



Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

‘We live our lives like Jesus’

5th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Advent

We are now entering the second week of Advent and continue in our expectant waiting, hopeful anticipation and joyful preparation for the birth of Christ. I'm sure many families have Advent calendars at home and it is a real test of patient waiting not to have opened every door and eaten all the chocolate by now! In all the excitement of this time, we have reminded the children that as they open each door of their calendar they remember they are opening the door to Christ in their lives and when they eat each chocolate they reflect on how that can strengthen them to live their lives like Jesus. Children in KS2 have had the opportunity this week to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and reflect on how they can reconcile and mend bonds with God and each other. Seeking and receiving forgiveness is never easy but God's grace and love is always there for us; knowing we are forgiven prepares our hearts to welcome Jesus at Christmas.

This Sunday the second candle of Advent will be lit. This candle typically represents love. Some traditions call this the "Bethlehem Candle" symbolizing Christ's manger.

Please do watch Advent in 2 minutes – Busted Halo to help prepare for Christmas,
<https://youtu.be/eC0FGQLBp7w?si=4nwEVI0hVSodHFMs>

At home, could you have an advent wreath with 4 candles, lighting one each Sunday and spending a few minutes reflecting on the theme for the week. This week our hope that we can all live our lives like Jesus?

Miss Clark
Head teacher

Advent Charity – this year we are aiming to support two charities, Stella Maris and Bucklands Soup Kitchen through donations of chocolate – biscuits, bars, boxes and tubs! Stella Maris is a charity that supports seafarers working on container ships. The crew come from far and wide and spend many months away from home and loved ones. As a port city this is a great way of showing our thanks and gratitude to these men and women who ensure we have the food and goods we need. Please send donations to the office from Tuesday 2nd December to Monday 15th December.

Foundation Governors Needed - we are looking to recruit 2 Foundation Governors to join our Governing Board. Foundation Governors are appointed by Bishop Philip and must be able to provide a Priests' reference. Further information can be found on the Diocesan website [Governors – Catholic Academies and Schools Office](#) and the school's website [Governors | Corpus Christi Catholic Primary](#)

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Arbor APP - please can I ask all parents to check their child's information on the Arbor APP. Parents can make updates that we can then see and approve. Could I particulate ask that parents check the Religion listed for their child and let us know if there are any amendments needed.

CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY: Saint Faustina, formerly Helena Kowalska was born in a village near Lodz, Poland in 1905. She was a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. She died at the age of 33 years. She was Canonized by Saint John Paul II. Starting December, every Wednesday and Friday at 3.00pm we will be praying the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at Corpus Christi Church. We are inviting the parents and carers of children at Corpus Christi School to join us. This will be finished in time to collect children. All Parishioners are also invited to join in.

Benefitted Related Free School Meals - As you may be aware, families on certain benefits may be entitled to what is known as the Pupil Premium Grant - this is an amount of money, about £1300, that the school receives to support children in school. Where a family is entitled to the pupil premium grant, we offer subsidies for trips and some activities. However, families are also entitled to free holiday activities and a supermarket voucher during some holidays. If you have not checked whether you are entitled please do so before the end of September by clicking on this link [Synergy - Enquiry](#) Please do speak to Mrs Penney in the office if you need any help.

Important Events

Tuesday 9th December – Year R Nativity @ 9.30am (tickets available on Arbor - doors open at 9.15am)
– Year 1/2 Nativity @ 2.00pm (tickets available on Arbor - doors open at 1.45pm)

Wednesday 10th December – Year 1/2 Nativity @ 9.30am (tickets available on Arbor - doors open at 9.15am)

Thursday 11th December – Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day*
– Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 Santa Dash*

Friday 12th December – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day*
– Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Santa Dash*

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Grandparents and Parishioners Tea Party @ 2pm*

Friday 19th December – Carol Service @ 2pm in the church (parents are invited to join us)

Christmas Lunch, Party, Jumpers and Santa Dash

Early Years and KS1 - Thursday 11th December & KS2 - Friday 12th December

Children can come dressed in their school uniform, swapping their school jumper for a Christmas Jumper. Children can also wear Santa hats/Christmas accessories for their Santa Dash. Katie Sparkles will entertain EY and KS1 on Thursday and KS2 will take part in a variety of fun activities in the afternoon.

