

# St Mary's New Mills Catholic Life and Mission



## NEWSLETTER

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### November Reflection from Dan

When we return after half term we enter the month of November with the feasts of All Saints and All Souls. This month is the month devoted to all those who have gone before us and entered the Kingdom of Heaven. I just wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on this being a difficult time for many. We will all have lost someone at some point in our lives these are times of sadness and grief for us as we enter the new normal without them but it is crucial to remember that they are at peace with God the Father in Heaven. *Eternal rest grant unto them O'Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*  
*May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*



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### 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 working alongside and 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- Alfie  
Vice President- William  
Secretary- Eddie  
Treasurer- Immy  
Communications Officer- Neve





## Faith In Action

Year 5 have started their Faith in Action journey with Dan this half term. They have had the chance to learn about what the CYMFED Faith in Action Award is and to start thinking about ways that they can put their faith into Action. The children have also started to learn about different men and women who have put their faiths into action and the impact that this has on the people around them.



## FIRST MASS OF THE YEAR



On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September we had our first whole school Mass of the year and prayed for the year ahead. This was an amazing opportunity for us to welcome Father Greg and Father Benjamin to St Mary's and the High Peaks. We also welcomed two new members of school staff Mrs Chapman and Miss Baythorpe into our school family.



"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



## Pilgrimage Walk



On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October Mary's Missionaries, accompanied by the SANCTA Squad from St Mary's Marple Bridge, Fr Greg and members of the two parishes completed a 7km pilgrimage from St Mary's Marple Bridge to St Mary's New Mills. This was our pilgrimage walk to celebrate the Jubilee Year *Pilgrims of Hope*. We ended our pilgrimage with a whole school Jubilee Mass with Fr Greg. It was wonderful to see the children from both school chatting, singing and having fun together along the journey. Well done to all those who were involved and we hope that this will be the first of many joint events between the two schools.



## FAIR TRADE ASSEMBLY



This half term we have learnt about the work of Fair Trade, we have been thinking about how this is important to our world and how this is a way to live out Catholic Social Teaching, particularly the principles of Options for the Poor and Vulnerable and Dignity of Workers.

## Grandparents Day

During this half term we have been thinking about all parts of our school community and had the opportunity to welcome in our grandparents into school to find out what we have been learning about but also to take part in some craft activities.



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## CLASS 3 WHOLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

Class 3 led a beautiful whole school Celebration of the Word in front of the parents all about the story of Abraham. The focus was on Abraham faith in God and the hope that he had in God after the covenant that he made with him.

Class three led the whole school beautifully and definitely gave us all lots of information and showcased their knowledge and understanding of the story of Abraham



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We were very lucky to have a visit from Mrs Reynolds from CAFOD to come and work with our children in Class 1 during this half term. They were looking at the Jubilee Year and Catholic Social Teaching.

## CLASS 4 WHOLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

Class 4 led us in a beautiful Celebration of the Word on Thursday 9th 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.



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*

