



# CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Reflection: 'Someone is coming' – Luke 3:10-18**

We are coming closer to Christmas and, in the Gospel we heard last Sunday, we are told that a feeling of expectancy had grown among the people. They are excitedly waiting, knowing someone is coming. John the Baptist is telling anyone who will listen that the Saviour is on the way and that nothing will ever be the same again. The people ask John 'what must we do?' to get ready for this 'someone' and he tells them: share what you have with others, don't take more than your fair measure, be content. Why do these things help? Because we cannot receive when our hands are already full. We are offered the best gift ever possible at Christmas – God Himself, coming to share in our lives, to carry our burdens and offer us freedom. But if we want to receive this wonderful gift we must let go of other things first. So, this Christmas, let's find a way to be generous with what we have and to share with others who have less than us, let's be content. Above all, accept the gift of God's presence and love.

**Jesus You are Emmanuel 'God with us'. We open our hearts, minds and whole lives to You this Christmas. Come and stay with us, fill us with Your peace and love, and lead us into Freedom. Amen**

## **Christmas Carol Concert**

On Thursday evening last week, pupils took part in the popular Christmas Carol Service at St Walburge's Church, Preston. The service was attended by many local dignitaries including the Mayor of Preston and the High Sheriff of Lancashire, as well as several other local schools. Our pupils and staff sang 'Infant Holy Infant Lowly' and 'O Come all Ye Faithful' for the congregation.

## **Advent Liturgies**

In preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth all pupils took part in an Advent Liturgy this week, led by our chaplains Ruth and Joe. The Advent Wreath and our traditional crib were the focus throughout these liturgies. The liturgies provided both staff and pupils with a prayerful opportunity to embrace the true meaning of Advent.

## **School Christmas Lunch**

On Thursday, all pupils had the opportunity to enjoy a special Christmas lunch prepared by our school catering staff led by Mr Callagher. Pupils and staff gathered in our restaurant 'Il Cenacolo' to enjoy a festive Christmas raffle, plus crackers with hats and jokes. Everyone was served a Christmas lunch with roast potatoes, vegetables and the festive favourite 'pigs in blankets' followed by a festive decorated cupcake. As always, the quality of the lunch was outstanding and pupils certainly enjoyed themselves with many singing along to the Christmas music that created a special joyful event.

### **Christmas Parcels**

We had a fantastic response to our call for gifts for senior citizens. On Thursday 16 December, Mr Warham accompanied House Captains from Years 9, 10 and 11 to visit residents at Springfield Manor Gardens to deliver the gifts collected during our 'Christmas parcels' Advent appeal. The gifts were gratefully received, thank you to all who donated.

### **Corpus Christi Carol Singers**

The traditional 'Corpus Christi Singers', consisting of several members of staff, performed for well over two hours, with true enthusiasm, to a very appreciative audience of shoppers at our local Sainsbury and Asda stores this Tuesday evening. All money raised, a total of £208.66, will go towards the Metanoia Project's 'Rucksack Appeal'. A big thank you to all who sang.

### **Reports Day**

A reminder that Interim Progress Reports for pupils in Years 7 to 10 will be coming home with pupils today on Friday 17 December. When reviewing the report, please pay particular attention to your child's overall progress score. All pupils are expected to have an overall progress score of at least 80. Please note that where a pupil is absent, this important report will need to be collected by a parent or carer.

### **Mock Results Day**

Pupils in Year 11 will receive their mock examination results during parents' evening on Thursday 20 January. Mock results provide an important opportunity for pupils to reflect on the progress that they are making towards their targets and make any changes that need to be made in order to achieve success.

### **Learner of the Week**

For the week ending Friday 10 December, our 'Learner of the Week' was awarded to: Faridoon Hidari (Year 11) for working hard and continuously trying to improve in his maths lessons; Jerniya Ryan (Year 10) for consistently giving excellent answers in the energy topic and trying to improve when something is not perfect the first time; Humaira Hussain (Year 9) for consistently producing high-quality written homework, classwork, and her verbal engagement in RE; Erin Shevlin (Year 8) for consistently providing excellent verbal and written answers in Geography. Erin shows a great understanding by using the correct geographical terminology; Azino Osiriomo (Year 7) for his exemplary attitude toward learning in RE, especially his enthusiastic engagement in discussion work.

### **'Life on Mars' UCLan workshop**

On Wednesday this week, 30 pupils from Year 9 visited our local UCLan campus to participate in the university's 'School Unity Network' to specifically empower young people with knowledge and opportunities to succeed and progress in Higher Education in the future. A very interestingly named ['Life on Mars'](#) workshop about how scientists are investigating whether Mars could support, or has supported life was presented to pupils. Distances and times involved in communicating with objects sent to Mars were also explored. Pupils spent the rest of the morning learning how to control their 'Mars Rover'. Each group had a task to program their Rover to move around a Martian landscape and drill in a specific location. During the afternoon pupils analysed soil samples their Rover had collected, using a variety of chemical techniques. We would like to thank UCLan again for providing a highly interactive workshop with hands-on practical science experience.

