

Pupil Chaplaincy Newsletter School/Home/Parish



December 2021

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

The month of December is dedicated to The Divine Infancy



The first 24 days of December fall within the liturgical season of Advent and are represented by the colour purple. Purple is the colour associated with preparation, penance, and a contrite heart. The remaining days mark the beginning of the Christmas season. The liturgical colour for the season of Christmas is white or gold – a symbol of joy, purity, and innocence.

Monthly Quote

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given... and his name will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Almighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

- Isaiah 9:6

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention for December

Catechists: We pray for the catechists, called upon to announce the word of God. May they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

December visit to The Nazareth Rooms

The chaplains will be visiting the Nazareth Room children in December to perform a special presentation of "The night before Christmas." They will be accompanied as always, by the Noah's Ark Puppets.



Advent Bible Study

Bible Study sessions are being held for our Year 2 children each Monday morning during Advent.

Focus of the Liturgy – Sunday Mass and Friday Assembly

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

December 5^{th} - 2^{nd} Sunday in Advent

This Gospel is about John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness.

December 12th - 3rd Sunday in Advent

We learn in this Gospel how the crowd questions John the Baptist.

December 19th - 4th Sunday in Advent

This Gospel recounts to us the story of Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth.

December 26th The Holy Family

We learn how the child Jesus was found preaching in the Temple.

Important Dates for this Month

3rd December St Francis Xavier

4th December St John Damascene, Priest

6th December St Nicholas, Bishop 7th December St Ambrose, Bishop

8th December Immaculate Conception of

The Blessed Virgin Mary

14th December St John of the Cross 21st December St Peter Canisius

23rd December St John of Kanty, Priest 25th December Nativity of the Lord

26th December The Holy Family, St Stephen

27th December St John, Apostle
28th December The Holy Innocents
29th December St Thomas Becket
31st December St Sylvester, Pope

Activity of the Month

Why not, with your family, make a Jesse Tree? The Jesse tree has symbols representing Old Testament stories and events leading up to the birth of Christ.

Please see the attached file which demonstrates how to create your own Jesse tree.



Best wishes and God bless, Mrs Barnes and The Pupil Chaplaincy Team