

Dear Parents,

A very big thank you for all your support, kindness and generosity throughout the term. You have been incredibly understanding with the changes to our procedures and have worked very hard with us to minimise the risk of COVID amongst the children and St Catherine's community. Thank you for your words of encouragement and appreciation throughout the term. You have kept us going especially on the cold wet mornings!

There have been many "heroes" this term who have worked hard to protect our children, the road warriors, the parents who have walked the children to and from swimming (especially those who have stepped in at the last minute), the parent reps who have liaised brilliantly with the school and the parents who have actively kept the community spirit alive by distributing nearly new uniform and food bank vouchers to families in need.

The PTA Committee have been true super stars this week for arranging a video message for all the children from Father Christmas and for helping him deliver a special Christmas gift. Their commitment to our children and school community is exemplary. We are incredibly lucky to have such a wonderful group of people who work in partnership with the school.

We do not know what challenges lay ahead as we begin our new term in 2021, but as a community we will face it together. During the holiday take care of each other. May the birth of Christ renew you in God's love and may you, your families and your loved ones walk always in the light of the Lord.

Miss Kelly

### Years 4, 5 and 6 'A Christmas Carol' Workshop

This week the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in a theatre workshop, "A Christmas Carol". An actor came into school, led the children through the story and took them back to Christmas in Victorian London. They then spent time exploring the characters through drama. The children really enjoyed their workshops and loved getting to know Scrooge. Please make sure you ask them about the story.

### Christmas Services

The videos of your child's Christmas Service are now viewable on the 'Teaching Blog' on PurpleMash. We hope you enjoy them.

### Mary Immaculate and St Peter

On Christmas Eve, St. Peters will be broadcasting the 4.30 children's mass on Zoom, and the 6.30 mass via Youtube. Details are below:

[4.30 Children's Mass](#)

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 525 548 6522

Passcode: 650426

[6.30 Mass](#)

<https://youtu.be/SkJnwkJuv5w>

**Safeguarding is  
our TOP  
priority**

**Safeguarding and Child Protection at St Catherine's is EVERYONES responsibility and is taken extremely seriously. Leaflets for parents and visitors outlining the school guidelines on safeguarding are available outside the school office. We also have a dedicated Safeguarding page on our website with a number of associated policies and details of our designated Safeguarding team. Please contact one of the team at any time if you have concerns.**

### Online Safety

The folks at CEOP, the team who lead the national crime agency on child online safety, have put together a useful guide for keeping our children safe online over the Christmas break. They cover viewing material, sharing content and chatting and friending online.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-being-social-online/>

### Luke 1: 26-38

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

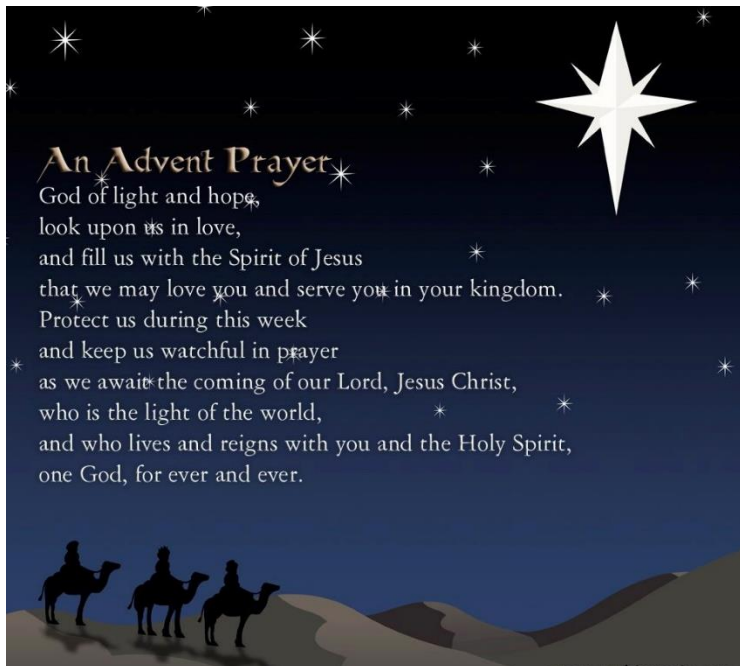
In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee named Nazareth. He had a message for a young woman promised in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was a descendant of King David. Her name was Mary. The angel came to her and said, "Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you!"

Mary was deeply troubled by the angel's message, and she wondered what his words meant. The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary; God has been gracious to you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king, as his ancestor David was, and he will be the king of the descendants of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end!"

Mary said to the angel, "I am a virgin. How, then, can this be?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and God's power will rest upon you. For this reason the holy child will be called the Son of God. Remember your relative Elizabeth. It is said that she cannot have children, but she herself is now six months pregnant, even though she is very old. For there is nothing that God cannot do."

"I am the Lord's servant," said Mary; "may it happen to me as you have said." And the angel left her.



### House Stars

*Well done to all of our children who have earnt stars this week!*

<b>Gabriel</b>	<b>376</b>
<b>Michael</b>	<b>355</b>
<b>Uriel</b>	<b>330</b>
<b>Raphael</b>	<b>273</b>

### The Week Ahead: W/C 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

<b>Monday 4th</b>	<b>Tuesday 5th</b>	<b>Wednesday 6th</b>	<b>Thursday 7th</b>	<b>Friday 8th</b>
Christmas Holiday	INSET DAY	<b>Children return to school</b>		



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