



# 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 Music and Readings which will take place at the Church of St Mary and All Saints (The Crooked Spire) on Tuesday 17 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 Music and Readings is followed by our whole school Mass to celebrate Advent on the last day of term. Mass will take place on Friday morning on 20 December and will be in the Sports 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 period 1. Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 will celebrate Mass at 10.05 – 11.05 am and will therefore not need their books for period 2. There will then follow an extended break followed by registration at 12.00pm for 30 minutes and an early close at 12.30 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 12.30 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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