



# The Friday Messenger

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year A)  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019



Last night saw the annual Peterborough Catholic Schools' Carol Service. Our choir sang beautifully and those of you who attended, I am sure will agree that the service prepared us all well for the Christmas Season.

Our Curriculum Theme is....

## Advent



### Year 1

This week we have performed our Nativity play, The Sleepy Shepard. Through our rehearsals, the children have been able to identify where Jesus was born and the important people who came to visit him. Our RE lesson this week included the children retelling the Christmas story in their own words and drawing a picture of their favourite part of the story.

### Year 2

This week in RE, Year 2 have continued their topic 'Preparations'. They read a part of the Bible which spoke about how Jesus is a light to us all. We then drew a candle with beams of light coming from the flame and wrote about how Jesus is like a light in all of our lives. Children have again been calm and reflective in their Advent reflections.

### Year 3

Year 3 have been looking through the stories of The Annunciation and Visitation this week. In mixed groups, they produced some wonderful drama showing they have a good understanding of both of these events. They also produced some lovely art work showing the part the Shepherds played in the nativity story.

### Year 4

In RE this week children have thought carefully about 'Gaudete Sunday' and how the birth of Jesus is coming ever closer. The class has also looked at the story of the Wise Men. We sang and then analysed the lyrics of 'We Three Kings'. These were compared to the biblical account of the Wise Men visiting the stable.

### Year 5

This week, the class have learnt about the Annunciation and the Visitation and then reflected on how Christians wait in hope during Advent. The children wrote their own prayers linked to the idea of waiting in hope, thinking about how God can support us during this time. The children then reflected upon how Jesus is a light in the darkness. Using William Holman Hunt's painting of The Light of The World, the class discussed the symbolisms behind the painting.

### Year 6

In RE this week, the children have begun to learn all about the Angelus and the traditions and reasoning behind the prayer. They have also worked hard to understand the expectations of Mary, John the Baptist and themselves and have attempted to draw comparisons between the three. Overall, the children have proven that they are able to not only think about personal expectations but can also consider the expectations placed upon others.

### Values For Life

This month's value is... Hope

### Sacred Heart and St Oswald's Parish News

See the reverse of this newsletter for the Christmas Services at Sacred Heart and St Oswalds.



## **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

### **Tuesday 24 December: Christmas Eve**

5:00pm Vigil Mass (Sacred Heart School)

6:30pm Family Vigil Mass (St Oswald's Church)

09:30pm Carols

10:00pm Night Mass (St Oswald's Church)

### **Wednesday 25 December: Christmas Day**

10:00am Mass (St Oswald's Church)

### **Thursday 26 December: Boxing Day, Feast of St Stephen**

11:00 Mass (St Oswald's Church)

### **Friday 27 December: Feast of St John**

11:00 Mass (St Oswald's Church)

### **Saturday 28 December: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

6:00pm Mass (St Oswald's Church)

### **Sunday 29 December: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

10:00am Mass (St Oswald's Church)

12:00 noon Mass (Sacred Heart School)

### **Monday 30 December:**

No Mass

### **Tuesday 31 December: New Year's Eve**

11:00 Mass (St Oswald's Church)

### **Wednesday 1 January: New Year's Day**

**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

11:00 Mass (St Oswald's Church)

