



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent,

Y1P Mass – Friday 27th May

Please join us for our Y1P class mass which will be led by the children and open to all. All welcome.

May Altar

As we look forward to the month of May, Mary's month, we ask for offerings of flowers for our May altar in Our Lady's honour. During this month we pray for peace in our country and for some resolutions to the gang violence and knife crimes that are blighting the lives of the young people of our country.

Y1 Phonics – Parent Meeting - Monday 30th April.

Miss Preedy and Miss Smyth are holding a parent meeting about the Y1 'phonics test' which is traditionally carried out in a specified week in June each year. The meeting begins at 6pm and will be held in the school hall.

Local elections – 3rd May

Our school is used by the Local Authority as a polling station and therefore **school will be closed** to the children and staff on Thursday 3rd May.

Data Protection – GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

You may be aware of the new laws which come into being on Friday 25th May 2018. This update to previous legislation is to further enhance and protect our data from being used inappropriately. It means for all public services, companies etc. that we need to be even more rigorous and will need to obtain your permission for certain things that are not deemed to be "in the public interest" i.e. this is data which is lawfully processed and which is necessary to allow the school function. We will require a full response from all parents.

It's a thought How much of a Christian am I?

**How comfortable am I walking in Jesus' shoes?
 Where do they "pinch" me most?**

Another Reminder –Schoolgateway Parent Online Payment Scheme

Just a little reminder to enable you to make payments to school using our new on-line service

- download the **Schoolgateway** app for your smartphone or tablet or
- create a new account by visiting www.schoolgateway.com

Please contact Mrs Vincent in the school office if you have any problems. *Please be aware that we intend to work towards this being our main way of collecting money from parents for all sources of income.* Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

H.M. Cusack

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