

# St Marie's Catholic Primary School

*Learning through faith, love and respect*



*Headteacher's Weekly Newsround  
End of week 8, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023*



*Term 2023*

*Learning outdoors this week with Year 1*



We had so much fun learning more about animals in Autumn and Winter. We made homes with fallen leaves and twigs and creatures from pine cones and clay. The day ended with s'mores.

*"It was the best day" said Madeleine.*

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## Wellbeing Thought for the week

### Mrs O'Neill's Thought for the Week.

**"Let your star shine so bright such that those still in darkness can finally see the light."**

**Gift Guyu Mona**

**We all have dark days and that is fine. We must turn to others and accept help when we need it. When you are having a good day, be sure to shine your light on those around you. A smile, an act of kindness or just being there can make all the difference to someone's day. Remember, you may need their light one day too!**



St Marie's PTFA

## BAUBLE DECORATING COMPETITION

Decorate a bauble for your class  
Christmas Tree, prize for best  
bauble in each class

COLLECT YOUR BAUBLE FROM SCHOOL TO  
DECORATE AT HOME AND BRING IN TO  
HANG ON YOUR CLASS CHRISTMAS TREE

WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE ADVENT WALK



St Marie's PTFA

### ADVENT WALK

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER

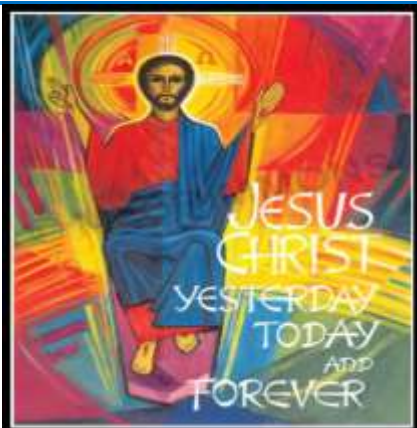
DRINK & BISCUIT FOR CHILDREN AND  
ADVENT WISH STAR INCLUDED  
BAILEYS HOT CHOC AND MULLED WINE  
ON SALE  
BOTTLE TOMBOLA, CHOCOLATE RAFFLE  
AND BAUBLE DECORATING

MEET AT 3PM AT:  
CORNER OF CHURCHFIELDS/RECTORY LANE  
CORNER OF WOODHURST DRIVE/ALMOND BROOK ROAD  
CORNER OF ROUNDMOOR ROAD/WIGAN ROAD  
CORNER OF PRESTON ROAD/PEPPERLANE

£5 PER FAMILY

ON PARENT PAY

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN  
REUSEABLE CUP IF POSSIBLE



## Sunday Gospel Message for the week ahead 'HUMBLE'

Liturgical Year and Cycle: 31st  
Sunday in Ordinary Time | Cycle A  
Key Scripture: Matthew's Gospel 23

**"The one who is greatest  
among you should be the  
servant of others"**



God wants us to know and use our talents which are gifts from God. Let us always remember to grow in humility and not take things for granted. Be thankful. Help others because you want to – not just to get noticed.

Pope Francis reminds us that:

**' Being humble helps us share the problems of others. When we live humbly, God takes our small efforts and creates great things'**

### Reflection Time

*This week try to use the phrase **ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THE WORDS** in order to use your gifts from God to please others.*



Let us pray

Dear Lord Jesus,  
 We thank you for all our blessings and gifts.  
 Please help us to grow in humility,  
 To be humble and loving at all times.  
 Amen



Remembrance Day

*We will remember*

Year 6 will continue to sell poppies next week at lunchtime.

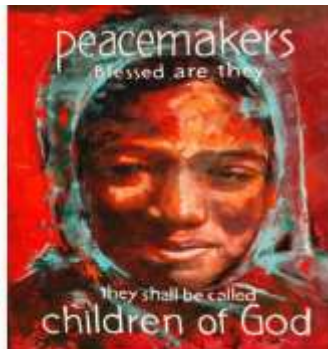
They are also busy planning a collective worship on REMEMBRANCE. They will deliver it on Friday during our whole school assembly.



