



## Chaplain Update

### Christmas Message

What a great first term we have had! It has been as busy as ever in Chaplaincy, as you can see from all the events below. In the last few weeks, our focus has been Advent and making sure we prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming at Christmas. In our Advent services, the students have reflected on how they can prepare themselves. The Year 7's created an advent calendar, with acts of service they could do each day throughout advent, while the Year 8's and 9's focused on how they would feel if Jesus physically entered their lives today, and the decision Mary made.



In commercial world we live in, it is hard to keep Christ at the centre of Christmas. Throughout this festive season, may we remember that very first Christmas when Jesus entered the world in a cold, dark stable. The light of the world, our saviour was born that day. He brought with him a message of love, peace and hope for us to live out in our lives. This Christmas season, may we share that love with others and reach out to those in need. May we be ambassadors of peace in our families and communities, living out the hope of baby Jesus. I would like to wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas, may Jesus truly enter your lives in this season.

Ms Murphy

## PRAYER OF THE 'MONTH'

*Light up our lives Christ,  
come into our world of darkness  
Light up our lives with your coming.  
Fulfil all our longings with the joy of your birth  
Strengthen our resolve to work  
for change in our world  
And to share the hope of your birth  
that each Advent brings.*

*Amen.  
Sr Bridgetta Rooney/  
CAFOD.*



## Upcoming Events

### Year 8 Retreat Day

Friday 12th January  
Chapel (All Day)

### Feast of St Angela

Saturday 27th January

### Eucharistic Ministers Commissioning Mass

Friday 18th January,  
Hall, 9.40-10.30am

### Year 7 Ethos Day

Tuesday 30th January  
Mass P6 in the Hall  
Parents Welcome

## SCRIPTURE OF THE 'MONTH'

### Luke 2: 1 -7

At that time Emperor Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Roman Empire. When this first census took place, Quirinius was the governor of Syria. Everyone, then, went to register himself, each to his own hometown.

Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. He went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger—there was no room for them to stay in the inn.

## News In Pictures



Christmas Tree Service



Shoebox Appeal



Year 7 Commissioning Service



Christmas Afternoon Tea



Prayers for the Deceased



Year 11 Retreat Day-  
on the theme of 'Discernment'.