



# KART News

Dear R.E. Coordinator/Teacher/Chaplain,

Welcome to the second edition of KART news for the academic year 2015/2016.

Advent is a time of the year when we prepare for Christmas, we carefully unpack the figures of the crib, we tenderly wipe the dust from Mary's eyes and Joseph's beard. We seek to emulate the shepherd's enthusiasm and openness, the wise men's courage and generosity, Mary's mysticism, Joseph's enthusiasm and the Christ child's humility.

This Church Year will also be celebrated as the Year of Mercy. This year begins on December 8th, when Pope Francis passes through the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica.

Inside this edition I have included worksheets, prayer services and much more. Please forward any material for future editions to [tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie).

Kind Regards,  
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## ADVENT 2015

### Advent

Advent is both a beginning and an end, an alpha and an omega of the church's year of grace or liturgical year. Too often considered merely as a season of preparation for the annual celebration of Christ's birth, this rich and many-layered season is actually designed to prepare the Christian for the glorious possibilities of the Parousia. The main use of this word Parousia in theological language is to refer to the second coming of Christ. Advent is also a season of longing expectation.



### Advent: Time for Mercy!

Advent is a way of preparing ourselves for God coming into our lives each day. During the four weeks of Advent we try to make room for God; to invite God into our daily lives. It can be easy to overlook this season as we prepare for Christmas and the holidays. With the growth of technology we no longer have to wait ... we can become impatient if our computer takes a few minutes to upload! Advent reminds us of the importance of waiting and the importance of hope. This is the time to remember what Christians really look forward to and the preparations we must make. This season of advent is a perfect time to help us to prepare not just for the coming of Christ but to become part of this New Year of Mercy which begins on the 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Pope Francis has demonstrated mercy in both his words and actions since he became Pope and it is no surprise that he has chosen this theme, mercy. These opening words, "Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy." *Misericordiae vultus* sets the tone for the entire document and this is the mystery of our Christian faith.

This advent we invite you on this journey of mercy, who is mercy, what is mercy, where there is mercy, how there is mercy and why there is mercy. It was Pope Paul VI that said at the closing of the second Vatican council, "On the face of every human person, especially those marked by tears and suffering, we can and most see the face of Christ". Pope Francis wish is that this Year, experienced also in the sharing of divine mercy, may be "dedicated to living out in our daily lives the mercy which the Father constantly extends to all of us."

## CLASSROOM ACTIVITY 1 —GOOD DEEDS CHAIN

### Activity Objective:

To Motivate the students to do good deeds for others

### Lesson Outcome:

The children will do good deeds for others

### Materials

- Markers
- Purple and pink construction paper strips (1" x 9")
- Tape



### Directions:

- Talk about John the Baptist and his call to do good deeds.
- Talk about using Advent to follow the message of John the Baptist.
- Show the children the strips of paper. Tell them for every good deed they do, they can add a purple or pink link to the group's Advent chain.
- Encourage the children to come to each session during Advent and write their good deeds on a paper link and then add it to the chain.
- As the chain grows from week to week, keep it on the prayer table or in view of the group.
- At the last session before Christmas, take your chain of good deeds and put it on the parish Christmas tree or another available space so the children

### Hints:

Children with special needs should be encouraged to participate. They could pray for others as a good deed.

Encourage children to be active at home and school as they prepare for Jesus' birth.

