

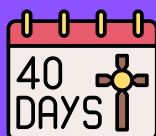
# St Mary's New Mills Catholic Life and Mission



## NEWSLETTER

LENT 1 2024

### Lenten Reflection from Dan



As we enter the season of Lent we take some time to reflect on our lives and how we can become the best versions of ourselves. Lent unlike Advent is a more personal journey with Christ, we journey with Jesus into the wilderness of our souls with the aim of growing our personal relationship with God. It is important to recognise that we are all human, and like Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden we get tempted by all sorts of things, but God love us completely. Lent is a time of penance and growing closer to God. It can be meaningful to connect your plans for Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving (3 Pillars of Lent) to the virtues of faith, hope, and love which guide the purpose behind our Lenten sacrifices and challenges.



### What's In This Terms Issue?

- Mini Vinnies
- Bible Study with Year 6
- Ash Wednesday
- Adoration with Class 4
- New Cross outside school
- Start of Lent
- Class 2 Lenten Promises
- Little Fish Meeting



### Mini Vinnies



Class 3 had an amazing end to the Advent term with a hugely successful collection for refugees in the local community. The children decided as a class that they wanted to support refugees and they came up with posters and promoted the cause to the whole school. We were overwhelmed by the response and the children received a thank you card for all their hard work from Mrs Froggatt at the charity. We are now working hard to plan our next project. Watch this space.



Dear Class 3,  
I am writing this card on behalf of all the refugees who gratefully received your most unexpected gifts. They were overwhelmed and most appreciative of both the gifts and your very kind thoughts. Class 3 you will always be remembered for your kindness.  
Best wishes for 2024  
Mrs Froggatt

## Bible Study Year 6

Year 6 have started Bible study group on Thursday mornings with Dan. We hope to journey through the Old Testament together and learn about the people of God and those who prophesied the birth of the Saviour many years before the birth of Jesus. Dan has been amazed by their knowledge and how well they are engaging with some difficult texts and understanding how God was perceived in the Old Testament compared to the teachings of Jesus. God of the Old Testament seen as a God to be feared but when Jesus came he taught that God is Love.



## LITTLE FISH, BIG IDEAS

The Little Fish met this half term and came up with some amazing ideas about how they want to move the school forward and live out our Catholic Social Teaching values. Children from across all the pupil leadership groups make up the Little Fish and work together to promote ways that we can be more like Jesus. Some of the ideas that they have come up with include:

Fish groups to sell and donate books to the local community

Sports leaders are planning play activities to grow inclusivity and participation across the school

Running a tuck shop to promote and raise money for Fair Trade.

Eco team would love to work with parish gardening group to look after our local community and God's beautiful creation.



"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven." *St Rose of Lima*

## CLASS 4 ADORATION

Class 4 had the chance for the first time to experience Adoration after Mass on Thursday 15th February. They were amazing and spent 15 minutes in front of the Blessed Sacrament after parish Mass. They led some beautiful singing at the beginning and the end of Adoration. We hope to build on this in the coming months for the Children to have a personal encounter with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.



## ASH WEDNESDAY

On Ash Wednesday we welcomed Fr Emanuel into school to lead our Ash Wednesday Service for children, parents and parishioners. The Senior Chaplains organised and read beautifully throughout the service helping us to learn all about the significance of Ash Wednesday and the start of our Lenten Journey to with Jesus in the wilderness. Fr Emanuel and Mrs Chapman then administered the Ashes, a visible sign of our faith.



I "As Lent is the time for greater love listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' " *St Teresa of Calcutta*



## CLASS 2 LENTEN PROMISES

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## NEW CROSS OUTSIDE

We love our new Cross outside the school made from local recycled railway sleepers built by a local company. We hope that in the future this can become a real focal point of our school and be used for Celebrations of the Word. This is a visible reminder of the sacrificial love of Jesus for us when he died for our sins.

"Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself."  
*St Francis de Sales*

