



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 27 November 2021

The theme next week is **ADVENT (Mark 13: 33 – 37)**

This week, we light the first purple candle on the Advent Wreath. A candle of hope.

What are you waiting for?

Waiting has been a big part of this year – lots of queues, waiting for school to reopen, and waiting to be able to mix freely again. Advent is about waiting too. At the end of Advent, we're waiting to celebrate Christmas. But the start of Advent is all about eagerly awaiting the Lord's return – so stay awake!

Let us pray

**Lord Jesus, light in the darkness,
shine in our hearts today.**

**As we await Your coming,
empower us to build a just and peaceful world, ready for Your return. Amen.**

(Courtesy of CAFOD)

ANTIBULLYING WEEK

Last week we supported the National Anti-Bullying week. The theme was 'united against bullying'. Our pupils completed their termly antibullying survey and form tutors delivered form class activities relating to our theme. Each pupil made an antibullying pledge on a jigsaw piece, which will be joined with one another to demonstrate our commitment to anti-bullying at our school.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH – WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER

Christmas Lunch will be served on Wednesday, 9 December. As per our previous correspondence, parents/carers have been sent a booking form for their child, should they wish to book a Christmas lunch. The deadline is Friday, 27 November at 4pm. We wish to emphasise that during lunch on the Wednesday, 9 December no other food, such as sandwiches, will be available for purchase from our Restaurant or from the Kiosk on the Yard. Pupils who have not ordered Christmas dinner should bring their own packed lunch.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LADYWELL

Earlier this year the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fernyhalgh took place, led by Father Ernest. The edited video is available to view by following the link below. The video also highlights St Mary's and the wonderful Shrine we have in our Diocese.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=RN1bF1-KCP8>

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – FRIDAY, 18 DECEMBER

We are encouraging all pupils to take part in our annual Christmas Jumper Day and make a donation via scopay to this year's chosen charity, St Catherine's Hospice. Full details of what is and isn't allowed to be worn on the day will be given to pupils soon but please no tinsel or inappropriate slogans/designs. This is a lovely day which coincides with our end of term Reward Assemblies so please encourage your child to take part.

Dates to remember

Wednesday, 9 December – Christmas lunch
 Friday, 18 December – School closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm
 Monday, 4 January – School opens for the Spring Term
 Friday, 12 February 2021 – School closes for half-term
 Monday, 22 February INSET day School closed for all pupils
 Tuesday, 23 February – School opens
 Friday, 26 March - School closes for Easter at 12.45 pm
 Monday, 12 April - School opens for the Summer term