



Reflection

This Sunday, is the feast of Christ the King. Jesus didn't live in a palace or wear a gold crown, so what kind of king is he?

Pilate asks Jesus if he is king of the Jews. Jesus answers that his kingdom is not of this world. Jesus' kingdom isn't on earth. We can't see it. Jesus doesn't wear a crown or have lots of riches. He doesn't live in a palace with lots of servants. Jesus was born in a stable and mostly lived a normal life in a carpenter's family.

We cannot see his kingdom and he doesn't behave like a normal king. And yet, Jesus is a very special king, because he is the Son of God.

Jesus shows us that you do not have to be rich or powerful to be important. He shows us that what is more important is how you treat others. What we do and say is much more important than whether we are rich or poor, or where we come from.

This week, let's try really hard to listen carefully to everyone. And most importantly, let's try really hard to listen to Jesus, a very different kind of king, and to the truth that God loves us all.

Prayer: God of all, you sent your Son to show us how to live. Help us to listen to the truth and to follow Jesus' example in our lives. Amen.

Class Mass

Year 5 and Year 2 will have their class Mass on **Friday 26 November at 11am** in the school hall. Parents and family members are all welcome.

Family Mass

The parish mass will take place on Sunday 28 November at 11am at St Mary's church, to celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. All our families are warmly invited to attend to celebrate the start of this special time in our liturgical year. We hope you can join us.

Child led Collective Worship

This half term our classes are linking with the same year group in a different school in the Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust to celebrate collective worship together. This week Year 4 celebrated with Holy Name, Year 5 and 6 celebrated with St Stephen's Skipton, Year 3 and Year 2 celebrated with Holy Name and St Joseph's Pudsey.



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Christmas is a coming

We are entering a very special and very busy time in our school year as we enter the season of Advent very soon.

Nativities – The Reception nativity is on **9th December at 2.30pm** and the Year 1 and Year 2 nativity is on **7th December at 2.15pm** in the school hall. We are limiting tickets to **2 tickets per child** to reduce the number of people in the school hall but we will record both nativities and send the link to parents to share with family members. Each ticket is £1 and money should be sent into school in a named envelope. Tickets will be on sale from Friday 26 November and these will then be sent home with the children. We also request that unless exempt, all family members wear a mask when in school. Currently we do not plan to do refreshments after the nativity to reduce the risk of spreading Covid.

Carol service – The carol service for Key Stage 2 is on **Monday 13 November at 5pm**. Children should be brought back to school, in school uniform and dropped at their classroom door by **4.40pm**. Parents and family members are asked to wear masks in church. There is no limit on numbers for the carol service as there is more space in the church. Currently we do not plan to do refreshments after the carol service to reduce the risk of spreading Covid.

Jesse Tree Assemblies – Our Mini Vinnies will begin our daily Jesse Tree assemblies on Monday 29 November. The children will come together each day as we count down to the birth of Jesus by listening to stories from the bible. On the dates below, parents are invited to join us in the school hall for our Jesse Tree Assembly.

Friday	3	9.15am	Year 6 lead Jesse Tree Assembly in school hall*
Thursday	9	9.15am	Year 4 lead Jesse Tree Assembly in school hall*
Wednesday	15	9.15am	Year 3 lead Jesse Tree Assembly in school hall*

Christmas Dinner – Christmas dinner is on **Friday 10 December**. The cut off date for ordering a school dinner is Monday 22 November.

Bauble for the tree – For families new to our school, every year the new children bring in a bauble to represent their family. These are kept and each year put on the St Mary's Christmas tree. If you would like to send in a bauble, please do so by **Monday 29 November**. The Mini Vinnies and School Council will be decorating the tree on 1 December.

Greenery for Advent wreaths – Please send in greenery for the classes to make their Advent wreaths on **Friday 26 November**.

Advent workshops – Please see dates below for advent workshops in each class. Parents or family members are warmly invited but we do ask that only one person per child comes to complete crafts with their child. We also ask that you wear a mask unless exempt. Where possible, please do not bring younger children with you.

Wednesday	1	2.00pm	Reception Advent Workshop*
Thursday	2	2.00pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Advent Workshop in school*
Friday	3	2.00pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Advent Workshop in school*
Tuesday	7	2.00pm	Year 5 and Year 6 Advent Workshop in school*

Pantomime – M and M productions will bring their pantomime into school on Wednesday 8 December. The cut off date for payment is 26th November and currently we only have 49% of contributions. If you are able to pay for this event, please log on to ParentPay and pay as we are unable to subsidise over 50% of the cost.

Christmas jumper day – On Friday 10 December, it is Christmas Jumper Day. All children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper with non uniform and if possible donate £1 towards Save the Children.

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Year 6 SATs parent meeting

The Year 6 SATs meeting will be at 4pm on Monday 22 November via Zoom. The meeting will be recorded so any parents who cannot attend, can watch it at a convenient time. It will be added to the Year 6 class page on the website.

Topic: Year 6 SATs parent meeting

Time: Nov 22, 2021 04:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89720162023?pwd=TVE1L1h6TFVBVXpDOC91bTIHbWpVdz09>

Meeting ID: 897 2016 2023

Passcode: 120581

Anti bullying week

A huge thanks to all who donated £1 to the Anti Bullying Alliance on Odd Socks Day, we have raised £135.

The children had a brilliant Antibullying assembly led by the School Council and have all completed work about Antibullying week and E safety this week.



