



St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



May 2021

In veritate et caritate, In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

A very warm welcome back to all our children, families and staff. We have certainly hit the ground running having successfully transitioned from learning on line to learning in our classes again. What a joy it has been to have everyone back in the building where we belong. Once again Team St Brigid's have outdone themselves in managing the safe return of our children to school.

We are very fortunate this term to be joined by three student teachers. They are Miss Pattison who is working in P1a, Mrs Connelly in P2 and Mr Hughes in P7b. It is always a pleasure to welcome new teachers to our school. We wish them the best of luck on their placement with us.

We will be contacting new P1 parents and carers in due course about transition arrangements this term to ensure our children are familiar with us prior joining St Brigid's in August 2021.

I would like to give a huge thanks to our friends at Asda Toryglen who have very generously donated 10 Dell laptops to the school for us to distribute and use as we see fit. This is an incredible gift particularly as we are still navigating our way through this difficult time.

The school will be used as a polling station for the forthcoming election for the Scottish Parliament on Thursday 6th of May. As a result, the school will be closed to children that day although staff will still be working during their In-Service training. We are sorry for the inconvenience that this may cause.

A more recent devotion in the Catholic Church, known as Via Lucis, The Way of Light takes place between Easter and Pentecost. These can be viewed in fourteen images much in the same way as the Stations of the Cross. This tells us what the Bible says about the Risen Jesus and his encounters with his friends, for example, the women at the grave, the experience of doubting Thomas and the commission to carry Jesus' message into the world and the sending of the Holy Spirit. It is our hope that this period of Via Lucis, is a symbol for our way of light out of the current restrictions and a return to normality. This is what we have been hoping for and the success of the vaccine gives us all a light at the end of the tunnel to a brighter and happier future. Let's put our faith in the Risen Christ by spending the month of May praying for an end to the pandemic (see overleaf).

Finally, I wish to offer my congratulations to our P3 children who were outstanding during their First Confession last month. Although there were a few nerves, Father Byrne put the children at ease. Well done to all and thanks to everyone who helped prepare the children.

Paul Cassidy Head Teacher

Thank you to Asda Toryglen!



Sacrament Dates 2021

We are delighted that we are able to celebrate the remaining Sacraments with far fewer restrictions.

First Holy Communion will take place on the following dates:

P5 Children : Saturday 15th of May at 12 noon in St Brigid's Church

P4 Children : Saturday 22nd of May at 12 noon in St Brigid's Church

Confirmation will take place for P7 children on Wednesday the 16th of June at 7.00pm in St Brigid's Church.

Please keep all of our children in your prayers as they take the next steps in their faith journey.



Please note the school is closed on the following days

- Monday 3 May 2021 (May Holiday)
- Thursday 6 May 2021 (In-Service day to coincide with Scottish Parliament Elections)
- Friday 28 May 2021 and Monday, 31 May 2021 (May Weekend)
- Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Thursday 24 June 2021

Praying the Rosary

Unfortunately due to current restrictions, we are unable to hold our usual daily morning prayer before school in May.



However, there will be increased opportunities for children to pray the Rosary in their classes.

Praying for an End to the Pandemic

Pope Francis invites Catholics and Marian Shrines around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic.



It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5).

"The initiative will involve all the Shrines of the world in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families, and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic."

Pope Francis will open the Marian month of prayer on 1st of May with a Rosary broadcast across Vatican Media's platforms.

Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 5pm GMT from the various Shines taking part in the initiative.

The Pope will also close the initiative on the 31st of May with another specially-broadcast Rosary.

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The Bubble Room

Please remember that our school counselling service is still available for children and families. If you feel that you could make use of this service, then please contact, Mrs O'Neill, DHT, at the school.



Parish Food Bank



St Brigid's Parish Food Bank can be accessed Mondays between 11am and 12 noon and on Fridays between 2pm and 3pm.

If accessing this service please go to the committee room which is the white door that can be seen from Prospethill Rd. Please phone the Parish if you are unsure where to go on 0141 647 3585.

The Parish also have a Uniform Bank, if you could make use of this then please contact on the number above or e-mail stbrigid@rcag.org.uk.

House Points

We will announce the winning house group for March and April as soon as possible. The winning house will have the opportunity to watch a film in the hall with some snacks.

This will involve fewer than 50 children and will be socially distanced in accordance with Scottish Government Guidelines.

Update on Baby Strings



P5 and P6 are doing a great job learning the violin, viola and cello. In order to get the most out of the sessions, we have decided that longer fortnightly sessions for P5 and P6 are better than shorter weekly ones. I am hoping to increase the tutors' hours next session to increase capacity.

"One of our greatest freedoms is how we read to things"

