



## **Pupil Chaplaincy Newsletter School/Home/Parish**

**December 2025**



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 Christians in areas of conflict**

We pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

### **Important Dates for this Month**

3 <sup>rd</sup> December	St Francis Xavier, Priest
6 <sup>th</sup> December	St Nicholas, Bishop
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary
11 <sup>th</sup> December	St Damascus, Pope
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Our Lady of Guadalupe
13 <sup>th</sup> December	St Lucy
23 <sup>rd</sup> December	St John of Kanty
25 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity of the Lord
26 <sup>th</sup> December	St Stephen, First Christian Martyr
27 <sup>th</sup> December	St John, Apostle
28 <sup>th</sup> December	Feast of the Holy Family
29 <sup>th</sup> December	St Thomas Becket

### **Focus of the Liturgy – Sunday Mass and Friday Assembly**

The Gospel readings for the Sundays in December are taken from St Matthew and are from Cycle A.

December 1<sup>st</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent  
This Gospel tells us to stay awake, be prepared.

December 8<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent  
Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!

December 15<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent  
Are you the one who is to come?

December 22<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent  
We learn in this Gospel that Jesus will be born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day  
The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

December 28<sup>th</sup> - Feast of the Holy Family  
Take the child and his mother, and flee into Egypt.

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.

The Chaplains will be visiting classes to talk about the importance of praying the Angelus during Advent. We are asking that all classes take time to pray The Angelus throughout the month of December.

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.

## 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

