



Chaplain Update

Christmas Message

What a fantastic Autumn Term we've had! We have had a number of wonderful events in Chaplaincy and as a school have really focused on reaching out to the community. One way we did this was with our tea party for retired members of the Parish led by our Year 7 & 12 Chaplaincy teams. It was a fantastic afternoon of Christmas cheer! As you can see below, we have held a number of fundraising events to support local and international charities- truly living out Serviam!

The theme of our Christmas liturgies this year was 'Why did Jesus come 2000 years ago?' We were reflecting on the world in which Jesus lived and whether our world today is very different in terms of global issues. Jesus came to bring peace and love to the world and to help unite all. This is still very much needed in today's society, so this Christmas season may we reflect on how we can bring Jesus' love, hope and peace into our communities by making time for others and taking care of those in need. We have encouraged the students to not just focus on the presents they receive this Christmas, but to remember Jesus and truly live out his mission in the world. May I extend this challenge to all of you and wish you all a happy and holy Christmas! Ms Murphy



Our Festive Fundraising included...

Year 10 Cake Sale: **£107.04** (Girls Secondary Technical school in Nigeria)

Year 7 Christmas Fair: **£961.92*** (50% to **Children's Cancer**)

Year 8 Christmas Fair: **£830.75*** (50% to **Homestart Merton**)

Year 9 Christmas Fair: **£1084.74*** (50% to **Veterans Charity**)

Christmas Jumper Day & Year 12 Christmas Fair: **(£766.15 For Jimmy)**

Christmas Carol Service: **£1094.91** (Christmas Charity: **The Passage**)

* 50% of all Year 7-9 Christmas Fair money will be going to a Girls Secondary Technical school in Nigeria.

PRAYER OF THE 'MONTH'

Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE OF THE 'MONTH'

Luke 1:26-38 Good News Translation (GNT)

The Birth of Jesus Is Announced.

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."

Upcoming Events

Year 8 Retreat (POP A)

Friday 11th Jan &
Friday 18th Jan
All Day,
Sacred Heart Church

Year 12 Eucharistic Ministers Training

Tuesday 15th Jan
Sacred Heart Church

Feast of St Angela Mass (Year 10/11)

Wednesday 23rd Jan
10.55-11.45am

Feast of St Angela Mass (Year 8/9)

Friday 24th Jan
10.55-11.45am

Feast of St Angela Mass (Year 12/13)

Friday 25th Jan
9.40-10.40am

Year 7 Ethos Day

Tuesday 29th Jan

All Day

Year Residential to Desenzano

Thursday 31st Jan
All Day

Generations Together Forum

Thursday 7th Feb
3.15-4.30pm

Year 10 Retreat

Friday 8th Feb
All Day,
Sacred Heart Church

Year 12 Candle Conference

Friday 8th Feb
Bloomsbury Central
Baptist Church

News In Pictures



Lighting of Candles for Deceased Family and Friends on All Souls' Day



Insieme Day! A Year 7 day on togetherness and Ursuline ethos with St Angela's school in Forest Gate



Christmas Shoebox Donations in Aid of Operation Christmas Child



Year 7 & 8 Advent Services



Joint Christmas Carol Service at Sacred Heart Church



Christmas Tea Party for Retired Members of the Community.