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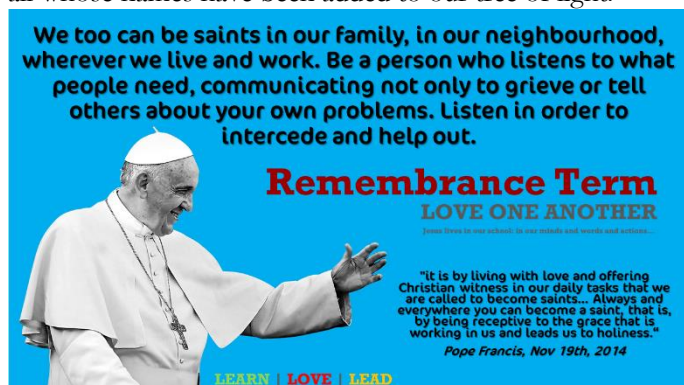
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23rd / 24th December 2023

REMEMBRANCE TERM NEWS:

This half term, the remembrance term, we focused on our call to become saints through the everyday acts of Christ inspired love we can show. We have also held in our prayers all whose names have been added to our tree of light.



Big Questions: Every week in school begins with our 'Like Jesus' assembly. In this assembly we consider a question linked to that week's Gospel. This term's questions have been:

- How can we serve others and help each other this week?
- How can you show you are ready to help others?
- How do we make the best use of the talents we have been given by God?
- What can I do this week to show others I care about them?
- How can I be ready for Jesus when he comes?
- How do we use Advent to prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas?
- How can we help spread the light of Christ to people around the world, who we might never meet?

Remembrance Service: We held our remembrance service in school and one of our 'Apostles' (head pupils that form one of our pupil leadership teams) laid a wreath, on the school's behalf, at the Westhoughton Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them..."



The Mark 10 Mission: Every week we also reflect on the Gospel through pupils in all year groups leading a 'celebration of God's Word' liturgical prayer in their classes. We also use the Mark 10 Mission to guide us in our prayer and liturgy. You can watch The Mark 10 Mission episodes at: <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/>

British Values Award: Every Monday, we celebrate those children who have lived out the 'British Values' by awarding a champion certificate in our assembly. These values are closely linked to our Gospel Values and Catholic Social Teaching principles.



Mass: On Friday 8th December, we gathered in the school hall for Mass to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Thank you to all who joined us. Our next whole school Mass is on Ash Wednesday, 14th February 2024, at 10am.



Friendship week: We celebrated the start of Friendship Week with odd socks! Anti-Bullying Week 2023 had the theme 'Make A Noise About Bullying'. Odd Socks Day celebrates what makes us all unique.



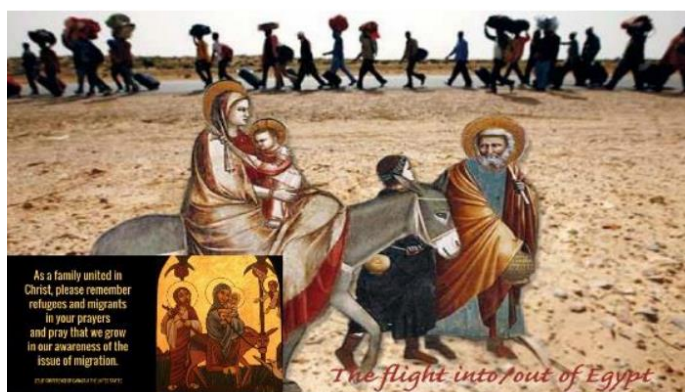
Admissions: Applications for primary school places close on 15th January 2024, 11:59pm. <https://www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions/primary-school-places-1>

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Knife Angel: Our Y6s visited the Knife Angel sculpture in Bolton town centre. The Knife Angel is the National Monument against Violence and Aggression.



Asylum seekers & refugees: In our collective worship, we have thought about those seeking asylum, and reflected on the Holy Family's flight into Egypt to escape Herod.



Jesus, friend and brother, You know how it feels to leave your home and family, to carry nothing with you, to travel as a stranger. Help all refugees far from home, driven out by war and hunger. Lead them safely on. They are our sisters and brothers. Inspire us to show our love and a true welcome. Amen.

Be influential: Many of our children follow influencers online. Pope Francis challenges our thinking:

With her 'yes', Mary became the most influential woman in history Without social networks, she became the first 'influencer': the 'influencer' of God.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

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"The young woman of Nazareth was not part of the 'social networks' of the time. She was not an 'influencer,' but without wanting or trying to, she became the most influential woman in history," Francis told the crowd on Saturday. "Are you willing to be an 'influencer' like Mary?" he asked.



Nativity Services & Pedicab Appeal: Well done to all children who contributed to our Nativity services and thank you to all who supported them. Our children all did a wonderful job of helping us prepare for Christmas! Thank you to those who donated to our Nativity appeal, the annual pedicab appeal. £1159.25 was raised and will be sent to the Tuluyan San Benito Centre, a drop-in shelter for homeless street families. It is an outreach program of the Missionary Benedictine Sisters of Tutzing. Through your donations, you have helped spread the light of Christ to people we might never meet... Maybe you could say a prayer for them this week.



Thank you to those who donated food and other items to our annual reverse advent calendar appeal. All has now been delivered to Caritas Diocese of Salford Cornerstone, Morning Star and Lalley Centres.



Paul Hamlyn: Sacred Heart has been awarded £165,000 from the Paul Hamlyn Teacher Development Fund. Mrs Furey, director of Teach Heart Alliance, will bring together teachers from 5 schools across Salford Diocese, Manchester Poetry Library, and Digit Music to create a comprehensive, research driven, teacher professional development programme linked to poetry and music.

Christmas Fair: Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Fair. The total raised was £1674.95 split between school and parish. Raffle: 1st prize yet to be claimed – ticket 631!



And finally: We wish all in our community a very happy Christmas and new year 2024. School resumes for the **Candlemas Term** on Monday 8th January 2024! Thank you for your continued support and trust as we walk together.

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