

# St Mary's New Mills Catholic Life and Mission



## NEWSLETTER

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### Habemus Papam



We had the sad news on Easter Monday that Pope Francis returned to God after 12 years as Pope leading us with great compassion and Love. ***Eternal Rest grant unto Him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him, may he rest in peace. Amen.***

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Habemus Papam, we have a new Pope, we now have the chance to celebrate our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. We pray in hope that Pope Leo will follow in Pope Francis' footsteps to lead the Church with compassion and Love.

***Loving God, We turn to you today in thanks giving for the gift of our new Holy Father Pope Leo XIV. We pray that he will lead with great compassion, wisdom and love for all people. Send down your Holy Spirit to guide Pope Leo in the coming days, weeks, months and years.***

***Amen***

### What's In This Terms Issue?

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### Mini Vinnies



The Mini Vinnies have been continued to work on their project trying to support those that are hopeless at the moment. They wanted to support the Hopeless in our Jubilee year of Hope to try and spread the Hope of Christ with those in need. They decided that they would like to send postcards of hope to people in hospital and local care homes. They have been working hard to create these postcards and have sent these through families within school that have connections within these services.

# HOPE

## WHOLE SCHOOL CROWNING OF MARY

We all processed down to church to honour and crown Our Lady and present flowers at the foot of the statue of Mary in the St Mary's Grotto. Thank you for all the kind donations of flowers. It was lovely to see our First Holy Communion in their beautiful dresses for the occasion.



## YEAR 5 FAITH IN ACTION

Year 5 are continuing to work on their Faith in Action Award. Dan was amazed at how much work the children had been doing since we had last met. The children had set up groups for the children in the younger year groups. They have been incredibly proactive. Well done guys.

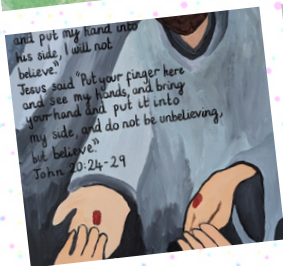


"As Lent is the time for greater love listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' " *St Teresa of Calcutta*



## YEAR 6 SATS

Congratulations to all the Year 6s on completing their SATs this half term. You have all worked really hard during your time in primary school and the whole community is proud of you all.



## EASTERTIDE

This half term children have been celebrating Eastertide through artwork as classes. The classes have been looking the stations of the resurrection. This was a beautiful way of celebrating Eastertide and looking at the times when Jesus appeared to his disciples, where the spirit was sent down and the start of the early church with the Conversion of St Paul.

HE IS RISEN

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." St Pope John Paul II



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 5 of our children made their First Holy Communion in the Parish. It was a beautiful celebration for children from St Mary's New Mills, St Mary's Marple Bridge and St George's New Mills to receive Jesus for the first time. The children all looked beautiful in their dresses and led the celebration of Mass reverently and respectfully. All the children were then invited to have a First Holy Communion breakfast provided by the Parish in the Parish centre.



## MONTH OF MARY

During the month of May the children have been focusing on Our Lady. The older children have been teaching the younger children how to pray the Rosary learning the key prayers; the Our Father, Hail Mary and the Glory Be. The older children have also been teaching the younger children the different mysteries of the Rosary and how through the Rosary we are following the life of Jesus through the eyes of our patron, Mary.



"May He make us children of God, He who for our sakes wished to become a Child of man." *St. Augustine Hippo*

