



Dear Families,

## This Week's Gospel – from th Gospel of John



Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this:

Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

*Christ Jesus, you returned to give your disciples courage and strengthen their faith. Make us brave and help us to believe in you, so that we may share your love with others. Amen.*

**LiveSimply**



Thank you to the GIFT team of children who read beautifully at Mass on Sunday, telling the parish all about our **Live Simply** Award and what St. Marie's school will continue to do to live 'simply and in solidarity'. After Mass, the team served cakes. Thank you to the parish who very kindly donated £160 towards our school peace garden.

### **Special Sunday Mass**

Please save the date – **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.**

Mass at St. Marie's Church on this date will be a family Mass involving all our school community. All children, families and staff are warmly invited. The children will be involved in the Mass. The Year 4 children who will have made their First Holy Communion earlier in the month are invited to wear their special clothes again. More details to follow. Please save the date – 11am start. All year groups are invited.

## 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The Friends of Standish Library are inviting parents and children to the launch of the library's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The official opening by the Mayor of Wigan is at 11am, and there will be planting of a wildflower border, refreshments, face painting, bubble play and crafts. Mrs Aspinall and Mrs O'Neill will be there – all are welcome.

### The Mayor's Breakfast

We were invited to read special prayers at the Mayor's Breakfast on Tuesday. We were very proud of Ed and Evie who read beautifully and represented our school so well. Thank you – you made us so proud!





## May – the month of Mary

In May especially, we celebrate Mary, our heavenly mother. The children will be saying the Rosary with the teachers and are welcome to bring their own Rosary beads to school if they wish.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

## PTFA News



## Summer family Picnic - Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> 12.30- 2pm

We are delighted to invite you all to our family fun picnic afternoon!

This event (weather permitting!) will hopefully be a wonderful opportunity for our school families to gather and enjoy a picnic and some fun activities on the school field.

The cost is **£5 per family** which includes a treasure hunt, some free games and one free turn on the bouncy castle! (extra turns can be purchased on the day). There will also be a 'summer fun gift' tombola and a lucky dip. Tea, coffee, soft drinks and lolly ices will also be available to purchase.

It is events like these that help us to raise much needed funds for school. So far this year, the PTFA have subsidised all school trips, purchased chess sets for the Chess Club, bought a sound system/microphone set and are buying a new gazebo and Boat Bench for the new Peace Garden.

In the future, we are also hoping to raise enough money for a Trim Trail to continue to enhance the outdoor area for the children.

**Tickets for the picnic will be on sale from Monday via parent pay until Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a non-uniform day for the children on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May, where the children can come in their own clothes. We ask for contributions towards the tombola which can be anything related to summer fun activities for example, bats, balls, skipping ropes, small games, beach games, yoyos, colouring books, pens or some sweet treats. Please send your contribution into school on May 16<sup>th</sup> if you can.

***Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you on the !8<sup>th</sup> May.***

## **Parking**

Some parents are still parking in front of the electric vehicle gates, getting out of their cars and walking to B and A Club to pick their child up. This blocks the gates for staff cars, emergency services and delivery vehicles needing to enter/leave.

Please allow yourself a little extra time to park safely and legally on the road and not in front of the school gates.

Thank you.

## **Other news this week**

**Bright Beginnings** – this week the children have enjoyed mark making in the sunshine.



**Pre-School** – this week the children have participated in obstacle courses. The children loved crawling through the tunnel!



**Reception** – The reception children have made bread with Louise, the school cook, this week. They thought of all the different parts of the story 'The Little Red Hen'. They all worked as a team unlike Little Red Hen's friends from the story!



**Year 1** – Year 1 had a lovely day at Martin Mere learning about plants and animals.



**Year 2** – created a dance and music to show their understanding of the Pentecost scripture.



**Year 3** - spent time outside praying the Rosary.

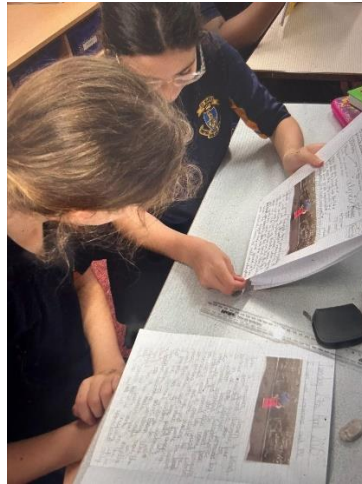


**Year 5** - In Maths, Year 5 hunted around the playground for polygons and organised them according to whether they were regular or irregular.





**Year 6 –** The children have been working hard on writing 'Campfire Tales' based on 'Alma'.



## St. Marie's Got Talent



During the Spring term, Mrs O'Neill organised lunch time talent shows as part of Wellbeing Club. The aim was to build confidence and spread joy! Over 60 children performed and put huge time and effort into their acts! Mrs O'Neill used pupil voice to help choose the winners and it was very hard to do so because of the extremely high standard! Congratulations to each and every one of the children who took part, and to winners; Winnie and Penelope (dance duo) Beatrix (solo magic act) Nancy, Olive and Esme (acrobatic dance act), Harper and Lilly (dance duo) and Rita and Freya (dance duo).

The children were celebrated in a special Golden Book Assembly and even treated us to an extra performance.

**Dates for your diary** - any highlighted dates show new information that has been added since last week's newsletter.

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday. School closed
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Pre School and Reception visit Smithills Farm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Mental Health Assembly for the children presented by the Wigan team
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 complete their <b>SATs</b> tests this week
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Non-uniform day - contributions for the tombola welcome Treat for Year 6 class
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	PTFA summer picnic 12 -2.30pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	A chosen group of Year 3 and 4 play in a football competition
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> may	'Bright Sparks' work with Year 6 in science with their topic of electricity
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Road Safety session with Year 6
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Sports day (weather permitting) Year 2,3,4,5,6 in the morning Pre School, Reception, Year 1 in the afternoon Break up for May holiday 3.15pm

## Attendance Matters at Saint Marie's

Class	Attendance %
Reception	95.1
Year 1	94.6
Year 2	96.9
Year 3	95.1
Year 4	93.9
Year 5	95.3
Year 6	94.3

Our school target is 96.5%. Please be mindful of not booking holidays in term time – these are unauthorised. Well done to Year 2!



### This week's Golden Book children:

Pre-School – **Parker** for developing his talent in drawing and adding lots of details.

Reception – **Henry** for excellent writing and always trying his best.

Year 1 – **Michael** for a positive attitude.

**George** for super vocab in English lesson.

Year 2 – **Archie** for beautiful joined handwriting and being a good role model.

Year 3 – **Beatrix** for always being a good friend.

Year 4 – **Zayn** for making good choices and excellent answers in class.

Year 5 – **Jewel** for excellent rounders in PE.

**Teddy** for having an excellent day!

Year 6 – **Lizzie** for maturity and enthusiasm in class.



Well done children!

With very best wishes for the Bank Holiday weekend, Mrs Jackson