

St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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O little town of Bethlehem - Year 6

Gaudete, Gaudete!

This Sunday is known as Gaudete Sunday. 'Rejoice, rejoice and again I say rejoice' That's how Mass will begin this Sunday. That's the challenge for the week ahead.....to make sure we rejoice! Because.... we continue to prepare, in all that we do, to remember the greatest event in history. The birth of Jesus, when God became a human being.

Christmas Events next week

Tuesday - Christmas Dinner
Wednesday - Movie/ Theatre afternoon
Thursday - Class parties & End of term
Friday - School Closed

Next Friday - school closed

The short notice for this date relates to a recent Government directive. The reason being that the school is duty bound to assist with the Covid-19 Track and Trace effort for six days after closure for holiday. Therefore school

staff would be on 'stand-by' up to 11:59pm on Christmas Eve. The Thursday closure pulls this commitment back by one day. Thank you for your understanding.

**School Finishes at
3:25 Thursday**

Guess the Carol!



Last week's picture was 'The Holly and the Ivy'. Did you see the 'rising of the sun, the playing of the merry organ and sweet singing in the choir'?



Here is the detail from this week's carol from our beautiful hall display. Which carol do you think it is?
(Check overleaf to see all the displays)

Free School Meal Vouchers during Christmas Holiday

Those parents who have received a voucher during previous school closures will again receive a voucher for the Christmas period. This will be sent to your email on Monday. Please look out for this and if there is an error inform the school on Tuesday by telephone.

A Prayer for Advent (Please say this at home)

The Magnificat

My Soul glorifies the Lord; my spirit exults in God my saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness, henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
The Almighty works marvels for me, holy is his name!
His mercy goes from age to age on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones and raised the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things and sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel his servant remembering his mercy.
The mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

'St James the Great Award'

This week's theme is 'Humility'
Pupils of achievement are as follows:
Year 1 Lydia
Year 2 Tina
Year 3 Bernard
Year 4 Janet
Year 5 Sean
Year 6 Janet

*Well Done Everyone.
St James the Great, Pray for us.*