## CLASSROOM ACTIVITY 2

### Things to do for Advent:

- ♦ Create a mind map on 'Advent.'
- ♦ Which of the themes from page 2 do you most associate with Advent? Why?
- ♦ Which of the themes from page 2 do you least associate with Advent? Why?
- ♦ List ways in which (a) you, (b) your class, (c) your school community can prepare for advent.
- ♦ Select one of the above as your theme for advent. Reflect on your chosen theme and to think of ways that you can prepare for Christmas. Share your answer with your neighbour.
- ♦ Use one of the themes to prepare a class prayer service.
- ♦ Create a visual display (poster, collage) of Advent using one or all of the themes.
- ♦ Use the themes to help make an Advent Calendar.
- ♦ Think of ways that the season of Advent can be highlighted in school e.g. Posters, Sacred Space, Thoughts for the day or week....
- ♦ Make a prayer card or bookmark using one of the themes.
- ♦ Create a power point presentation on advent incorporating all of the themes.
- ♦ Prepare an input to give to first year students on Advent.
- ♦ Make posters for display in the church to help highlight the different aspects of advent.
- ♦ Create a Jesse Tree for your school.
- ♦ Make an Advent Wreath.





## ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE AROUND THE ADVENT WREATH

At the beginning of each week of Advent, celebrate a wreath ceremony in your prayer room. Make a semi-circle around the Advent wreath. Choose persons to light the candle, start the hymns, and read the introduction and Scripture reading. Pray together the Psalm, the Our Father, and the final prayer. [CLICK HERE](#) for a very help pdf resource.

### Introduction.

*We come together in prayer and to celebrate Advent. We think about the mystery of Jesus, the Son of God, born in a manger in Bethlehem. He was the fulfillment of the Father's promise- the long-awaited Saviour of the world. As we light this candle (these candles), may it/ they remind us of Christ, who came to us as a light shining in the darkness.*



### Prayers for the four weeks

#### Week 1

Read Isaiah 9:1-2: 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest.'

Pray together Psalm 43:3-5: 'O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.'

#### Week 2

Read Micah 7:7-8: 'But as for me, I will look to the Lord, I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me.'

Pray together Psalm 27, verses 1, 13, 14: 'The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

#### Week 3

Read Isaiah 60:1-2: 'Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you and his glory will appear over you.'

Pray together Psalm 25:4-5: 'Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.'

#### Week 4

Read John 8:12: 'Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'

Pray together Psalm 36:7-9: 'How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.'

Sing a hymn to end the ceremony (for example, 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel')

[CLICK HERE](#) to hear a beautiful Advent/Christmas piece called Immanuel by Michael Card.

## CLASSROOM ACTIVITY 3

### ADVENT BINGO

In the Advent Bingo activity, participants will be able to recall their liturgical experiences of Advent and deepen their understanding of the Church's celebration of this season. The focus of this center is Advent practices and symbols found in Catholic liturgy.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Instructions and overview

[CLICK HERE](#) for the first download:

The first download contains three leader guides. The first is a general overview to guide the facilitator. The second is a list of questions and answers and instructions on how to call the game. Finally, there is a resource guide with material to help the facilitator draw out and deepen conversation. The second download is a set of Bingo cards. There are 30 different cards, printed 2 to a page. After printing out the card pages, cut them in half to separate the cards.

The facilitator should have:

- Printout of Bingo Overview
- Printout of Bingo Facilitator's Instructions and Q&A
- Printout of Bingo Facilitator's Resource Guide

A variety of small prizes for Bingo winners **Note:** It is better to have too many prizes than too few!

Each player should have:

- A unique Bingo card
- Markers for card—either writing implement for marking directly on the card or buttons, dried beans, or other tokens to cover the squares of a reusable card.



## CLASSROOM ACTIVITY 4

### Playing the Game

A facilitator will ask a series of Advent-related questions. Each square of the Bingo cards contains an answer to one of the questions. As the questions are asked and answered, players will mark the answers on their cards. When a player has five marked squares in a line, he or she will call “Bingo!” and win a small prize. Play will then continue using the same cards.



As each question is asked and answered, players should take time to discuss the subject of the question. The facilitator will have a handy resource sheet that he or she can use to find information to spark and enrich the discussion.

Because there is no limit on how many players can win, the game can last as long as it takes for every player to win, or it can end at a specified time. You can also vary the length of the game by increasing or decreasing the length of the discussions surrounding each question and answer.

