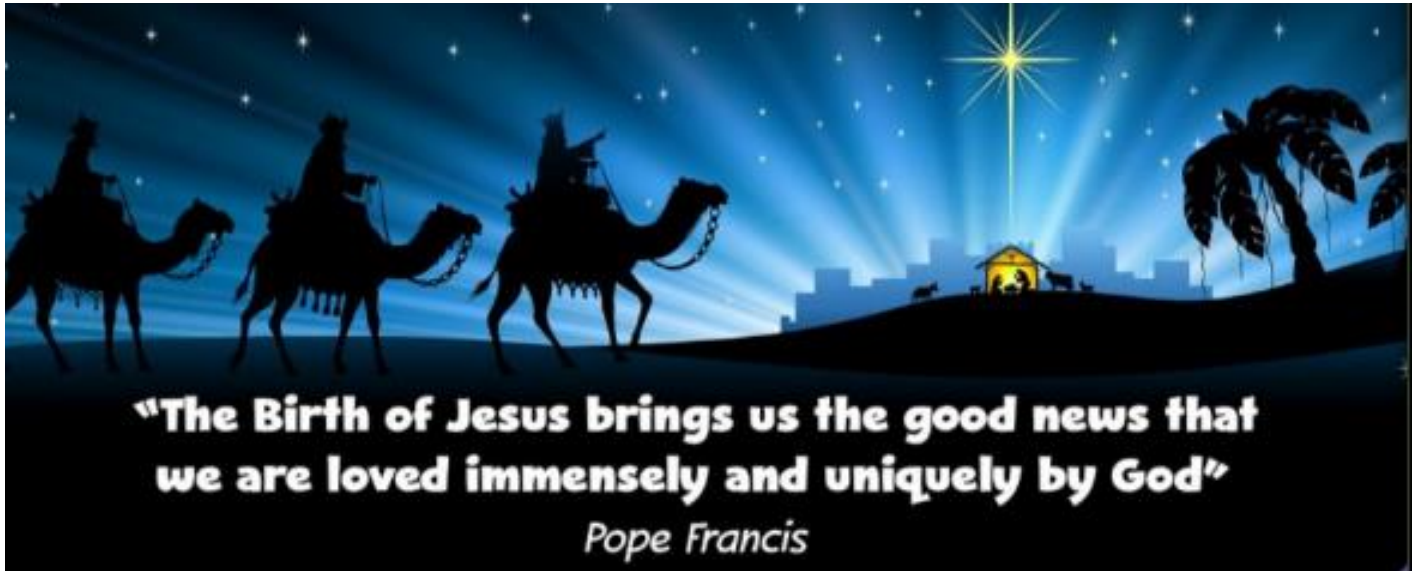


# Newsletter



Thursday, December 21, 2023



On behalf of all the staff we would like to thank you for your generosity in kind words, cards and gifts. To be remembered at this busy time of year with such demands on time and finances is humbling.

We wish you all a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas.

We spoke in Celebration Assembly today of the true meaning of Christmas.

The children were able to articulate that spending time with loved ones at Christmas was the true meaning and Jesus was the real gift.

### Christmas Mass times at Sacred Heart Church 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Mass on Saturday, 23rd December at 7pm;

Mass on Sunday, 24th December at 9.30am and 11.30am;

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass - Sunday 24th December at 6pm;

Christmas Eve Carols - Sunday 24th December at 10.30pm;

Christmas Eve – Mass during the Night - Sunday 24th December at 11pm;

Christmas Day – Monday 25th December, Mass at 9.30am and 11.30am;

Feast of St Stephen - Tuesday 26th December, Mass at 10am;

Christmas Octave - 27th

30th December, Mass at 10am;

Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – Saturday 30th December,

- Mass at 7pm; Sunday 31st December, Mass at 9.30am and 11.30am;

Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God – Monday 1st January 2024, Mass at 12pm

## December in School

December is a bustling and vibrant time to be in school, as children enter Advent and prepare for the birth of Jesus. It is a privilege year on year to share in the joy of Christmas with the children – their excitement and joy is infectious. The month begins with the Advent Wreath assembly – to mark the first Sunday of Advent. The infant children then dressed the trees, singing nativity and Christmas songs, drinking hot chocolate and snacking on biscuits.

Staff prepared the children for the KS1 Nativity in the hall and the KS2 Advent Service in Sacred Heart Church. Both are highlights in the school calendar.

Early years prepared for Christmas Singalongs and performed proudly to their parents (it can be daunting when you are 3 or 4 years old to perform to an audience!) Hilary House performed a beautiful nativity to their parents – well done to all of the children, you have made Sacred Heart a very special place to be. The term has now come to an end with Christmas lunch, parties and lots of singing!



## New Term

**We return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024!**

**Inset Day Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – school closed**

<b>Spring Term 2024</b>
<b>Spring 1:</b> 8th January - 9th February
<b>INSET Day:</b> 15th January
<b>Half Term:</b> 12th - 16th February
<b>Spring 2:</b> 19th February - 28th March

<b>Summer Term 2024</b>
<b>Summer 1:</b> 15th April - 24th May
<b>Half Term:</b> 27th May - 31st May
<b>INSET Day:</b> 3rd June
<b>Summer 2:</b> 4th June - 24th July
<b>One INSET Day TBC</b>