



Trinity Catholic High School

Headmaster: Dr P C Doherty OBE, BA (Hons), DPhil (Oxon), FRSA

1st December 2020

Advent Preparations

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have now entered the Season of Advent. Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

The liturgical season of Advent marks the time of spiritual preparation by the faithful before Christmas. As a Catholic community, we take seriously our responsibility to spiritually prepare our young people for the coming of the Messiah. Some of the ways in which we will do this are outlined in this letter.

Liturgical

Holy Mass will be celebrated each Monday, Wednesday and Friday before school. Sadly, due to Covid-19 restrictions, only Year 7 Forms will be able to take their turns in representing the school at one of these Liturgies.

As Advent is also a penitential season, each class will take part in a Reconciliation Service within their RE class in the school Chapel. Sacramental Confession may be available for those who wish to take this opportunity.

Each RE Class will also explore the purpose of the season of Advent, and as part of the curriculum, develop their knowledge and understanding of 'the reason for the season – God made Flesh – The Birth of Jesus, the Son of God'.

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Each day just before noon, the school community stops, in communion with all Catholics around the world, and remembers the Incarnation, in the praying of the Angelus.

Charitable giving & Non-Uniform Day

This year, we will be supporting Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) and Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS). We will also be supporting SVP in our parishes.

Our fundraising for Aid to the Church in Need and Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be done through **supporting Red Wednesday on Wednesday 09th December 2020**. For a donation of £3, students will be allowed to come to school in their own clothes, as long as they wear Red. This joins the national Red Wednesday campaign in raising awareness of those who are persecuted for their faith. Payment must be made via Parentmail by Tuesday 08 December 2020. Staff will be asked to donate £5.

Virtual Carol Service

Led by our music department, further details will be sent nearer the time.

Let us continue to pray for one another as we journey together during this Advent season.

Kindest regards,

Dr P.C. Doherty OBE

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