# Welcome to our Autumn 2 Prayer and Liturgy newsletter. You will find the dates and times of upcoming events and prayer resources .

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# **STAY & PRAY**

Please join us for our Autumn term Stay and Pray sessions.

Thurs 7th Nov - Year 4 2:30pm Fri 8th Nov - Y5 2:30pm Tues 12th Nov - Y6 2:30pm Wed 13th Nov - Rec 2:30pm Thurs 14th Nov - Y3 2:30pm Mon 18th Nov - Y1 & Y2 2:30pm Fri 22nd Nov - Nurs 11:00am

# Christmas Performances/Reflections

Fri 6th Dec – Nursery Afternoon Class – Christmas singa-long – 2.15pm

Mon 9th Dec - Key Stage I Christmas Performance l:30pm

Mon 9th - Nursery Morning Class Christmas Performance - 9:30am

Tues 10th - Key Stage I Christmas Performance - 9:30am

Tues 10th - Year 3/4 Christmas Performance - 1:30pm

Wed 11th - Reception Christmas Performance - 1:45pm

Thurs 12th - Year 3/4 Christmas Performance - 9:30am

Mon 16th - Y5/6 Christmas Reflection - Sacred Heart Church - 5:00pm



# **CLASS MASSES**

Here are the dates for class masses for Autumn I. These will take place at Sacred Heart Church at 9:30am and all are welcome to attend.

Year 5 - Friday 8th November Year 4, 2B & YIY/G - Friday 6th December Year 3 & IB - Friday 13th December

# <u>Remembrance Day Service - Monday</u> <u>11th November</u>

KS2 Parents and Carers are invited to a Remembrance Service at 10:30am in the school hall.

KS1 Parents and Carers are invited to a Remembrance Service at 2:30pm in the

school hall.

# Posada Bags

During advent, all children will have the opportunity to bring home a 'Posada Bag'.

The purpose of the Posada bags are for the children to have the chance to host Mary and Joseph – to make room for Jesus at Christmas time!

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# T BENEDICTS

### **Reconciliation**

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During Advent, we are encouraged to become the very best that we can be. One way we can do this is to say sorry for anything that we have done wrong. On Friday 13th December, Fr Paul will lead us in a service of Reconciliation for KS2. After this, there will be chance for children who have made their First Communion to have individual reconciliation should they wish to.

#### Prayers at home

"Prayer unites us; it makes us brothers and sisters. It is in prayer that our hearts find the strength not to be cold and insensitive in the face of injustice. In prayer, God keeps calling us, opening our hearts to charity." Pope Francis

November is the month where we especially pray for all those who have died. It can be a good opportunity for families to remember and pray for their own departed loved ones.

You may like to pray with your child using the following traditional prayer for those who have died, you might like to name any family and friends who have died and ask that they would rest in peace.

# Prayer for Those Who Have Died

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

# Special Feast Days & Celebrations Autumn 2

#### FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING (24th November)

Sunday 24th November is the Feast of Christ the King which concludes the Church's liturgical year. The year ends on a real high point and celebrates the Kingdom of God in all its richness before beginning the new Liturgical year with the reflective and penitential season of Advent.

#### ADVENT

#### (Begins 1st December)

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

#### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (8th December)

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

#### CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (25th December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

