



Parent Briefing – w/c: 04/12/2017



News from The Catholic Church in Jersey

ADVENT SERVICE OF LIGHT

Hosted by the congregation of St Bernadette's Church, will take place on **Sunday 3 December at 6pm**. All are welcome to a traditional procession of light with Advent hymns and readings. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards.

FAMILY NATIVITY AND BAMBELLINI BLESSING SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER AT ST MARY & ST PETER'S CHURCH AT 2.30PM

This year at the request of the Catholic Grandparents Association, we invite children to come dressed as shepherds, sheep and angels to take part in our family Nativity and also have your own Baby Jesus blessed for your home at Christmas.

Refreshments will be served and a Christmas Raffle will take place.

Youth news

National Youth Sunday

The youth team would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported National Youth Sunday last week. The rain did not dampen the spirits of the 55 youth who turned out to show witness to their faith in a walk from St Patrick's church to St Thomas's church. These were well supported on the walk by their youth leaders, the Sisters from the Community of Christ of Bethany and the Knights of St. Columba, who organised the route. We would also like to thank the St Clement and St Helier honorary police for guiding us safely at road junctions. The afternoon concluded with an International Mass including music by representatives from our many different church choirs.

YSVP Advent Giving Tree project Our Giving trees will be going out into the churches this weekend. Please support this excellent project by taking a tag from the giving tree in your church, purchasing the named voucher and returning it to your church the following week. Our youth will be there to collect in the vouchers and there will also be boxes to place the vouchers into. These vouchers will be presented to the St Vincent De Paul Society who will distribute them to the more needy in our parish over Christmas and throughout the year.

What's happening on Friday evenings during Advent?

Friday 1 December – meet Sacred Heart Church, St Aubin 7pm. We will be joining in the Night of Lights and inviting the public to light a candle and say a prayer. Hot chocolate and marshmallows available.

Friday 8 December – meet in the youth room at 7pm. We will be going to St Thomas's church for our youth Mass at 7.30pm to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We invite our new Youth Assembly to join us for a special blessing from Fr Benjamin. Afterwards the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in the youth prayer room. All welcome.

Friday 15 December – meet at the Oasis of Peace at 7pm. We will be joining parishioners in celebrating a Night with The Lord. We will have time in Adoration and a sleepover option for youth is available. See Moyra for directions.

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Youth news

Youth Concert is Sunday afternoon 10th December at St Mary and St Peter's Catholic Church 2-4pm (including refreshments). Please come and support your youth. We have a fantastic programme of talented youth.

Youth 2000 continues on Thursdays from 6.30-8.30pm with the Life in Christ programme including some time in Adoration.

Youth Pilgrimage to Ireland – Joining the World Meeting of Families in August 2018. Please see Moyra for details. We still have places. There will be an information meeting in January.

For more information on what is happening in Youth Ministry and to view our autumn term programme of events, please visit our website on www.jacy.org.je

Follow us on Twitter @JaCy2005

To keep updated like us on Facebook - Jersey Association of Catholic Youth

Chaplaincy News

Please join us in our prayer theme for next week as we commence the season of Advent.

The prayer we shall be using is:

Heavenly Father, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during the forthcoming weeks of Advent, as we wait and prepare for his coming. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Advent is our time in the Church to prepare for the birth of our Saviour at Christmas.

Here are a few ideas to help you make the most of this Advent:

<https://adventreflections.com/>

<http://praymoreretreat.com/>

<https://stpaulcenter.com/streaming/>

<http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/p/Advent.htm>

Please use the following link for an excellent resource to help prepare for Sunday Mass on Sunday 3rd December 2017 – The First Sunday of Advent

http://www.wednesdayword.org/downloads/parish_docs/505-A-Advent-1-201.pdf

Whole School Notices

Centenary Ties and Teddies

We have a limited amount of teddies available for £10 each.

We have sold out of ties and so have placed a new order of small, medium and large sizes. If you would like to place an order please email Mr McCarthy on j.mccarthy@dls-jersey.co.uk

If you have requested a tie but have not yet received it, please also contact Mr McCarthy to specify which size you would prefer.



Rhodes House car wash in aid of 'Tackle Africa'

Please come along and support our Rhodes boys at their Charity Car wash on Saturday 9th December. The boys will be in the lower car park from 9am until midday.

E-safety

For the latest news regarding e-safety please go to the news section on the homepage of our website

Parking on site

Please be aware that all of the numbered spaces in both staff car parks are allocated to staff.

Please do not park in these spaces - even for 5 minutes

This may, and has, caused major disruption

De La Salle anniversary Christmas tree decoration

De La Salle has been asked to decorate a tree for the St Peter's Church Christmas Tree Celebration this December to commemorate the school's 100th Anniversary. Please find a flyer with full information attached.

Whole School Notices continued....

