

# St Mary's New Mills Catholic Life and Mission



## NEWSLETTER

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### Hello from the New Chaplain

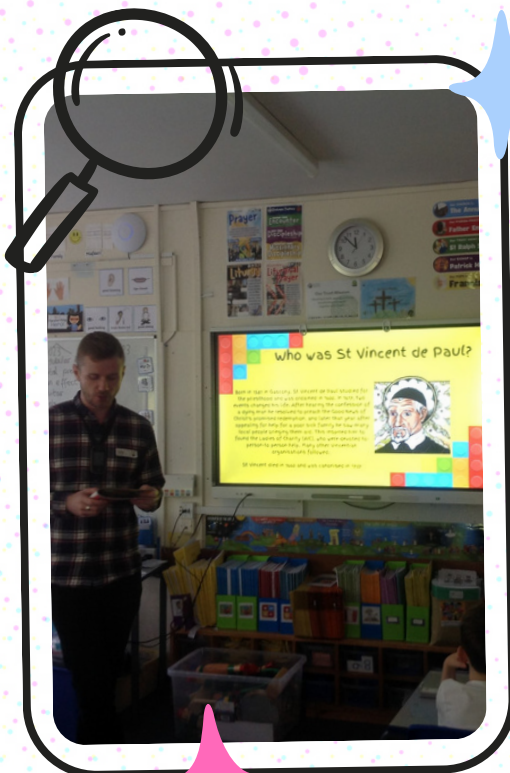
Hello everyone my name is Dan and I am thrilled to introduce myself as your new lay chaplain. I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about me. I am originally from Birmingham and have previously worked as a teacher in Catholic primary schools. I am a big Aston Villa fan and love watching all sports in my spare time. I love to travel and have been very fortunate to be able to witness the universal church on international pilgrimages and mission trips to Europe, South America and Africa. These experiences have helped shape my life and ministry.

My role will be to work with the young people in the four schools to help them answer the big questions they may have and guide them along their journey of faith.



### What's In This Month's Issue?

- Mini Vinnies
- Faith in Action
- Class 4 and Class 2 Whole School Liturgical Prayer
- Welcome Mass
- Judaism Week
- Mark Ten Mission Rosary Challenge



### Mini Vinnies

Class 3 have had the opportunity this half term to learn about St Vincent de Paul and begin to think about how they can turn their concern into action. We had the opportunity to vote for our leadership positions who are going to be working alongside Dan and the rest of their class to support the school and local community. Well done to all those children who put their names forward for leadership roles and spoke so beautifully in front of their classmates. We then had a blind vote to make the process as democratic as possible. Our leadership team for this year are:

President- Isaac  
Vice President- Frankie  
Secretary- Patrick  
Treasurer- Jacob  
Communications Officer- Oscar





## Faith In Action

Year 5 have started to think about what their Faith means to them and how they can put this into action. This is part of the CYMFED Faith In Action Award. CYMFED are the National Catholic Youth Ministry Federation and this award will be worked towards throughout this year with all of Year 5 working with Dan.



## JUDAISM WEEK

During this half term we have had the opportunity to learn all about the Jewish Faith. We were very lucky in Class 1 to have Mrs Giles visit us to tell us all about her faith and show us different artifacts. We even had the chance to taste some unleavened bread. We loved learning all about the Judaism and it helped us to understand the faith that Jesus had. We want to thank Mrs Giles for coming to visit us and hope she will come again soon.



"My heart praises the Lord; my soul is glad because of God my Savior, for he has remembered me, his lowly servant! Luke 1:46-48



## CLASS 2 WHOLE SCHOOL LITURGICAL PRAYER

Class 2 led a beautiful whole school Liturgical prayer in front of the parents all about respecting our world and God's beautiful creation and showing compassion to all those we meet. Class 2 led us all so confidently and clearly through what happened on each day of creation. They set us all the mission to show kindness and compassion to everyone we meet.



## PLANTING BULBS IN THE PARISH

We have had the chance to work with members of the gardening group at the Parish to help plant some bulbs and are planning termly activities with this group to help support and look after the church grounds and the local area. This gives the children the opportunity to live out care for creation as part of our Catholic Social Teaching.



I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the small things, for the greater glory of God. *Blessed Dominic Savio*



## CLASS 4 WHOLE SCHOOL LITURGICAL PRAYER

Class 4 led us in a beautiful Liturgical Prayer on Thursday 12th October on the theme of the Most Holy Rosary. We learnt all about the history of the Rosary and how to pray the rosary together. We were then led in a decade of the Rosary by Class 4. They ended by setting us all the mission to complete a decade of the Rosary at home.



## ROSARY CHALLENGE THE MARK 10 Mission

October is the month of the Holy Rosary and your challenge is to pray a decade of this great prayer every weekday, at school or home.

The senior chaplains have been leading a Rosary group every lunchtime to complete the Mark 10 Mission Rosary challenge. They have looked at each mystery of the Rosary over the month. If you would like to learn more about the Rosary and take part at home please follow the link to their website

<https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/rosary-challenge>

O how glorious our Faith is! Instead of restricting hearts, as the world fancies, it uplifts them and enlarges their capacity to love, to love with an almost infinite love, since it will continue unbroken beyond our mortal life.

*St Therese of Lisieux*