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***Christmas Grandparents and Parishioners Tea Party – 2pm on Wednesday 17th December.**

All grandparents and parishioners are invited to join us for an afternoon of chat and catch ups. Our School Council will serve refreshments and classes will entertain us. We will also be holding a raffle – if anyone has an item they could donate to the raffle please drop it into the office. *Please note there will not be a chance for each child to speak to their grandparent*



We have been overwhelmed with the amount of chocolate received for our Non-School Uniform Day; we are still collecting all the chocolate together!!

This will all be donated to the Buckland Soup Kitchen and Stella Maris. Thank you everyone for your generous donations.

INSET Days this year - school will be closed to children on these days

Monday 16th March

Monday 6th July

Wednesday 22nd July

PE Days - Children should come dressed in their PE kits - green t-shirt and black shorts or black or green track suit and trainers. Track suits must be plain with no logos.

Monday - Years 5 and 6

Tuesday - Years 3 and 4

Wednesday - Years R, 1 and 2

Thursday - Years 1 and 2, 3 and 4

Friday - Years 5 and 6

If children are taking part in any after school clubs on days that aren't their PE days they should bring trainers with them to school and change at the end of the day.

This week's celebrations:

Bronze Merit:

Axel & Rares (Carlos Acutis)

Patrick (St Bernadette)


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Class	Good Shepherds:	Reading Champions:
St Joseph	Zara	Abimbayo
St Gabriel	Elena-Winter	Nevin
St Francis	Aryan	Mason
St Nicholas	Poppy	Kester
St Lucy	Julia	Natty
St Josephine Bakhita	Nora	Aidhan
Carlos Acutis	Jennifer	Niha
Oscar Romero	Ivy	Rafe
St Therese of Lisieux	Isla	Zoe
St Bernadette	Monty	Tadi
Maximilian Kolbe	Alan.Z	Teddy.B

Families of Faith

✦ December ✦

Prayer Corner



An Advent Prayer
Heavenly Father, we are waiting for Jesus to be born. Help us to be full of hope and to share your love with everyone we meet.
Come, Lord Jesus, come!
Amen

Prayer at bedtime
Bless me Lord as this day ends
Bless my family and all my friends.
Keep me safe throughout the night.
And wake me with the morning's light.
Amen

Family in Faith Action

Why not make an advent wreath together with greenery from plants and candles. Light one each week.

Week 1 – Hope (Prophecy Candle)
Represents hope of the world for the coming of the Messiah. Make your Advent wreath as a sign of waiting for Jesus to come to us.

Week 2 – Peace (Bethlehem Candle)
This symbolises the peace of Christ and represents the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. Try to be the peace maker when friends quarrel.

Week 3 – Joy (The Shepherds Candle)
This represents the joy of the birth of Jesus as the shepherds rejoiced upon hearing the news. This candle is pink. Smile at people you meet to bring joy to them.

Week 4 – Love (The Angels Candle)
This symbolises God's love for all humanity and the message of love and peace delivered by the Angels at Jesus' birth. Tell those who care for you that you love them.

Good News from the Gospel

7 Sunday – Matthew 3:1-12 "Prepare the way of the Lord." Activity: tidy an area to make space for Christmas and donate old toys to charity.

14 Sunday – Matthew 11:2-11 "The blind receive their sight and the lame, walk." Activity: show your support to a charity of your choice.


21 Sunday – Matthew 1:23 "Behold, a virgin shall be with child and they shall call his name Emmanuel." Activity: Make a baby Jesus decoration to put onto your Christmas tree.

28 Sunday – Matthew 2:13-15; 19-23 "Arise and take the child and His mother and go into the land of Israel." Activity – take your decoration on a journey – to family or friends, church or on a nature walk. Take a photo to share at school with your class.

Saints to Inspire

6 December – St. Nicholas


Saint Nicholas was a bishop known for his generosity. In the Middle Ages people began leaving gifts and money in shoes as a way to copy his kindness, especially for the poor. In many European countries today, children still put out their shoes and receive sweets, nuts, fruit or small toys on the morning of December 6th.



Why not donate some of your own shoes you have grown out of to charity

13 December – St. Lucy

Saint Lucy was known as the "Bearer of Light." She wore a crown of candles to bring food to people in hiding with her hands free to carry the food. In Sweden today, children still sing a song dedicated to St. Lucy. A girl dresses as St. Lucy with a wreath of candles on her head and is accompanied by children dressed as gingerbread figures. This symbolises the bringing of light and treats to ward off the darkness of the long winter nights. The 12th December is known as Gingerbread House Day.



Why not try making your own gingerbread man or house!

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