

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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20th December 2019



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sacred Heart Church

Tuesday 24th

6.00 pm Vigil Mass

11.30 pm Carols followed by
Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30 am Mass

11.00 am Mass

Blessed Sacrament Church

Tuesday 24th

Vigil Mass: 6.00pm

Carols and Readings:
11.30pm

Midnight Mass: 12.00am

CHRISTMAS DAY:

Christmas Mass: 8.45am

Christmas Mass: 10.45am

There will be no evening Mass
on Christmas Day



Diary Dates

January	
7th	Children return to school
10th	Epiphany Liturgy led by Kingswear.
21st	Learning Assembly led by Compton Class
26th	School led mass at Blessed Sacrament 10.45am
31st	Candlemas Liturgy led by Foundation Stage.

Headteacher's News

A huge well done to all of our children who have shared the Christmas story through their nativity celebrations and to KS2 who took part in the Advent Celebrations at Sacred Heart Church this week.

The true spirit of St Nicholas can be seen in the generosity of the children in the donations to the CAFOD World Gifts. Thank you

on behalf of CAFOD, for all the chickens, goats, mosquito nets, trees, gift of reading and honey bees!

On behalf of the staff and children, we wish you a very happy and holy Christmas and hope that you have lots of family fun over the holiday.

Information

Staffing News

We said goodbye and good luck to Mrs Frappart today as she leaves us to have her baby early in January.

We also sadly said goodbye to Mrs Turner today with gifts, flowers and traditional cards from every class. She has been with us for 14 years and taught so many children during her time with us. We wish her much happiness and success for her future.

We will welcome new staff in January. Miss Jemma Standen will teach in Okehampton Class while Mrs Frappart is on maternity leave; Miss Hannah Gill will teach in Rougemont Class until the end of the year and Miss Sovay Bass-Carruthers has been appointed to teach the Nursery Class. She will start with us on the 15th January.

Change of Dates for Class Liturgy

Because of scheduled residential trips, please be aware that Kingswear and Plympton classes have swapped their Class Liturgies. This now means that Kingswear will lead the Epiphany Liturgy on Friday 10th January and Plympton will now lead the Supper of the Lord Liturgy on Wednesday 25th March. Parents are welcome to join us for these celebrations.

School Uniform

Watch out on Parentmail for a form asking for your opinion on changing the white summer polo top to dark green. We value your opinions on this – some of you may already have been consulted at the parent's evenings.

PE Kits

Your child/ren will be bringing home their PE kits to be washed over the holidays. Please could you all check that your child has brought home their own PE kit and school uniform. If so, please make sure it is clearly labelled.

KS2 Advent Celebration



Well done to all the children who took part in the Advent Celebration at Sacred Heart Church this week evening and thank you to all parents who joined us.

Severe Weather Procedures

In the event of an emergency or bad weather leading to the school being closed

- you will be informed by text message (if you are registered on parentmail);
- the website will have a message on the home page;
- Heart Radio and Devon Radio will have updates;
- [Devon County Council School's Closures](#) page will also have a message.

If you are still in any doubt please call the School as there may be a message on the answer phone or there will be a member of staff to advise you.

Please ensure that your child comes in **every day** with a coat as we encourage children to go outside.



Well done to all children throughout the school who have taken part so brilliantly in our Christmas liturgies, nativities and choir performances.



Thank you to all parents, carers, family and friends who came to support the children. Please remember not to post photos of other children publically on social media.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you once again to all who supported the recent Christmas fayre and to the PTA for all their hard work.

We raised a fantastic total of **£2049.35!**

To help boost funds for the school don't forget to use Give as You Live to access many sites such as Amazon, Argos and all major supermarkets. You can earn donations for us at no cost to you! **We have already raised over £108 pounds.**

Please help us to raise more! Go to

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/stn-cs-pta>

Parish and Community News



Exeter Foodbank Christmas Opening Times 2019

	The Mint	The Beacon
Fri 20 th Dec	1130am-3pm	10am -12pm
Mon 23 rd Dec	1130am-3pm	-
Fri 27 th Dec	CLOSED	10am -12pm
Mon 30 th Dec	1130am-2pm	-
Thur 2 nd Jan	1130am-2pm	-
Fri 3 rd Jan	1130am-2pm	10am -12pm

- Please be aware that we will only accept one voucher per visit.
- Our sessions may be busier than normal... please bear with us!
- Remember to bring bags... strong bags! ☺

Your family prayers have been offered in the crib during our Advent Liturgy.



Christmas Prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson

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.

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St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Lead: **Mrs Denise Sparkes** Deputy Child Protection Leads: Mrs A Folland, Miss K Reynolds, Mrs A Griss, Miss C Follows and Miss J Pym Named Governor for Child Protection: Mrs Lucy Wills



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