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Kingdom of God

## St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School a Catholic Voluntary Academy

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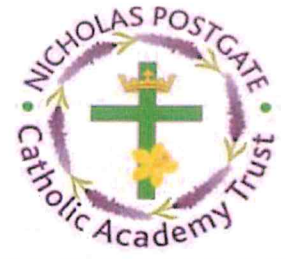
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Forming lives ready to face the future

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Dear Parent/Guardians,

This Sunday is the final Sunday of the Church's year and is the feast of Christ the King and is traditionally known as Youth Sunday. Sadly, for probably many reasons, the church population is an aging one and is in need of a "youthful" presence! This is where you and your family come into it! As a parent, you are the first teachers of faith and what is right from wrong - they learn from us as a Catholic school, but they learn so much more from you about beliefs and values and how to behave in life.

Next **Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December**, is the first Sunday of Advent and the first Sunday of the new Church Year - a new and fresh start to get ourselves ready for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. We are asking that every child and family make a big effort to come along to Mass on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December in St. Patrick's Church at 10.30am.**

As a school we are going to be involved in greeting parishioners at the door, reading and singing and Fr.Pat is very much looking forward to seeing families there to celebrate with the parish family. As a Catholic parent it is your duty and responsibility to take children along to Mass so that they know and understand that they belong to a parish community. As a parent of a child who receives a Catholic education but is not Catholic, it is important that you feel welcomed and take part in the parish life when invited. A special thank you to those parents who faithfully form their children in the faith and already take them to church regularly. So we invite each and everyone of you to join us as we begin Advent together.

It is hoped that we will then have a "School Mass" each half-term where there is a big commitment from all families to attend Sunday Mass - once per 6 weeks. To put aside other commitments for that day so that as teachers of faith and good values - we say to our children that it is important to belong - to belong to a community of faith and goodness.

Please put **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** as a date on your calendar and as a priority to begin the season of Advent in preparation for Jesus entering into our lives again.

God Bless

Mr.Ryan  
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