O Lord our God,  
 as we remember those who  
 have died in conflict  
 teach us the ways of peace.

As we learn from past mistakes,  
 teach us to hope.

As we give thanks for the  
 sacrifices of the past,  
 help us to make your future in  
 this world.  
 Amen.



Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our curriculum, we are teaching RSHE "Journey in Love" this term. If you would like to view the resources and vocabulary used in your child/rens year group, then Mrs Styles will have them on display at 2.45pm in the Community Room on **Monday 6th November**.

A Journey in Love - All of this is taught through an appreciation of the children's own dignity and worth as children of God. It is appropriate to their age, development and understanding. It contributes to the development of the whole child – intellectually, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually.





## Special recognition achievements



Preschool	Max for his smiling face and happiness. He makes everybody welcome in preschool.
Reception	Sofiia for working hard and joining in with her friends and always being helpful.
Year 1	Reuben W for his great phonics work and lovely attitude to all learning.
Year 2	Bonnie for great topic work all week. Beatrix for her great phonics work all week.
Year 3	Isaac for trying hard in all activities all week.
Year 4	Esme for her fantastic answers during discussions and being a great role model for others.
Year 5	Alex H for his excellent answers in class and sharing his kindness and enthusiasm everyday.
Year 6	Louie for his enthusiasm and engagement with our new geography learning this week.

## Special recognition for demonstrating our core values

Eva W (Year 2) has been spotted by many people for her sporting talents.

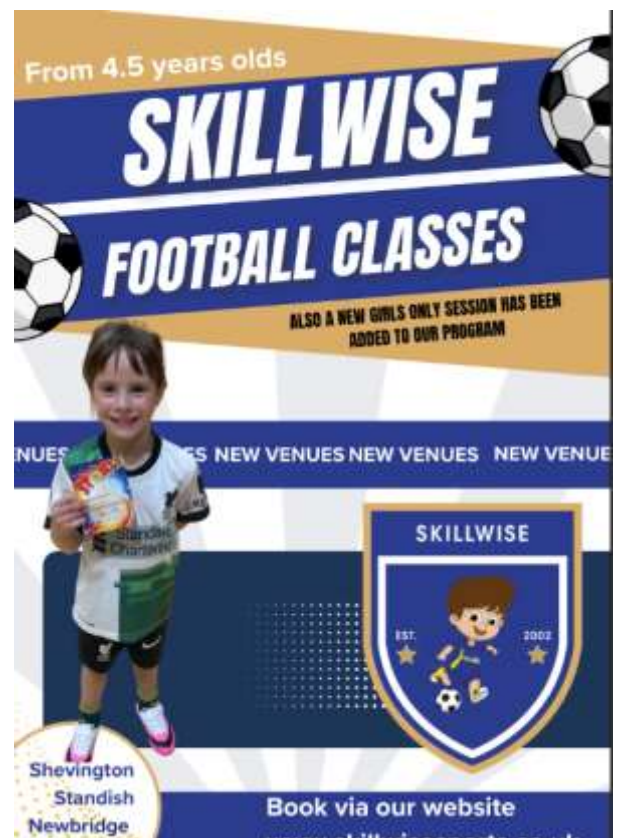
It is lovely when we work so hard at achieving things and people notice. I was thrilled to receive some photographs from Mrs Cheap about Eva's recognition and then I also received an email from Skillwise who have used her photograph on one of their posters.

Well done Eva and thank you for trying hard in all that you do.

Football recognition...