Pupil Absence:

Reminder to all parents that any absences through medical/dental appointments must be preauthorised via our attendance officer: absence@dls-jersey.co.uk

In the event of your child being unwell please contact the college via email, absence@dls-jersey.co.uk or telephone on 754103. If leaving a message please let us know what is wrong with your son, please do not simply state 'sick' or 'unwell'.

Please do this each day until your son returns to school. We will not assume that if he was ill on Monday that is the reason he is absent on Tuesday unless you have previously informed us.

In the event your son becomes unwell at school and needs to go home, he should find the nearest teacher to inform them he has to go to sick bay. He should then go directly to sick bay and inform the admin team that he is unwell. The admin team will assist him and contact you, when necessary, to collect your son. Students should not contact parents in advance of going to the sick bay.

Celebrating Achievements

It is important to us that we are able to celebrate your son's achievements with him and so we would be very grateful if you could please keep us informed of anything your son has done/achieved outside school. Please email any details and/or photos to Mrs Lucy Fosse: l.fosse@dls-jersey.co.uk

Primary Notices

Key dates for you to be aware of:

- **Thursday 7th December: PTA Christmas Fayre in the Sports Hall.** The boys will be visiting the Fayre during the afternoon. Playground parking will be opened slightly earlier so you can visit the Fayre or join your son from 2.15pm onwards. The Fayre will stay open after school if you wish to visit once you have collected your son. *(All donations for the Christmas Fayre are much appreciated – please see separate communications from the PTA. We especially need pre-loved toys, puzzles, board-games etc for the very popular Toy Stall).*
- **Tuesday 12 December: Centenary Christmas Carol Concert (Years 3,4,5,6) at St Mary's and St Peter's Church from 6.30pm**
- **Wednesday 13 December: Infant Nativity (Pre-Reception, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) in the Sports Hall at 2.15pm.** Playground parking will be available to parents.
- **Friday 15 December: Term finishes at 12.00**

Centenary tea towel

Please see flier to order your tea towel today!

Secondary School Notices



Little Sisters of the Poor Christmas Concert, Wednesday 13th December

The time is fast approaching for De La Salle's annual Christmas concert for the residents of the Little Sisters of the Poor which has been held for over fifty years.

Preparations are well underway and we are now accepting donations of gifts from any families who wish to contribute towards the Christmas gifts we provide for the residents. Please see the attached letter.

Year 8 boys have each been assigned a resident for whom they will make a personal gift bag, with the resident being presented with the gifts at the end of the concert. Please see the attached letter.

The College and Little Sisters of the Poor would like to thank you in advance for your help and generosity in helping to maintain this fabulous tradition once again this year.

Website

Please check our website each week, particularly the calendar to keep up to date with College events. If you are not a member you should register as this will give you access to a lot more information.

Year 11 Music Students

Music GCSE support sessions with Mr. Wood on Mondays, Wednesday and Friday. 1.00pm-1.30pm

Music GCSE support sessions with Mr. Pallot Tuesday and Thursday 3.30pm-4.30pm

Year 12 & 13

Parents Evening: Wednesday 6 December 1600 - 1830

De La Salle PE Department

Y7 – Y8 Please make sure your son brings a gum shield to their games lessons

Clubs and Activities in School

Monday 4th December

Year 9 Football – Games Hall – Lunch time

All years Trampoline club - Gym– 15:45 – 16:45

Years 8 - 11 – Fitness Club – Fitness Suite – 15:45 – 16:45

Tuesday 5th December

Year 10 Football – Games Hall – Lunch

Years 12 & 13 – Fitness Club – Fitness Suite – 15:45 – 16:45

Wednesday 6th December

Year 11 Football – Games Hall – Lunch

Years 8 - 11 – Fitness Club – Fitness Suite – 15:45 – 16:45

Year 7 C&D Football – Games Hall - 15:45 – 16:45

All years Badminton club - Cancelled due Primary Christmas Fayre

Thursday 7th December

Year 7 Football – Games Hall – Lunch

Years 8 - 11 – Fitness Club – Fitness Suite – 15:45 – 16:45

All years Cricket Nets – Cancelled due Primary Christmas Fayre

Friday 8th December

Year 8 Football – Games Hall – Lunch time

Year 9-11 Basketball – Sports Hall – Lunch times

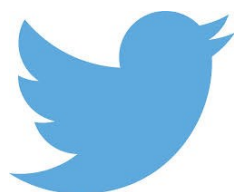
Years 12 & 13 – Fitness Suite – 15:45 – 16:45

Fixtures

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Please note: fixtures are as per the island fixture calendar but may be subject to mid-week changes due to unforeseen circumstances.

Your son will be kept informed of any changes.



Please remember to follow us on Twitter for regular updates and information:

@DeLaSalleJersey

For College sports updates:

@DLSjsyPE