### **Attendance Rewards Trips**

On Monday 13 December we had our 'Attendance Rewards Trips' for pupils who achieved a minimum of 97% attendance. I am pleased to say that over 400 pupils were eligible to take part in the two trips with Year 7 and 8 pupils watching 'Ghostbusters- Afterlife' at the cinema and Years 9, 10 and 11 visiting the Trafford Centre. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed their rewards trip.

### **Staff Leaving**

At the end of this term we are saying goodbye to Mr John Scarborough who is leaving us to begin his retirement. Mr Scarborough has worked at our school for seven years and his skills in graphic design can be seen in all areas of our school and in our marketing materials. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Melody Crossland who has been part of our catering and cleaning team for over twenty years. We wish them both all the best in their retirement.

### **Vouchers for Free School Meal Pupils**

Vouchers for the Christmas holidays will be emailed to parents of 'Free School Meal' pupils on Monday 20 December 2021. The email will arrive from Edenred. Please check junk and clutter folders if you do not receive the vouchers.

### **Lateral Flow Home Testing Kits**

On Friday all pupils will bring home a set of Lateral Flow testing kits. Your child should be taking a test twice weekly. All pupils must take a lateral flow test on Monday 3 January 2022, the day before we return to school.

### **Assisted on site Covid Testing**

We have been asked to undertake assisted Covid tests with all of the pupils on Tuesday 4 January 2022. If you do not wish your child to have a test please email [cwallace@ccc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:cwallace@ccc.lancs.sch.uk)

### **Parish Christmas Mass Times**

St Clare's: Christmas Eve – Vigil Mass of Christmas 5.30pm. Church reopens 10.30pm followed by Midnight Mass. Christmas Day – 9.30am and 11.30am Morning Mass.

St Maria Goretti: Christmas Eve – 6.00pm. Midnight Mass in Polish. Christmas Day – 9.00am Morning Mass and 12 noon plus 5.30pm in Polish.

The Blessed Sacrament: Christmas Eve – 7.00pm. Christmas Day – 10.30am Morning Mass.

St. Gregory's: Christmas Eve – Carols from 6.00pm, Masses at 6.30pm and 8.30pm. Christmas Day – Morning Mass at 10am.

English Martyrs: Christmas Eve – Vigil Masses 5.30pm and 7.30pm at St Joseph's. Christmas Day – Morning Mass at 10.00am (St Joseph's).

### **Sport**

Basketball: Year 7's started their basketball journey with a superb win of 37-4 vs Our Lady's. The team worked hard to win the ball back and made some excellent lay ups along the way. The 'Most Valuable Player' award went to Theo Westwood for scoring an impressive 18 points during the game. This is an exciting group of pupils who we look forward seeing develop as the year progresses. Our U14s played a very well organised Longridge side on Wednesday and played some excellent basketball. With the score tied at 21-21, they were narrowly beaten 23-29 in overtime. The 'Most Valuable Player Award' went to Owen Davies.

### **Rucksack Appeal**

As part of our Advent Appeal, pupils have made a huge effort this week fundraising for 'The Rucksack Appeal', to help finance the purchase of warm clothing to fill as many rucksacks as possible for the homeless support and outreach work of The Metanoia Project run by our chaplains, Ruth and Joe. Especially at this time of year when the temperature drops, the homeless in Preston are in desperate need of fresh clean warm clothing, sleeping bags and the necessities of new toiletries. Each form held events, raffles and challenges including cake sales, 'guess the name of the bear', raffles, 'Corpus Christi's got Talent', hot chocolate stalls and sponge throwing, all to generate much needed funds whilst collecting house points along the way. So far, an incredible £1,713.46 in total has been raised, with

Haydock taking the top spot, having raised £568.05 and Clitheroe just behind with £467.66. Arrowsmith have some catching up to do at £439.09.

### **Corpus Christi News**

Further information, news and photography covering recent events at the school can be viewed on our website at [www.ccc.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.ccc.lancs.sch.uk)

### **Important Dates**

Friday 17 December	End of Term, school closes	1.30pm
Tuesday 4 January	Return to school	8.30am
Thursday 20 January	Year 11 Mock Results and Parents' Evening	4.00 - 6.30pm
Friday 28 January	Extended Learning Day 3	8.30am - 2.30pm
Friday 11 February	School closes for half term holiday	2.30pm
Monday 21 February	All pupils return to school	8.30am
Tuesday 1 March	Revision Plan Parents' Evening	7.00 - 8.00pm

Yours sincerely



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**Headteacher**