



St Anthony's Newsletter

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Advent Service



St Peter's Class attended an Advent Service in St George's Cathedral this week. The service was led by Bishop Pat Lynch.

Amazing Grace

Grace (Year 5) was in northern France for the Armistice commemorations last month. She was there because five members of her family served in the Great War of 1914-1918. Grace attended a service to remember the 60,000 Australians who died in that war.

The event was reported in the **Courier Mail** newspaper in **Brisbane** and a whole article was written about Grace's family. This might be the first time a St Anthony's pupil gets a mention in a newspaper on the other side of the world!



Safeguarding:

Start of the day arrangements

The school bell rings in the upper playground at 08:45 for the children to line up and start making their way to class. All children are expected to be in their classrooms by 08:50 as the register has to be completed promptly. Mrs Squire is at the gate to give late slips to children arriving in school, after 08:50.

Attendance and punctuality is monitored by the Senior Leadership Team every week.

Ms Doyle

Ms Ruth Doyle is leaving us, at Christmas, after 23 years of service. She started teaching in St Anthony's in 1995 and has taught more than 700 children during her time here. We wish Ms Doyle all the best for her future and we hope that she keeps us informed about her new challenges.



St Bernadette's class will be getting a new teacher after the holidays and we are fortunate that we have managed to appoint an experienced teacher. Miss Geraghty will be starting after Christmas and will be St Bernadette's full-time class teacher.

Enrolment

Parents and carers who wish their child to start Reception in September 2019 have until **15th of January** to complete their supplementary form and return it, signed by their parish priest, to the school office. Please remind all parents and neighbours who are applying to St Anthony's. If parents still wish to visit the school and have a tour, please ask them to call the office as Mrs Hawthorne is always willing to show prospective parents around.

Community Safety



PC Deepa and Sgt Trish came to talk to KS2 children about hate crime this week. After this, Y6 stayed on for a talk about the use of weapons and staying safe on the street.

Key Dates

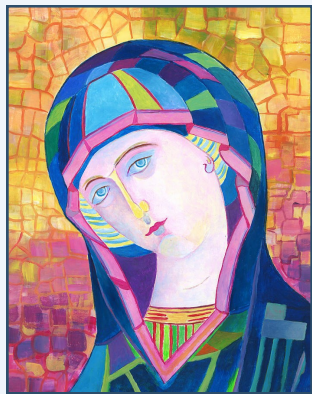
- **Tuesday 11th December 9.30am & 2.15pm** Infant Nativity Play (in school)
- **Wednesday 12th December 11.00am** Nursery carols
- **Thursday 20th December 2.15pm:** Carol Service in St Thomas More Church
- **Friday 21st December 2pm:** END OF TERM



Faith Life

- ♦ The Wednesday Word this week is **PREPARATION**
- ♦ This Sunday is the **second Sunday of Advent**; the Gospel is from **Luke 3:1-6** *Prepare a way for the Lord*
- ♦ **Fr Joe** visited today: he ate with the children, met the chaplaincy team then called in on nursery and Reception

Prayer for the week:



*You are all beautiful, Mary,
and the original stain is not in
you.*

*You are the glory of Jerusalem,
you are the joy of Israel,
you give honour to our people.
You are an advocate of sinners.*

*O Mary,
Virgin most intelligent,
Mother most merciful.
Pray for us,
Plead for us,
To the Lord Jesus Christ.*

"Tota Pulchra": a 4th Century Prayer

Tomorrow is the feast of **The Immaculate Conception**

St Thomas More parish news

Parish Carol Service will be on 16 December at 3pm

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service – Monday 17 December at 7.30pm

New parish email: dulwich@rcaos.org



Christingles

These lovely Christingles were made at home by Year 4 children. The Christingle is a rich symbol of God's love and making them is popular at this time of year. The orange symbolises the world, the candle is Jesus, light of the world; the red ribbon represents Jesus' precious blood; the four cocktail sticks with sweets represents the fruits of the earth and the four seasons.

FOSTAS news

The Christmas Fair raised a whopping **£5,501.19**. A big thank you to everyone who attended the fair and made it such a fundraising success and a happy and fun event. Thanks must also go to everyone who volunteered on a stall, with set-up and clearing up, and also to the school staff who together with parent volunteers gave up their time to help raise these important funds.

So far this term FOSTAS has funded
£3000 on Classroom Resources (£200 per class)
£1662 Coram Life Bus, (all pupils)
£225 Advent Booklets (all pupils)
£395 Year 3 World War 2 Workshop
Total £5282

FOSTAS 2019 calendars are on for sale in the school office, there are only a few left the calendar includes key school dates for next year and lovely group photographs of the children at only £8.

Flu immunisation

Children from Reception to Year 5 received their flu immunisation (in the form of a nasal spray) today. They received a sticker and a certificate containing important health information and outlining possible flu symptoms (check your child's schoolbag!)

Good Luck!

This is Norenzo in year 2. He has been nominated for Student of the Year at his Tae Kwon Do club. It is great to know that children are committed to learning both in and outside school.

Wishing you well!



Puzzle Corner

If a cow and a goat could eat all the grass in a field in 45 days, and a cow and a goose could eat all of the same field in 60 days, and the goat and the goose could eat the grass in 90 days, how long would it take the goat, cow and goose to eat the grass when turned into the field together?

