



Reflection

This Sunday we will reflect on how believing in Jesus can sometimes mean we have to make hard choices. We will be celebrating CAFOD's Family Fast Day on Friday 8 October, we will also think about the choices we need to make to Go Green and protect and care for the beautiful planet earth, which is our home.



Jesus tells the disciples that anyone who is not against him, who is not Jesus' enemy, is his friend. And Jesus says that anyone who treats people well because they follow him will be loved by him and be rewarded in heaven.

Just like Jesus cares for us all, he asks us to care for one another. Not just the people we know, our friends and our family, but for all people around the world. And to show our love and care for others in everything that we do.

God's wonderful gift of creation has been given to all people to share, both now and in the future. What can we do to help look after this gift for ourselves and for people in the future?

Prayer: God of love, strengthen our faith and help us to make the right choices even when it is difficult. Amen.

Fundraising

A huge thank you to all our families for your generosity so far this half term. Last we raised a super **£320** for the Good Shepherd Appeal. Thank you to all those who donated buns and bought buns. We also had our Macmillan coffee afternoon today where people once again gave generously. Thank you for all your support.

Family Mass

This Sunday the Parish hold their first family Mass since Covid. We know for some children this will be the first time they will return to church on a Sunday and we look forward to seeing our families there. Some of our children have been very brave and volunteered to read too. We hope you can join the parish at St Mary's church on Sunday at 11am.

Year 5 First Holy Communion

Children in the current Year 5, who wish to be enrolled on the First Holy Communion program should email Amanda at the church office to request an enrolment form if they haven't already filled one in smoffice.ourladyofkirkstall@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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Car park

Dawn til Dusk and the school have asked a number of times for parents not to use the school car park. The school car park is for staff and parish use only and this week there have been a number of near misses with cars and children due to parents entering the car park. Please do not use the school car park when collecting your children, cars should be parked on Broadgate Lane.

Change of names

We were overjoyed that Miss Wood was finally able to get married last weekend and change her name to Mrs Robertshaw. We wish her and Mr Robertshaw all the very best.

Miss Pearson will be getting married in October half term so after half term she will be Mrs Polzin.

School Birthday Event

On **Friday 1st October** the children will be celebrating the school turning 125 years old. This will involve a fun filled day celebrating our school's history as well as considering what life at St Mary's was like in the past. To promote this, we are asking each class to dress from an era between 1896 (when school opened) to the present day.

Reception: School uniform- they are our youngest pupils and represent our future as a school.

Year 1- 1900's Victorian era- we have these outfits in school already so children can come in school uniform and get changed in class. This also links with Year 1's history of schools in the past.

Year 2- 1970's

Year 3- 1980's

Year 4- 1960's

Year 5- 1990's

Year 6- 1940's

In the afternoon, we will be having a whole school afternoon tea style street party in the playground, weather permitting. This will involve a drink and some party food such as scones, cakes etc. We are asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £1 towards this and the money should be brought in by **Monday 27 September** to allow the food and drink to be bought. We look forward to celebrating the St Mary's birthday and history with the children.

Tempest Photos

The children will be coming home tonight with their photo proofs from Tempest. All orders should be made online directly with Tempest and not via the school office.

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English parent meetings

This year, the whole school is focusing on improving writing as we feel that this is the area of the curriculum that was hardest hit due to lockdowns, bubble closures and Covid. Each year group is having an English parent meeting which will focus on writing expectations for your child and how you can support your child at home. We hope you will be able to attend and find these useful. The meetings will start at 3.30pm and children can stay in a classroom. If you cannot attend, you will be able to access the PowerPoint when it is added to the school website.

Monday 27 September @ 3.30pm Y3 and Y4 English parent meeting

Tuesday 28 September @ 3.30pm Reception phonics meeting

Monday 4 October @ 3.30pm Y5 and Y6 English parent meeting

Tuesday 12 October @ 3.30pm Y1 English parent meeting

Thursday 14 October @ 3.30pm Y2 English parent meeting



Busy week

This week has been, as always, a busy but fun week with our first class Mass of the year, School Council elections in full swing, clubs, scootember for Key Stage 2, Macmillan coffee afternoon and lots of learning.

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Awards

Headteacher Awards

Year 1 – George T & Emmie T

Year 2 – Emelia M & Rory B

Year 3 – Jemima H & Alex T

Year 4 – Alex G & Finn W

Year 5 – Oliver L & Summer H

Year 6 – Mia M & Peter U

Virtue Awards – Courtesy and respect

Year 1 – Betty T

Year 2 – Charlotte F

Year 3 – Edith O'D

Year 4 – Phoebe B

Year 5 – Anna G

Year 6 – Enzo M

Diary Dates

September

Sunday	26	11.00am	Family Mass*
Monday	27		Y6 PE – please note change of day for this week
Monday	27	3.30pm	Year 3 and Year 4 English parent meeting*
Tuesday	28	3.30pm	Reception Parent phonics meeting*
Wednesday	29		Year 4 to church

October

Friday	1		School Birthday Event
W/b	4		Black History week
W/b	4		Mini Vinnie Harvest tin appeal for SVP
Monday	4	3.30pm	Year 5 and Year 6 English parent meeting*
Monday	4		Reception class Saint – Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi
Wednesday	6		Year 3 to church
Thursday	7		Rosary Day
Friday	8		Non Uniform – wear green for Cafod
Friday	8		Bring items for SVP food bank
Friday	8	11.00am	Year 4 and Year 1 Class Mass* in school
Friday	8	2.30pm	Harvest Festival*
Monday	11		Year 6 residential
Tuesday	12		Flu vaccinations
Tuesday	12	3.30pm	Year 1 English parent meeting*
Wednesday	13		Year 2 to church
Thursday	14		Water safety for KS1 and KS2
Thursday	14	3.30pm	Year 2 English parent meeting*
Friday	15		Year 6 return from residential
Monday	18	4.00-6.30pm	Parents Evening*
Wednesday	20		Planetarium in school
Wednesday	20	4.00-6.30pm	Parents Evening*
Thursday	21	10.00am	Good Shepherd Mass
Thursday	21		Y6 flu vaccinations and catch up session
Thursday	21	2.00 – 3.00pm	Reception stay and play*
Friday	22		Training Day



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Parish news

CLIMATE CHANGE

Our Mass this Sunday (25th/26th) has a particular focus on celebrating the beauty of God's creation and acknowledging our responsibility to care for it. Climate change poses a massive threat to our common home, so we are praying especially for the success of the COP26 meeting in Glasgow at the beginning of November. Make sure you pick up the sheet "26 Green Ideas" and see which one(s) you would like to do.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

is Friday, Oct. 1st. By donating to CAFOD, you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can donate online through the CAFOD website, or simply return the CAFOD envelope with your donation via the parish collection.

OLK CONFIRMATION

We welcome our candidates at all Masses in the Parish this weekend as they join us for the Rite of Election before their Confirmation Service on Friday 8th October.

ST MARYS - 11am 26th Sept

We welcome our children from SM primary school who will lead the 11am Mass using text from the Children's Lectionary.

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