

# St Mary's New Mills Catholic Life and Mission



## NEWSLETTER

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### Jubilee of Hope introduction from Dan



As we begin our journey in this Jubilee year we think about what Hope means to us. Pope Francis declared 2025 an ordinary year of Jubilee with the theme of Pilgrims of Hope. *"Hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."* **Romans 5:5** We all have our own hopes and dreams for the future. In this Jubilee year we are given the opportunity to think about what our hopes and dreams are for the future. Can we offer up all our hopes to God through prayer? Can we give more fully of ourselves in acts of charity? Can we promote the values and virtues of the Catholic Church by the way that we live our lives.



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### Mini Vinnies



Class 3 have had a great half term working hard thinking about what we can do to mark the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope. We have started to write letters and postcards of hope for the local community and are looking forward to sending these out to the local community. We are going to continue to think of ways that we can spread hope during this year both locally and nationally. Watch this space.



## Faith in Action Year 5

The Year 5 Faith in Action group have been working hard planning how they are going to put their Faith into Action this year. They have come up with some amazing ideas of how they can and we are all looking forward to seeing them in action over the coming weeks and months.



## 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*



## CST IN ACTION



Some of our pupils visited Mabel in a local nursing home. Mabel was turning 103 years old and doesn't have any family able to visit, so the children made cards, took flowers and sung 'Happy Birthday'

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**



## ASH WEDNESDAY

On Ash Wednesday we welcomed Fr Emanuel into school to lead our Ash Wednesday Service for children, parents and parishioners. Marys Missionaries 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*

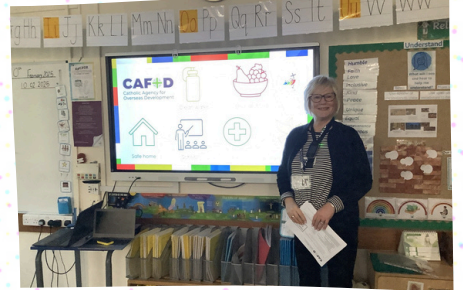




## JUBILEE 2025

Mary's Missionaries launched our Jubilee Year on 24th January leading the whole school in a beautiful Celebration of the Word, setting us up nicely to journey together as Pilgrims.

We were thrilled to welcome back Mrs Reynolds a former TA at St Mary's to lead the children in Jubilee Workshops from CAFOD. The children loved learning about what a Jubilee is how we can be pilgrims of Hope this year and moving forward. We are looking forward to journeying as a school through this year together with all of our families and friends.



## ART COLAPSED CURRICULUMDAY

During our Art Collapsed Curriculum day all the children had the opportunity to work with Mrs Wass to showcase their artistic skills to create out of clay the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee logo. This is now displayed at the front entrance of the school for all families and visitors to see.



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