Children In Need

Thank you to all those who donated to Children in Need too. We appreciate two donations in a week is a lot but it will go to two very worthy charities.

Flu vaccinations

There was lower than average uptake for flu vaccinations this year so we have been contacted to ask us to publicise this for parents again. If you missed the first round of vaccinations and would like your child to access this, please use this link to register. The link closes on the 25th November.

<https://www.nhs.uk/FLU/information?Id=139352&Type=FLU>

Parking

We have been informed a number of cars have been parking on the zig zag and yellow lines outside school at drop off and pick up times. This is a serious health and safety risk to the children. Please park responsibly.

Awards

Headteacher Awards

Reception – Lily M & Harrison S
 Year 1 – Georgie M & Laurel B
 Year 2 – Jimena G & Ernie P
 Year 3 – Kelly I & Oonagh K-E
 Year 4 – Evie D & Jennifer Q
 Year 5 – Orlaith G & Mia R
 Year 6 – Darcy C & Aisling H

Virtue Awards – Courtesy and respect

Reception – Fionn S
 Year 1 – Alexander T-F
 Year 2 – Lucas P
 Year 3 – Kaitlin H
 Year 4 – Zachary J
 Year 5 – Evie B
 Year 6 – Lily D

Diary Dates

November

Monday	22		Cut off for Christmas dinner menu choice
Monday	22	4.00pm	Year 6 - KS2 SATs information evening via Zoom
Tuesday	23		Year 4 and Year 6 wear PE kits for football taster
Wednesday	24		Open the Book assembly
Thursday	25	9.15am	Year 4 class assembly in school hall*
Thursday	25		Link closes for flu vaccinations
Friday	26	11.00am	Year 5 and Year 2 Class Mass in school hall*
Friday	26		Advent charity appeals launch
Sunday	28	11.00am	Family Mass 1 st Sunday of Advent in church*
Monday	29		Woolly Hat campaign starts
W/b	29		Year 6 sacrament of Reconciliation for Advent
Monday	29		Jesse Tree assemblies begin led by Mini Vinnies

December

Wednesday	1	2.00pm	Reception Advent Workshop*
Thursday	2		CAFOD Advent national assembly
Thursday	2	2.00pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Advent Workshop in school*
Friday	3	9.15am	Year 6 lead Jesse Tree Assembly in school hall*
Friday	3	2.00pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Advent Workshop in school*
Monday	6		Year 1 class Saint – Feast Day of St Nicholas
Tuesday	7	2.00pm	Year 5 and Year 6 Advent Workshop in school*
Tuesday	7	2.15pm	Year 1 and Year 2 nativity in school hall* nativity (a recording will also be made to be shared with parents)
Wednesday	8		Pantomime in school
Thursday	9	9.15am	Year 4 lead Jesse Tree Assembly in school hall*



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Thursday	9	2.30pm	Reception nativity (a recording will also be made to be shared with parents)
Friday	10		Christmas Jumper Day
Friday	10		Christmas Dinner Day
Monday	13	5.00pm	KS2 Carol Service led by Year 5 in church*
Tuesday	14		End of Woolly Hat campaign
Wednesday	15		Christmas party day – come in party clothes
Wednesday	15	9.15am	Year 3 lead Jesse Tree Assembly in school hall*
Thursday	16	9.30am	Whole school Mass led by Year 4 in church*
Friday	17	2.30pm	Carols in the hall
Friday	17		Finish for Christmas holidays

Parish news

PARISH NOVENA – 29th NOV – 8th DEC - (CHANGES TO MIDWEEK MASS TIMES)

Beginning on Monday, 29th November, there will be a Parish Novena dedicated to Our Lady of Unfailing Help & St Joseph each morning at Holy Name Church from 8.30am & each evening at St Mary's Church from 6.30pm, (not including Sunday). The Novena will begin with the Rosary, continue with a talk on the theme of the day & end with Mass at around 9.30am/7.30pm. The theme of the Novena is: "His love is for everyone" (Jn 3:16). There will be a theme each day – 1 "He called me by name because he loves me"; 2 "Receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit"; 3 "Anyone who eats & drinks my body & blood will live forever"; 4 "Take this ring as a sign of my love" 5 "He touched me" 6 "Go, your sins are forgiven" 7 "You are a priest like Melchizedek of old" 8 "Praying before the Blessed Sacrament" 9 "He called me & sent me". OLK

GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Cash & ticket stubs should be returned to the Parish Offices as soon as possible, but by Friday 26th November latest. You may put them in envelopes clearly marked "Raffle" and put them into the collection basket at Sunday Masses. Please do include a phone number on each ticket stub! If you have unsold tickets, please return them so we can offer them to others.

CHILDRENS MASSES AT ST MARYS & HOLY NAME CHURCHES

Children from our primary schools have been invited to lead the 9am Mass at Holy Name & the 11am Mass at St Mary's next Sunday 28th Nov the readings of the day will be from the Children's Lectionary.

PARISH TO MISSION

A reminder that you are all invited to attend our Parish meeting on **Wednesday 8th December**, 7.30pm in Holy Name Church Hall, where the 10 questions put to us by the Holy See will be considered. Copies of the questions are available in each of our church porches, so that you can think & pray about them in advance of the meeting. These are also available online at www.dioceseofleeds/parish-to-mission-survey

SUNDAY MASSES (Saturday Vigil)

Holy Name	6.30pm
St. Mary's	8.15am
Holy Name	9.00am
Assumption	9.45am
St Mary's	11.00am
Holy Name	11.15am