



## Reflection



This Sunday, we hear how Jesus helped a blind man to see again. God has given us the gift of sight to see all the wonderful things that he has made in our world. But we also need to open our eyes to things that are wrong and try to do what we can to change them.

Sometimes there are problems or things that are not right in this world. We can take notice of these problems and try to make them better. God calls us to use our gifts and not to ignore the problems that we see. We can try instead to make a difference, to care

for our earth and to help people who are poor to change their lives for the better.

Look out for all the good things that you can see in the world this week. If you see anything that is wrong or unfair, think about what you could do to help to change it.

**Prayer:** God of power and glory, we give thanks to you for the wonderful gift of sight. Open our eyes to the good things in this world. Help us also to see when things are wrong and what we can do to change them. Amen.

## 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. This will close on 27/3/23. The class who has raised the most money, will win a prize.
- 13/3/23 – Easter egg raffle tickets on sale.
- 13/3/23 – Easter egg donations for SVP food bank.
- 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.

## Easter Egg raffle

The Easter egg raffle is now open and closes 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.

## Easter Workshops

Our annual Easter workshops start next week. This is an opportunity for you to come and complete Easter crafts with your child. Any family member can attend but we ask that only person per child attends and wherever possible younger children do not attend. We hope you can join us.

Monday	20	2.00pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Easter workshop*
Tuesday	21	2.00pm	Reception Easter workshop*

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Thursday 23 2.00pm Year 3 and Year 4 Easter workshop\*  
Thursday 30 2.00pm Year 5 and Year 6 Easter workshop\*

### Year 3 and Year 4 Easter production

Tickets for the Year 3 and Year 4 Easter production are now on sale via this link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/year-3-and-year-4-easter-production-2023-tickets-591188991187>

All tickets are £2 each and there is a limit of 4 per family. You will need to display your tickets via your phone or a print out on the day. The production is on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 2.15pm in the school hall.



### Year 5 residential

The Year 5 children were amazing this week on their residential showing their maturity, excellent behaviour, team work and resilience. Mrs Ellis said it was a pleasure to take the children on residential! We can't wait for the Year 6 residential now!

We thank Mrs Ellis, Mrs Leng and Miss Roberts for taking the children on residential for 3 days as we recognise it is a big ask to ask them to be on duty for 3 days and be away from their families.

### Book fair

The book fair will be in school until the end of Monday. If you are able, please visit with your child to buy a book. The book fair is open 8.30am – 8.45am and 3.20pm – 3.45pm.



### Online Safety

Each week we retweet online safety information for parents from National Online Safety. These can be found [here](#). We also have a range of online safety information for parents on our website which can be found [here](#). This week the guide is all about adopting healthy online habits. With all our children spending more time online, it's imperative that they know how to keep safe at home.

### Parents Evening

Parents evenings are on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 4 – 6.30pm for all classes but Year 4. The booking system will close on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. All meetings are 10 minutes, a bell will ring when it is the time for the next meeting to start. Please be respectful of this so all parents get their allocated time. Entry is via the side hall door and

children's books are available in the classroom to look at.

**Headteacher Awards**

Reception – Rita B & Alessandro T

Year 1 – Jack H & Pearl W

Year 2 – Grace C & Liam T

Year 3 – Charlotte F & Charlie P

Year 4 – Arthur T & Isobel S

Year 5 – Zachary J & Thomas O'R

Year 6 – Chloe V & Zemira Y

**Virtue Awards – Reflection**

Reception – Jack T

Year 1 – Jack Y

Year 2 – Jan C

Year 3 – Arthur D

Year 4 – Francesca G

Year 5 – Alice C

Year 6 – Florence H

**Diary Dates**

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

**March**

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
Monday	27		Easter egg donations for SVP food bank close.
Tuesday	28	4.00 – 6.30pm	Parents Evening*
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



## **NEWSLETTER –17 March 2023**

### **Parish News**

#### **LENTEN RECONCILIATION**

In addition to the usual Saturday morning confessions at 10.00 - 11.30am in Holy Name and St Mary's, there will also be three evening available. Thursday 23rd March 7-8pm in St Mary's. Friday 24th & 31st March 6.30pm (following the Stations of the Cross). This is your opportunity to make peace with Our Lord. Don't be put off by fear, anxiety, or uncertainty about what to say.

#### **EASTER TRIDUUM SERVICES**

Leaflets containing this year's Masses and Services are now available in our churches. As the minutes show from the recent Parish Council meeting, there will be one Easter Vigil Mass held at Holy Name this year (next year at St Mary's). This is an opportunity to bring parishioners together at the most important time in the church's calendar. Should anyone need any transport to attend, please let Amanda know as soon as possible.

#### **URGENT APPEAL FOR MUSICIANS**

We are still in urgent need for someone to cover the 11.15am Mass on Palm Sunday and the 9am on Easter Sunday. If you can help out at these Masses or are willing to play any instrument or sing at any of the OLK Masses, please let Amanda know asap.

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Volunteers are needed for the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday 6th April, 7.00pm at St. Mary's and 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 Amanda in the Parish Office.

#### **OLK FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION**

If your child is in currently in Year 4, has received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and you have not already applied to join the next preparation course, please email our catechist team asap for an application form at: [catechist.ourladyofkirkstall@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:catechist.ourladyofkirkstall@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) The preparation will commence in April and there are 3 options: Sunday 3pm in the Assumption Hall starting 16th April, Wednesday 6pm in Holy Name Hall or Wednesday 6.30pm in St Mary's school, both starting 19th April. If you have already applied, you should receive an email from the catechist team asking which meetings you would like to attend. However, please do get in touch if you haven't received anything by April 2nd. First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 10th June at 10.30am at Masses at both St Mary's Church and at Holy Name Church. On Sunday 11th June at the 9am Mass at Holy Name, the 9.45am Mass at Assumption and the 11am at St Mary's the children are welcome to wear their special clothes and celebrate with the whole parish. There will be special First Holy Communion Cake after each Mass!

#### **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