



St. Richard's RC Primary Holy Week Newsletter 2022

Thursday 14th
April 2022



Holy Week

WE BREAK UP FOR EASTER TODAY!

Today, Thursday 14th April, we break up for our Easter holidays. We return to school on Monday 25th April. We wish all our pupils and their families, as well as all our

dedicated and hard-working staff and governors a very happy and holy Easter break. Thank you everyone!

THIS WEEK IS HOLY WEEK

Holy Week began last Sunday, with Palm Sunday. During Holy Week in school, we have been recalling the events leading up to Jesus' death whilst also looking forward to His Resurrection, which we celebrate this coming Sunday: Easter Sunday. Tomorrow is Good Friday, when Christians commemorate Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. It is traditionally a day of sorrow, penance, and fasting. We wish all our families the peace, holiness, hope and joy of the Easter season.

EASTER VIGIL MASS

The Easter Vigil Mass (the first mass of Easter) will be celebrated at St Richard's RC Church on Saturday 16th April 2022, starting at 7.30pm. We would be delighted if you could make every effort to attend this mass with your child(ren). All children must be accompanied at this mass by a parent or carer.

Information about all the masses and special services over the Easter period at St Richard's Longsight and St Mary's Levenshulme (the two churches in our parish of St Robert of Newminster) is available at www.st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/about-us/st-richards-parish-church/ and is also provided below:

EASTER SERVICES AT ST RICHARD'S & ST MARY'S

Tuesday 12th April – Reconciliation Service at St Mary's at 7.30pm

Wednesday 13th April – 9.15am Mass at St Richard's

Maundy Thursday 14th April – 7.30pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at both St Mary's and St Richard's

Good Friday 15th April – 10.30am Stations of the Cross at St Mary's

Good Friday 15th April – 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at both churches

Holy Saturday 16th April – Vigil of Easter Celebration of the Paschal Mystery: 7.30pm at St Richard's & 8pm at St Mary's

Easter Sunday 17th April – 9.15am Mass of Easter at St Richard's

Easter Sunday 17th April – 11am Mass of Easter at St Mary's

OTHER IMPORTANT CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

We continue to wish all our Muslim families a holy and successful Ramadan. The major Jewish celebration of Pesach (Passover), which celebrates the exodus of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt takes place from today until 23rd April. Today, Thursday 14th April, is also Vaisakhi, the Sikh New Year festival. Vaisakhi is one of the most important dates in the Sikh calendar. It marks the start of the Punjabi New Year and it is also a day to celebrate 1699 - the year when Sikhism was born as a collective faith.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK!

Today we say a fond farewell to Miss McGinn and Mrs Hamlett and we thank them both for their many contributions to the life of St Richard's and we wish them both all the best for the future. We also say goodbye and good luck today to two of our lunchtime organisers – Miss Scholes and Mrs Haydock. We thank them for their many contributions to the life of St Richard's and we wish them both the very best for the future too.

IF YOU CARE, PARK ELSEWHERE



We have gone to considerable effort to get all the yellow zig-zag road markings on three sides of the school site re-painted recently. We are also very grateful to Tim Grimshaw at the Waterman Group who have made funding available for us to have some new pupil-shaped signs which we hope

will make the message even clearer to parents and carers **not to park or stop on the zig-zag lines around school** on Sutcliffe, Wilpshire and Norton Avenue. Parking on yellow zig-zag lines is prohibited to all vehicles at all times. We are delighted that Traffic Enforcement Officers continue to patrol school in the mornings and afternoons in order to ensure that parent parking is always safe and legal. Thank you all very much in advance for your complete cooperation at all times.

NO BIRTHDAY SWEETS OR CAKES IN SCHOOL

This is a reminder that at St Richard's we do not allow sweets or chocolates to be brought into school on the occasion of a child's birthday.

SUMMER UNIFORM RULES AFTER EASTER

From Monday 25th April 2022, when we return to school, and as an alternative to winter uniform, pupils may wear summer uniform. Summer uniform may be worn until the October half-term holidays. For girls, summer uniform consists of blue and white gingham dress. Girls may also wear white tights or black, white or grey socks as part of summer uniform. Boys' summer uniform consists of dark grey trousers or shorts, light blue polo shirt and plain navy school sweatshirt (preferably with the school logo and no other logo allowed).

YEAR 6 SATS DATES 2022

This year the Year 6 KS2 SATs will take place **between Monday 9th May 2022 – Thursday 12th May 2022**. Over this period, pupils will sit 6 different tests and it is vitally important that they are in school for all of these tests and are ready to do their very best.

RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER EVERY THURSDAY

The newsletter is only occasionally sent out as a paper copy. It is usually sent out as an email and posted on our school website every Thursday. If you don't already receive the weekly newsletter by email every Thursday afternoon then please just send your preferred email address to comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk and request that you be added to the mailing list.

With many thanks for your continuing support and wishing you all the joy of Easter,

Mr J Murray

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