging everyone to reach out to others with the love of Jesus. Throughout the week children will take part in small tasks of love in our school, home and local community.

Month of October - Devotion to Our Lady and The Rosary Prayer

The Month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. During this month we devote our prayers to Our Lady. We are blessed to have parishioners lead us in weekly Rosary during this month.

Friday 27th September- Feast of St Vincent de Paul-Mini Vinnies

Our Mini Vinnies work hard to turn their 'concern into action'. The group will be organising the Macmillan Coffee morning on **Friday 27th September at 9.15-10.45am in the school hall.**

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Friday 4th October - Feast of St Francis of Assisi

We will celebrate St Francis and his love and care for creation. Each class will take part in a prayer walk and give thanks for creation around us. Our school continues to take great care of our creation led by our Eco Warriors.

Thursday 10th October- World mental health day

Our Mental Health Ambassadors will be preparing a special assembly to raise the importance of keeping a healthy mind and spirit.

Monday 14th- Friday 18th October- School Mission Week- "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

Our mission is to make God's Kingdom here and now and to build here in Thornaby... and a bit wider if we can! We strive to bring joy, justice and peace into our community. The week will focus on this through lessons and activities. More details and information to follow.

Sunday 20th October- School Mission Celebration Mass

To end and celebrate our Mission Week we will have a special Mass with our parish in Church at **10.00am**. We ask all children and families to join us.

God Bless

Mr.Conwell

Mr.Ryan

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