



Pupil Chaplaincy Newsletter School/Home/Parish



December 2024

Hello everyone and welcome to the December issue of the Pupil Chaplaincy Newsletter.

December is the month dedicated to The Immaculate Conception

The first 24 days of December fall during the liturgical season known as Advent and are represented by the liturgical colour purple – a symbol of penance, sorrow and a contrite heart. The remaining days of December mark the beginning of the Christmas season. The liturgical colour changes to white or gold – a symbol of joy, purity and innocence.

Monthly Quote

“If Mary and Joseph were looking for a home for Jesus, would they choose your heart, and all it holds?”

- St Teresa of Calcutta



The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions for December

For Pilgrims of Hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Important Dates for this Month

3 rd December	St Francis Xavier, Priest
6 th December	St Nicholas, Bishop
7 th December	St Ambrose, Bishop
8 th December	Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary
11 th December	St Damasus, Pope
12 th December	Our Lady of Guadalupe
13 th December	St Lucy
14 th December	St John of the Cross, Priest
21 st December	St Peter Canisius, Priest
25 th December	Nativity of the Lord
26 th December	St Stephen, First Christian Martyr
27 th December	St John, Apostle
28 th December	The Holy Innocents
29 th December	Feast of the Holy Family

Focus of the Liturgy – Sunday Mass and Friday Assembly

The Gospel readings for the Sundays in December are taken from St Luke and are from Year C.

December 1st - 1st Sunday in Advent
Jesus warns that redemption is at hand.

December 8th - 2nd Sunday in Advent
In this Gospel we learn that all people shall see the salvation of God.

December 15th - 3rd Sunday in Advent
The people ask Jesus what they should do.

December 22nd - 4th Sunday in Advent
In this Gospel we learn of Mary's visit to Elizabeth.

Advent



Advent visit to the Nazareth Room

The children of St Peter's are learning all about Advent and the significance of the Advent Wreath. During Advent the Pupil Chaplains will be visiting the Nazareth Rooms and Early Years to talk about Advent with the children.

Advent Bible Study

During the season of Advent, we will be holding three special Bible Study sessions. This year we will be inviting our older children to attend. We will be studying the Gospel stories leading up to the Nativity.

Advent and Angelus Prayers

We are delighted to announce that our prayer group "The Little Ladies of La Salette" will now be holding lunchtime Advent and Angelus Prayers throughout December.

Advent Activity for the Month – Jesse Tree



Why not try making a Jesse Tree? The Jesse Tree has symbols which represent stories from the Old Testament leading up to the birth of Christ. We have a Jesse Tree on the Chaplaincy Table in the back of the Infant Hall that you could look at for ideas.

Prayers for the children by the children

As part of our daily class worship, we would like to invite children to take turns to lead the morning or evening prayers. They could do this by saying a prayer, reading a passage from the bible, reading a piece of religious poetry or asking for a special intention. It would be fantastic if they could write the prayers themselves (perhaps with a little adult help though). We would be very grateful if you could encourage your child/children to take part in this special act of worship. Thank you.

We are asking all classes to pray The Angelus throughout the month of December.

The Angelus



V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary.

V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Christmas Services at St Peter's Church

Please remember to look in the Church newsletter, or on their website, for a full list of all the services being held over Christmas.

Wishing you all a happy and holy Advent and Christmas
God bless.

Mrs Barnes and The Pupil Chaplaincy Team

