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This fortnight at Carmel College

Updates for W/C 9th December – 20th December 2024 - - [We are in the Season of Advent](#)

Important Messages for Parents

- Click [here](#) for the College calendar
- Click [here](#) for more information on the importance of good attendance
 - Click [here](#) for our parking pledge
- Please remind your children that chewing gum is prohibited at Carmel College.
 - Our Enrichment timetable is now in place. View it [here!](#)

Key Dates and Upcoming Events

Date	Event
9th December 2024	Care Home Visit – Intergenerational Reading Scheme
16th December 2024	Christmas Liturgy
16th December 2024	Christmas Jumper Day
17th December 2024	Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Stephen
18th December 2024	Christmas Lunch Day
20th December 2024	Carmel Christmas House Party! Carmel closes for Christmas break
20th December 2024	Carmel College breaks for the Christmas Holidays
Monday 6th January 2025	Carmel College re-opens for staff and students



Week Commencing: Monday 16th December 2024
Week Three of Advent Year C

THEME FOR THE WEEK: Prepare - Luke 2:4 - 'Prepare the Way for the Lord'

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LINKED BRITISH VALUE: Self Belief

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Academic

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A huge well done to all our Year 11 students for their hard work and dedication during the mock exams. Your behaviour and attitude have been fantastic throughout this challenging period. The Year 11 mock exams will conclude on Tuesday, 10th December. Year 13 mocks started on Wednesday, 4th December, and will continue until Friday, 13th December. Looking ahead, some vocational subjects will have exams for Years 11, 12, and 13 beginning on 8th January. Individual timetables for these exams will be distributed to students before the Christmas break.

Carmel Centenary Celebration

Join us on Tuesday, 17th December 2024, at Carmel College as we celebrate 100 years of excellence in Catholic education with a special evening of reflection, gratitude, and joy. The evening begins at 6:00 PM with a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Bishop Stephen Wright, followed by the blessing and reveal of our Centenary Timeline. Enjoy a drinks reception with canapés, explore our archives showcasing Carmel's rich history, and experience the Centenary Concert celebrating our journey over the past century. Attendance for the Mass is free, but please reserve your seat. Tickets for the reception, blessing, and concert are £8, with all proceeds supporting the Carmel Centenary Fund to help our students 'live life to the full' for the next 100 years. Reserve your tickets now at: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/carmel/t-rpoxqdm>. Spaces are limited, so share this invitation with family, friends, and alumni to ensure they don't miss this memorable celebration. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us! Fortes in fide!

Advent at Carmel

We've had a wonderful start to Advent, marked by a variety of events, reflections, and opportunities to give back to the community.

Advent Wreath Competition

Our annual Advent Wreath Interhouse Competition was a great success, with St. Hilda's House producing the winning wreath. Congratulations to all participants for their creativity and effort!

Advent Blessings and Mass

On Monday, 2nd December, we came together as a college for the Advent Wreath and Christmas Tree blessing, setting a reflective tone for the season. On Wednesday, 4th December, our first Mass of Advent was celebrated by Fr. Tony, who also blessed the new lectionaries that will now be used in all liturgies.

Advent Fundraising

Christmas Jumper Day will take place on Monday, 16th December, with all proceeds going to the HCPT Lourdes fund. This supports our students in accompanying children on the Easter pilgrimage to Lourdes. Contributions can be made via MCAS or cash on the day. The event will feature a tombola, sweet treats, and even a visit from Santa himself, offering photo opportunities!

Advent Giving

Our **Christmas Hamper Appeal** is well underway, with many beautiful hampers already created. However, we aim to make 20 more to support additional families in need this Christmas. We're seeking donations of:

- Tea, Coffee, or Hot Chocolate, Toiletries (body wash, toothpaste, etc.), Gifts for Children (small toys, activities, or books) Please send in your contributions by **Wednesday, 10th December** to help spread Christmas cheer to those in need.

Advent Liturgy and Christmas Celebration

Join us for a beautiful **Advent Liturgy and Christmas Celebration** on Monday, 16th December, featuring carols, readings on the theme of 'Hope,' and a joyful Christmas concert with performances from our talented students.

Date: Monday, 16th December 2024 **Time:** 6:00 PM **Location:** Carmel College **Tickets:** £5 (Adults) | £4 (Concessions) – Includes a festive drink and mince pie! Get your tickets here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/carmel/t-oiryvmjm>

Sacramental Life

We will hold a **College Penitential Service** via livestream on Tuesday, 10th December, with opportunities for students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, 11th December in the afternoon. Additionally, Mass will be celebrated at lunchtime on Wednesday, 12:30 PM, in the Chapel. Parishioners are warmly invited to join us for our weekly Wednesday Masses.

Christmas House Parties

To finish the term in festive style, the House with the most ClassCharts points and best attendance in each year group will enjoy a fantastic **Christmas Party** on Friday, 20th December. This celebration will include sweet treats, bingo, music, and more. Keep working hard to earn your chance to celebrate in style!

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