



Newsletter

Journeying in the light of Christ, together we live and learn
14th December 2025



Gaudete Sunday

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice." This Sunday reminds us that even while we wait, we can be joyful. Advent is a time of hope and preparation. But this week, we pause to smile, sing, and take heart.

The readings for the 3rd Sunday of Advent are full of life. Isaiah tells us the desert will bloom and rejoice. God will strengthen the weak and bring justice. The blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the saved will enter Zion with joy. James encourages us to be patient for the Lord's coming, like a farmer waiting for crops. We should strengthen our hearts, avoid complaining, and follow the example of patient prophets. In the Gospel reading, Matthew tells us John the Baptist sent his disciples to ask Jesus if He was the one to come. Jesus affirmed his works. He praised John as the greatest prophet.

This Sunday points us toward joy. Not because everything is perfect, but because Jesus is near. His coming brings healing, justice, and peace. Even now, we can see signs of that in the world.

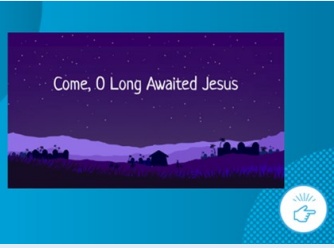
Theme of this weekend's Gospel:

Jesus is the one that we have all been waiting for this Advent. He is the Son of God who heals and restores. We can celebrate in hope because He is very near and promises to heal and restore us too!



Going forth for this weekend's Gospel:

How can you celebrate and share hope this Advent?



This month's Virtue to Live By

Our Virtue to Live by:

Patience

I am able to wait because some things take time. I trust in God and wait calmly and with self-control.

"Be patient and wait for the Lord to act, don't be worried about those who prosper or those who succeed in their evil plans. Don't give in to worry or anger; it only leads to trouble." Psalm 37:7-8

Prayer intentions: On the third Sunday of Advent, Lord, fill our hearts with joy and peace as we prepare for Jesus' coming. Help us to rejoice in Your presence and trust in Your care. Guide us to share Your love with others. Amen.

Collective Worship Newsletter: Please find the newsletter for December by clicking on this link:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Picture News

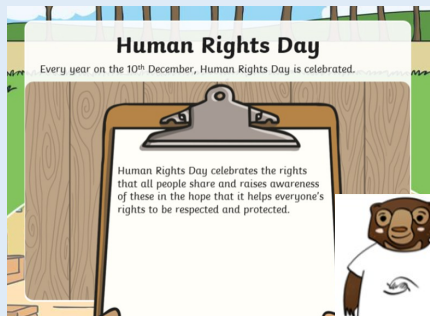
Question: How might challenges help us grow?

Story: An adventurer named Darren Edwards, who is paralysed from the chest down, is preparing to travel 137 miles across Antarctica using a sit-ski.

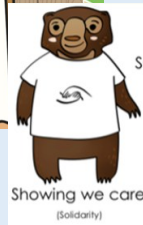


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Catholic Social Teaching



Catholic Social Teaching Principles: Solidarity and Human dignity

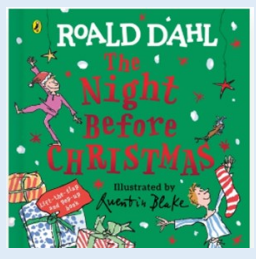
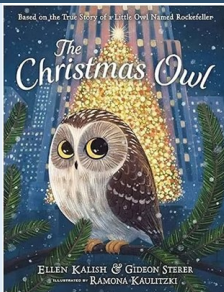


Shristi the Sun bear
Showing we care (Solidarity)



Luc the Deer
Everyone is special (Human Dignity)

Book Recommendations



Prayer of the Month

Our prayer for December is **The Magnificat**.

Our Advent Word of the week is:

JOY

Information / Messages

Travelling Carols: Thank you to everyone who attended Travelling Carols, it was a lovely evening.

Christmas Dinner: The deadline for ordering Christmas dinner was Wednesday 10th December. If you have not already ordered your child's Christmas dinner, which will take place on Wednesday 17th December, you will not now be able to order this.

Advent Presentations: If your child is performing in a nativity after school this week, please could they return to school for 4:45pm. Children should be brought to the school office so they can be signed in. They will then get changed into their costumes and walk up to the church with their teacher. Doors to church will be open from 4:45pm. After the performance, the children will return to school to get changed before being dismissed onto the small yard.

Please be aware that photography and videoing is not permitted at either performance because not all children have permission.

FOSM will be selling raffle tickets to win a box of biscuits or a bottle of wine so please bring some change.

Candlelit Carols: On Friday at 2pm there will be candlelit carols. Please bring a small torch to help with reading the carol sheet. There will also be refreshments available.

Raffle Tickets: The raffle will be drawn at the Candlelit Carols service on Friday afternoon. If you have any money and tickets, please could they be returned to school as soon as possible. There are more tickets available. If anyone wants more, please contact the school office.

Shoebbox Appeal: Mini Vinnies are collecting for the shoe box appeal. This year they will be making boxes for adults in our community. If you are able to donate items to go in the boxes, it would be much appreciated. Ideal items would include: toiletries, gloves, socks, non-perishable sweets/chocolates. The final day for dropping off these items is **Tuesday 15th December, today!**

Christmas Fair: Thank you to FOSM for organising a fantastic Christmas fair. Thanks also to everyone who helped, ran stalls and spent their money: we raised in excess of £1000.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 15th December

3:30pm—Reception advent presentation in church.

Tuesday 16th December

2pm —Y1/2 advent presentation in church

5pm—Y1/2 advent presentation in church

Wednesday 17th December

Christmas dinner day

Christmas jumpers

11am—Choir carol singing at care home

2pm—Y3/4 advent presentation in church

5pm—Y3/4 advent presentation in church

Thursday 18th December

2pm—Y5/6 advent presentation in church

5pm—Y5/6 advent presentation in church

Friday 19th December

2pm Candlelit carols

Break for Christmas

Monday 5th January

Return to school

Tuesday 6th January

Epiphany

Monday 12th January

Swim team to visit Y5 class

Wednesday 14th January

2:30pm—Y2 Little People Big Dreams Workshop for parents

Friday 16th January

3:15-4:15pm—FOSM meeting in school

Well Done

Well done to the Y5/6 athletics team who finished 4th in Sheffield at Concord last week.

Stars of the week

Ava H, All of Y3, Rome W, Leon P, Luca H

Hot Chocolate

Emrys H, Penelope CS, Thea P

School Council Star

Joseph E

Mini Vinnie Award

Teddy T

Acts of Kindness

Joseph E, Azariah, Vivi, Nancy, Halle

Reading Awards

Lexia—Willow L, Sofia S, Olivia B

Words—**50,000**—Bernie B; **100,000**—Alexandra C, Bethany S;
250,000—George H, Emrys H, Anaiya C; **1 million**—Annabelle A

Reading for Pleasure—Oakley M

Maths Awards

Numbots—Charlie H, Henry R, Sebastian W, Poppy T, Bernie B, Elspeth C, Amelia H

TT Rockstars—**Improved speed:** Chiemerie A, Esme A, Annie BB, Alethea H

Rock Star—Jack C; **Rock Legend**—Teddy T

Going Green—Teddy T

Vocab Ninja