

## Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The children had a great day celebrating the birthday of our Patron Saint, Mary. They took part in various activities including creating miraculous medals and their own Mary prayer gardens. They also learned about many inspirational women in our world today.



## Commitment Masses

Please pray for our children in years three and six who will be receiving the sacraments of First Holy Communion later in the academic year. They were joined by members of the parish for their commitment masses last month.



## Parish Links

We now have prayer partners with members of the parish writing prayer intentions, which our children will pray for each day. Furthermore, members of the parish will be joining the children one afternoon in January to share some of their learning and initiatives from this term.

## Christmas

We wish all of our St. Mary families a happy and holy Christmas. Enjoy spending time with your loved ones over the festive period. The mass times at Holy Trinity this Christmas are as follows:

Christmas Eve - 5:15pm and 8pm

Christmas Day - 10am

St. Stephen's Day - 10am



# St. Mary's Catholic Life Newsletter



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It has been another busy term at St. Mary's and the children have continued to play an active role in growing the Catholic life of our school.

## Prayer Bags

It has been brilliant to see the children and their families sharing their worships from home this term. We look forward to all of the children having the opportunity to do this during the school year.

**'Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.'**



## Multi Faith

We had a fantastic multi faith week earlier this term. The children learned about a range of faiths. They visited places of worship and had guest speakers in school. The week concluded with the children leading an assembly to share their experiences with the rest of the school.



## Catholic Life Pledges



Aspire  
not to  
have more  
but to be  
more

Our children have continued to live out their faith and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching this term. Once again, each year group has chosen a Catholic Life Pledge in an effort to make a positive difference to society.

**'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'**



Some of the pledges this term have included a local litter pick, recycling champions, eco planters, diversity day, anti-war peaceful protest march and raising money for victims of the floods in Pakistan. We thank you for your support with each of these initiatives and for your kind donations to our charity work and Harvest Festival Food collection.

## Christmas Nativities & Carol Concert

We thoroughly enjoyed welcoming families to our Christmas performances. Well done to all of the staff and children for their hard work in putting it all together.



## Red Wednesday

On the 28<sup>th</sup> November, the children wore red as part of Red Wednesday. This day raises awareness of the persecution of Christians simply for living out their faith.



## Advent Stay & Pray

Thank you to the children who have led our stay & pray sessions after school. It has been lovely to welcome families to our Advent liturgies each week.



## Combined Schools' & Friendship Mass

Thank you to those children who represented the school at the Combined Schools' Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen. Year Five also joined the other schools in the Christ the King Catholic Collegiate to celebrate the feast of Christ the King.

