

St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter



Nurturing Hearts and Minds

Worship Reflection

It's important that we are mindful in all situations of making others feel included, sometimes a small action or change to make others feel welcome can go a long way.

O mighty God,

We thank You for Your Word that says that You do not see people in the same way that other people do. You see that we have been created in Your image and likeness. You see that there are no racial differences, because with You, Lord, what is beneath the surface is who we are. What is on the outside is our temporary earthly body. It is our shell. So, we thank You, that we no longer need to be concerned about external judgment, because You, Father, look inside us and know who we are. Amen.

Happy birthday this week to: Jarvis W, Harry S, Ivy Mc, Maisie M.

School Meals

*We will be on **Week 3** of the menu next week.*

Sports Day – Family Picnic Lunch

On Thursday 14th July there will be an opportunity of families having a picnic lunch with their child at lunchtime. We have sent the form through Parentmail if you would like your child to have a picnic prepared by school or if your child would like to bring their own lunch. Can you please complete the form by Friday 1st July at the latest so we can notify the kitchen of numbers. Thank you.

Father Roy's leaving

As Father Roy is leaving the Parish in August, there will be a Jacob's Join celebration for him on Thursday 14th July at St. Teresas's Parish Centre from 16.00-19.00 for anybody that would like to attend. All parents and children are welcome. Thank you.

The theme this week from the gospel is Choices. We all have important choices to make throughout our lives and Jesus recognizes that following Him, doing the right thing is not always the easiest choice. When we make the wrong choices that affects people around us but often we disappoint ourselves too. None of us are perfect and we all get it wrong sometimes; sometimes it is a deliberate choice and sometimes it is a thoughtless choice that lets us down. The important thing is to make sure that we acknowledge our mistakes, apologise for them and put things in place to make sure they do not happen again.

I hope that as a headteacher I have always had the humility to admit when things have gone wrong and explain how I have learned from that and taken steps to ensure it doesn't happen again. Just because we rarely get complaints does not mean that I stop looking for things to improve.

Every year I write a school improvement plan and report on its progress to governors. This is why we change things, to make things better. Next year Mrs McKinnon will be writing that improvement plan and will be seeking to bring about that improvement. She will have new skills, new knowledge and new ideas that she can bring to our school and I know that you will support her in the choices she makes just as you have supported me.

One little memory about choices: I was role playing with some Reception class children in assembly. The story was the road to Emmaus. In the story the risen Jesus is not recognized by his disciples until he breaks bread and shares it with them. I brought a large pitta bread for "Jesus" to break which he did. He tore off two tiny pieces for each disciple and then proceeded to eat the massive piece he had left. Not a choice that Jesus himself would have made I fear. ☺

Have a good weekend

Mrs Gallagher

Sparkle Bean Charity

You will recall that a primary school in our cluster, Tarleton Primary, lost a child to the MEN bombing in May 2017. Saffie Rose. Mr Upton the headteacher there has set up a charity to help schools when terrible things like this happen. It is called the Sparkle Bean charity. The charity supports schools in two ways following the sudden death of a primary aged pupil. Firstly, through sharing learning. Secondly, by providing small grants to a school for the leadership of that school to use as they see fit. Read more here: [Home - Sparkle Bean](#). Having gone through this ourselves and knowing how much we have needed to support other schools who have gone through similar we know there is little support out there. I am therefore very keen to support fundraising for this charity.

On Friday 8th July we will have an own clothes day to raise funds for Sparkle Bean.