then rugby recognition



# OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION AND ST. BERNADETTE'S PARISH

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
Ordinary Time

5<sup>th</sup> November 2023

PARISH PRIEST: FR. JOSEPH SIMIONATO FDP

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## Mass / Services

Day	Date	Time	At	Intention / Note	Feast / Announcement
Sat	4 Nov	4:45 pm	St. B	People of the Parish	Thirty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sat	4 Nov	6:15 pm	St. M	Tom Barron (Ann)	Thirty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun	5 Nov	9:30 am	St. B	The Faithful Departed	Thirty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun	5 Nov	11:00 am	St. M	Jean Fairhurst (Ann)	Thirty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mon	6 Nov	9:15 am	St. M	Geoff Moore (B.Rem)	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tues	7 Nov	9:15 am	St. B	Gertrude Hilton (Rem)	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thurs	9 Nov	9:15 am	St. B	Rita / Andrea Quigley (Rem)	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Thurs	9 Nov	9:45 am	St. B	Exposition and Confession	Following Mass and Until 10:15 am
Fri	10 Nov	9:15 am	St. M	Harold (Mac) McAndrew (Rem)	St. Leo the Great
Fri	10 Nov	9:45 am	St. M	Exposition and Confession	Following Mass and Until 10:15 am
Sat	11 Nov	4:45 pm	St. B	Ellen Hilton (Ann)	Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sat	11 Nov	6:15 pm	St. M	Patrick Daniel Woods (Rem)	Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun	12 Nov	9:30 am	St. B	People of the Parish	Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun	12 Nov	11:00 am	St. M	All Victims of War	Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

### 'Did not one God create us?'



In our readings today, we hear how easy it is for human pride and laxity to diminish or even falsify God's message. Instead, let us follow the invitation to honour God in humility, sincerity and truth. In the **First Reading**, the prophet Malachi does not mince his words. His message is hard-hitting: the priests are reproached for their spiritual negligence and failure to instruct the people properly, as well as for their half-hearted service of God. Religious leaders are also criticised in the **Gospel**. Jesus castigates their hypocrisy: they are more concerned with drawing attention to themselves and exploiting their social position, rather than committing themselves to the message they preach. This type of self-aggrandisement and pride is the exact opposite of what the followers of Jesus should aspire to. Jesus himself is our role model: he teaches us that the route to leadership is through service of God in all things. In contrast, the **Second Reading** presents Paul as a truly devoted pastor: enthusiastic, hard-working, full of love for his people; endlessly sharing the living word of God with this community. To follow Christ is to serve him humbly; and humility, together with complete trust in God, is the theme of today's **Psalm**. Let us pray this week: Lord God, you are both Father and Mother to us. We beg you: help us to be sincere and joyful in our practice of faith and prayer; to serve you in our daily lives; and to be even more alert and awake to your presence in nature all around us. We also pray with all our hearts for that peace which this world cannot give. Please send your peace upon your people who suffer through war.

**PRAY & REFLECT** Today's reading from St. Paul is taken from the very first New Testament document to be written. If you look carefully, you will find how fond Paul is of this community in the northern part of Greece. Spend a moment with the language Paul uses... what draws you? What does Paul say as he reflects on his mission to the Thessalonians? How does this letter help you to get to know Paul a little better? 'We also constantly give thanks to God for this...' Is there anything you constantly give thanks to God for? Perhaps there is something you can think of for this moment... Now think again about the reading once more: is there perhaps just one thing that God is saying to you in this passage? Finally see if you can gather together all the thoughts and reflections that have come to you during this time of prayer and see if you can make them into a petition to God. In this month of the "Holy Souls", let us reflect upon those who have gone before us, thinking perhaps about those who have no one to remember and pray for them. **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**CAFOD**  
Just one world

Please go to  
<https://cafod.org.uk/give>  
to find out ways to help.

**Special Collections / Intentions**  
12<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance Sunday  
26<sup>th</sup> November: Collection: Animate Youth (2<sup>nd</sup> Collection)

There is a continued call for prayer to ask for Peace in the Middle East and for all Victims of War.

Thank  
You!

This week's  
Offerings:  
£ 1114.61

Direct Payments: Bank details below.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP  
burns this week in both  
Churches for:  
"Geoff Moore"



THE PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND

Thank you for helping.

Consider joining to support the  
Parish Upkeep. We need your help!  
Bumper Christmas Draw this December.



**SUNDAY  
TEA AND CHAT**

**After Sunday Mass**

St. Marie's Hall: Every Sunday  
St. Bernadette's Lady Room: on the  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.  
All proceeds to Charities.

