



## Chaplain Update

We have had a brilliant and busy Advent at the Ursuline, from Advent services and reconciliation services to Christmas fairs and Christmas jumper days. We have thought and prayed about the true meaning of Christmas as well as living it out through our fundraising efforts.

Throughout advent, we have managed raise money an amazing amount of money in many different ways;

- The Christmas fairs raised a total of £3,069.49!
- Our year 7 Christmas jumper day raised £127.60
- Our Joint Carol service raised £558.60
- And we sent 300 Christmas gifts and 16 hampers to Catholic Children's Society



In our Christmas assemblies we focused on Mary's encounter with the angel and how her saying Yes to God changed the world.

As we come towards the season of Christmas, let us think about Mary and how she quite literally delivered the Word of God for all Christians around the world, through her son Jesus. In our lives today, we have so much delivered - whether that is online shopping or food deliveries, these all add to consumerist lifestyle, however what Mary was delivering was a message of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. This is the message we need to share with one another this Christmas season: that Jesus is our light and salvation.

I would like to take this time to wish you all a happy and Holy Christmas.

Miss Murphy

## PRAYER OF THE 'MONTH'

Lord Jesus,

*Master of both the light and the darkness, send Your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.*

*We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear Your voice each day,*

*We who are anxious over many things look forward to Your coming among us.*

*We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of Your kingdom.*

*We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of Your presence.*

*We are Your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"*

Amen.

## Upcoming Events

### Epiphany Liturgy

Thurs 6th Jan  
In form time

### Feast of St Angela Masses

25th – 28th Jan

### Year 8 Retreat

Pop A: Fri 14th Jan  
Pop B: Fri 21st Jan  
St John Fisher

### Year 10 Form Retreat

7th – 11th Feb  
Sacred Heart Church

### Year 7 Ethos Day

Tues 25th Jan

## SCRIPTURE OF THE 'MONTH'

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born[c] will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

## News In Pictures



Remembrance Service



Commissioning Service



Christmas Carol Service



Christmas Tree Service



Christmas Gift Appeal



Christmas Assemblies