



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach Advent, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of two upcoming events which mark our School's preparation for the birth of Christ.

The first event is the Annual Festival of Readings and Music which will take place at the Church of St Mary and All Saints (The Crooked Spire) on Tuesday 18 December. This beautiful service will start at 7.00 pm and all are welcome. We endeavour to make as much use of the space available and add extra seating, but not all seats provide optimum viewing. This is a popular event which means that seats are available on a first come, first served basis.

The Festival of Reading and Music is followed by our whole school Mass to celebrate Advent on the last day of term. Mass will take place on Friday morning on 21 December and will be in the Sport's Hall, as usual.

Pupils in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 will celebrate Mass from 9.00 – 10.00 am and will therefore not need their books for periods 1 and 2. Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 will celebrate Mass at 10.15 – 11.15 am and will therefore not need their books for periods 3 and 4. There will then follow an extended break followed by an early close at 12.40 pm.

During the extended break pupils will be able to purchase snacks in school and then the buses will be booked to leave school at 12.40 pm. If you usually pick up your child or they walk home, please take note of the early close to ensure that you have made appropriate arrangements with your child for this last day.

I would like to extend my very best wishes to all Parents, Carers, local Clergy and the entire school community for a very holy and blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs M Dengate**  
Headteacher

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*Live, Love and Learn in the Light of Christ*

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