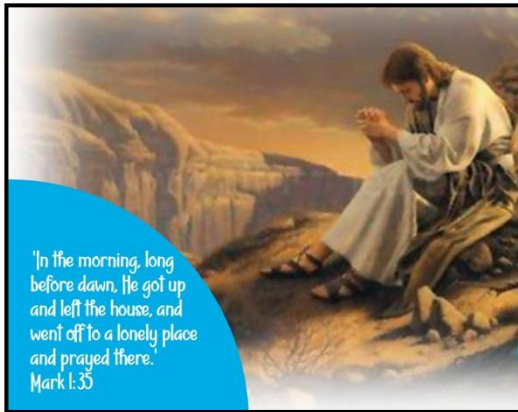


## February 2024

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

In Sunday's reading we listened to how Jesus' life was very busy, but He found peace by going to a quiet place to pray and be with His Father. We too can find peace in the busyness of our daily lives. How could you make special time for prayer this week with your family?



### Dates for your diary:

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February SEND parent meetings (letters to follow)**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Coffee morning-no charge!**

Doors open at 8:30am Please come along with your child if you can for a cuppa and a chat!

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 6 SATs information session. 3:20pm in the KS2 hall.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

World Book day

Theme: Reading for pleasure

Children can come into school dressed as their favourite book character OR can come in comfy clothes

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2:15pm**

Family Friday session for Parents/Carers and children. Further information to follow. Theme: Celebrating everyone.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Phonics reading café for Reception parents 2:00pm

**Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> March Parents' Afternoons (letters to follow)**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Non-Uniform day for Red Nose Day - donations welcome. The theme is 'Do something funny for money' so children may come in with crazy hair for the day (optional)

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Celebration of the Word EYFS in the prayer room.

Parents and Parishioners welcome-10am (tea and coffee afterwards)

Our newsletters are uploaded onto our school website and our Facebook page. If a paper copy is preferred, please let the office know and a paper copy will be given to the eldest pupil in the family to take home.

### Attendance Matters!

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school and arrives on time. We pride ourselves on the attendance and punctuality of our pupils and we will continue to make your child's attendance a main priority. Our target is 97% and, while we understand there are genuine reasons for absence, we continue to work together to ensure your child attends school every day. The number of children arriving late for school is increasing rapidly. This is very unsettling for the children as they are missing their first lesson of the day which is usually reading or phonics.

Currently, our average attendance is at 94% and our level of Persistent absence (below 91%) is 21%. Both figures are of a concern. Please see our updated attendance policy on the website which identifies our procedures in the case of absence.

[Policies - Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School \(ourladyrosary.org.uk\)](http://ourladyrosary.org.uk)

If you require a paper copy of the policy please let the office know.

### The impact of poor attendance on academic progress

Pupils with poor attendance are more likely to underachieve, sometimes find making friendships difficult and often exhibit poor behaviour. Pupils with this level of absence have large gaps in their learning and struggle to make expected progress despite support.

At Our Lady of the Rosary, we continue to work closely with the Local Authority and Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust (BCCET), in order to improve school attendance and punctuality. Please contact the school if we can provide any support in improving your child's attendance.

As always, we appreciate your co-operation on this matter.

If your child is going to be absent from school please phone the office to avoid an unauthorised absence.

**Well done to our Great White Sharks, Polar Bears and Giant Pandas, who collected an extra £5 to add to their piggy banks, this week.**

**We would like to say a huge thank you for your support with attendance, but as I'm sure you can appreciate, we are always striving to improve and promote the importance of good school attendance.**



## Prayer and Liturgy Dates-All welcome

Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Year 6 <b>Mass</b> -Lent theme	9:30am-10:30am <b>In church (TO BE CONFIRMED WITH Fr. SEAN)</b>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	Year 2 Mrs Jones's class	9:05-9:30am <b>Prayer room</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Year 4 Miss Hunter's Class	9:05-9:30am <b>Prayer room</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Year 5 Mrs Sweeney's Class	9:05-9:30am <b>Prayer room</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	EYFS (Parents and Parishioners welcome)	10 am <b>Prayer room</b>
<b>HOLY WEEK</b>		
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Palm Sunday-Year 3 Miss Lawrence	9:05-9:30am <b>Main Hall</b>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	<b>Prayer Stations-</b> parents/carers welcome to spend time reflecting at each prayer station in the prayer room with their children.	8:30-9:00am 3:15-3:40pm <b>Prayer room</b>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Maundy Thursday-Year 5-Miss Mather's class	9:05-9:30am <b>Main Hall</b>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Mrs Sutherland with children across KS2-Good Friday	9:05-9:30am <b>Main Hall</b>



### TODDLERS GROUP

**EVERY WEDNESDAY 1:30pm-3pm**  
**INFANT HALL**  
**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

We look forward to welcoming you. Come along to play, have a cuppa and a chat!

Please note all are welcome-you do not have to have a child attending Our Lady of the Rosary School

No charge!



### Weekend Mass Times: Our Lady of the Rosary Church

**Fr. Sean Neylan, Rev Deacon Peter Barrigan &  
Rev Deacon Neil Haggerstone.**

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm  
Sunday Morning 9:30 am

### First Holy Communion Preparation

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Session 2 5:30pm in church**  
**Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Session 3 5:30pm in church**

### HALF TERM:

**MONDAY 12th FEBRUARY-FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY**

We hope you have a lovely holiday!  
Thank you for your continued support,  
Mrs C Sutherland, Head of School