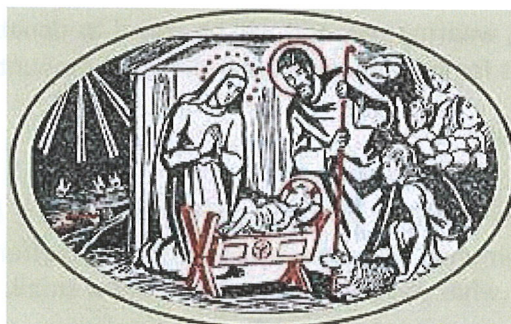




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29 November 2021

## Advent

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Sunday we celebrated the First Sunday of Advent, a time of preparation for the joy of Christmas, where we celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

During November we customarily keep the memories of our Beloved Dead in our prayers. Their names have been placed under the Altar in both of our chapels. In this way, we present them to God in the Masses during this month of the Holy Souls. **On Tuesday 30 November at 08:20am**, we will celebrate our **Annual Mass of Remembrance** in the Lower Site Hall, praying for all of our deceased family members and loved ones. All students, staff, parents and governors are invited to join us for this special liturgy. During the Mass, a list of the names of deceased loved ones will be read aloud.

### Advent Charitable Giving

The Bishops of England and Wales are urgently calling for Catholics to continue supporting our charities and the people they serve during the COVID-19 pandemic. Bishop Terence Drainey, Chair of the Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) is urging us to keep the poor, vulnerable and isolated members of our community at the forefront of our minds at this difficult time. The COVID-19 outbreak is putting our Catholic charities under great strain because of increased demand and increased costs together with adverse effects on volunteer support. There will also be a certain loss of income from parish collections.

I do believe supporting our Catholic charities is an example of how we live out our witness and mission as part of the Catholic community, supporting the Common Good, and remaining faithful to the commandments given to us by Christ in the Gospel.

This year we are supporting **'Aid to the Church in Need'** and our local parish St Vincent De Paul group. Aid to the Church in Need supports the many persecuted Christians around the world. One of the ways in which we will raise funds for this is by marking **'Red Wednesday'** on **8th December 2021**. Students are

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asked to come in non uniform, wearing red, and will be asked to donate £2 to support this important charity. There will be spot prizes for students who wear the most amount of red on the day.

## St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP)

Our parish SVP group supports families who are facing difficulties, by offering support and basic necessities from across our community. We are asking each family to offer a **shoebox care package** during this season of Advent, donating what you are able, no matter how small. In particular need are:

- Tinned goods: soups, beans, tinned fruit and vegetables etc
- Jars of pasta sauces, pasta & rice
- Toiletries including shower gel, deodorant, wet wipes, shaving cream, toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Cereal bars, breakfast bars, Christmas treats like mince pies, chocolates etc

Please ask your son or daughter to donate your care package to the Lower Site office by **Wednesday 15 December 2021** at the latest.

## Advent Prayer

During the season of Advent, all students will engage in dedicated lessons within Theology, focusing on the history and purpose of the season, which will help each of them to spiritually prepare for the birth of Christ. All students will also take part in penitential services, and we will make a conscious effort to pray the Angelus each day with great reverence. At the end of term, each year group also will celebrate Mass together before we break up, in thanksgiving for the term we have enjoyed.

## Carol Service

We look forward to celebrating (covid restrictions permitting) our Annual Carol Concert on **Monday 20th December 2021**. All are welcome.

Let us continue to pray for one another during this month, and thank you for supporting the Religious Life & Catholic Ethos of our school community.

Yours sincerely,

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