**ST. MARIE'S LADIES SECTION**

Last Tuesday each Month at 2:00pm  
New and Existing Members welcome!  
Next Meeting: 28<sup>th</sup> November  
"Christmas Theme: Bring & Buy"  
Marjorie: 424332 / Ruth: 422690

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**6<sup>th</sup> November, 6:30 pm** (St. Marie's): The Annual Parish Mass of Remembrance for all who have died. (All warmly welcomed to come along for this special Mass).

**20<sup>th</sup> November 6:30 pm** (St. Marie's): Walsh's Funeral Directors Annual Memorial Service for the deceased of Standish and Shevington. (All Welcome)

**Refreshments in the Hall after both events.**



In our prayers we fondly remember all those who have died recently.

*The Faithful Departed*

**May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.**

**Remembrance Sunday:  
12<sup>th</sup> November.**

There will be a short Service following the 11:00 am Mass at the Memorial outside St. Marie's. All welcome

**November: Month of the "Holy Souls":** this is a traditional time to reflect upon those who have died and we remember fondly in prayer the Faithful Departed. Please place your Pious Lists in the boxes at the front of the Altar in both Churches. As a Parish we will remember all who have died, especially those who may have no one to pray for them.

**Prayer for the Week – "Holy Souls"**

All powerful God, whose mercy is never withheld, look kindly on all who have departed this life and number them among your saints for evermore. It is our certain faith that your Son, who died on the cross, was raised from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Grant that all who have gone to their rest in Christ may share in the joy of his Resurrection.

The Lord bless them and keep them. The Lord make his face to shine upon them and be gracious to them.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon them and give them peace.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**CAFOD Fix the Food System campaign:** Over 70,000 parishioners from 762 parishes supported Salina's letter calling on the World Bank to protect farmers' rights to access their traditional seeds. The letters were delivered into the hands of the Director of Global Food Practice at the World Bank's recent annual meeting. The World Bank has agreed to meet Cafod representatives to look at this. Many thanks to all who signed the letters in our parish, it makes a huge difference and impacts where it matters most.

**Light Up a Life:** I am confirming the details for printing next week. There is just time for me to insert any names or groups you may wish included in our Special Booklet. Please let me have these by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>. *Gerry*

**Could you be a deacon?** Archbishop Malcolm will be hosting an Information Evening for men who may feel called to the diaconate. The evening will begin at 7:30 pm, with refreshments available from 7:00 pm, and finish by 9:00 pm. Wives and supporting deacons or priests will also be very welcome. \*Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November in St. Bede's, WA8 6EL. If you are unable to attend the session, please email: Fr. Chris Fallon: c.fallon@rcaol.org.uk, -or- Deacon Paul Rooney: p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk for more information.

**Baptisms:** By appointment. (Normally available at 12 noon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month in St. Marie's after Sunday Mass).  
**Confessions:** After Mass Thursday and Friday. See Newsletter and on request with Fr. Joseph. **Funerals and Marriages:** By arrangement.  
**Visits to Sick and Housebound:** Please enquire via the Parish Phone Number. **Hospital Visits:** If you wish to see a priest, please let the hospital staff know. **Mass Requests:** Place in an envelope with your own details (in case we need to contact you) and hand in to the Sacristy or to the Parish Office. Also, by telephone or email. Please indicate your preferred church, if any. Please also specify the reason for the intention, i.e., recently deceased, anniversary etc. For a particular day, please request early: names will be entered into the Published Notices unless you state otherwise. **Repository:** At the back of Church. **Hall Hire:** enquires to the Parish Office. **Notices:** Please e-mail to olasb@rcaol.org.uk or hand in to the Parish Office *no later than Tuesday 12 noon*. Space is very limited, and notices may be edited. Please provide brief details for printed notices; you are most welcome to request longer notices to be included on the Parish Website.

**Parish Website:** reflections and information, please see our Website at: <https://olasb.chessck.co.uk> Or just type: [olasb.chessck.co.uk](mailto:olasb.chessck.co.uk) Any ideas and helpful comments, please let us know: The Website is proving very popular with many visitors each week; local and worldwide. We are also having higher visits to other websites using the links provided on the Newsletter locally and from around the world. Details of any Parish Groups and Charities are very welcome to be included. Please apply to the Office. Reflections: © Ignatian & St. Bueno Outreach.

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