**Decide in advance how many players you would like to have per session and whether you want to have players mark directly on the cards or not.** We have provided 30 unique cards, and you may print out or photocopy them as many times as you need.

Choose a facilitator to call the questions and lead discussions of the answers. You may also want some senior children available to help beginning readers play the game.



# CLASSROOM AVTIVITY 5

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 NAZARETH  
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 TRAVEL  
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## CLASSROOM ACTIVITY 6

### Be Prepared

So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.  
Matthew 24:44 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 36-44



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## PRAYER FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS by Paula Finnegan PDST

### *Christmas Carol Service - December 2015*

A carol service can be a lovely way to round off a busy term. It's also a key opportunity to re-introduce your students to the birth of Jesus and the true story of Christmas.

At Christmas people love tradition, so please give them some - traditional carols and readings that most will be familiar with. Equally, a new twist on familiar carols or bible readings can be really interesting so don't be afraid to get creative either and use new ideas that your student cohort may have.

It can really add to the occasion if you can make the venue really welcoming whether it is in the school building or in the nearby Church. Decorations and fairy lights can really make a big difference. It is useful to have a copy of the service up on screen for people to see (esp the lyrics of the carols). If that's not an option, a written copy of the carols is nice for your students to sing along to.

There are a lot of carols included in this service - six in total. You may not have time to rehearse all seven songs with your students so please use CD's and/or YouTube clips of those songs if it makes life easier. Alternatively, you may choose to omit some of the suggested carols - sometimes less is more. You may decide to get each year group to sing their own carol, you may have a school choir or soloists to sing specific carols or you may wish it to be whole school from start to finish.

The preparation time you have available may vary depending on when in December your Christmas exams are held. If the school exams are held in early December, the Carol Service may be a good opportunity to focus on some faith formation. If your school exams are held later in December, you may not have as much time. Perhaps there is one year group (eg TY's) who might be more available to prepare for this service with you.

Some teachers may like to act out elements of the Christmas story instead of using the narrative solely provided in this template. There is opportunity for both if you wish. Carol Services can be as simple or elaborate as you wish. The main thing is that it is enjoyable and meaningful. The template below is very generic so please add/omit as suits you and your school community.

Most of all enjoy it, that's what the story of Christmas is all about!

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### Introduction

Setting the scene - a student/students from the school/each year group can give a little introduction about the purpose of today's carol service.

### Opening Hymn - 'O Little Town of Bethlehem'

O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary  
And gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love  
O morning stars together  
Proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing to God the King  
And Peace to men on earth

How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him still,  
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us, we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in  
Be born to us today  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell  
O come to us, abide with us  
Our Lord Emmanuel



## PRAYER SERVICE FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

### Reader One

There once lived in the town of Nazareth, a young girl called Mary. One day God sent Gabriel the great angel, to give Mary some very important news.

#### **Luke 1:26-35**

God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee. The angel said, "Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

#### **Hymn No.2 – Silent Night**

Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child  
Holy Infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ, the Saviour is born  
Christ, the Saviour is born

Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth

### Reader Two

As Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, Mary knew that her baby was about to be born but there was no room for them anywhere. All they were offered was a stable - that is where the son of God was born.

#### **Luke 2:1-7**

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

## PRAYER SERVICE FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

### Hymn No.3 – Away In a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where  
He lay,  
The little lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the  
sky.  
And stay by my side till morning is nigh.



Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me for ever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care  
And take us to Heaven to live with Thee there.

### Reader Three

That night some shepherds who were guarding their sheep near Bethlehem were startled by a great light in the sky. An angel came down and spoke to them.

### Luke 2:8-16

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.



## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

### Hymn No.4 – O Holy Night

O Holy Night  
The stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees O hear the angels voices.  
O night divine O night when Christ was born  
O night divine, O night, O night divine.

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming,  
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
Here came the wise men from Orient land.  
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger;  
In all our trials born to be our friend.  
He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger,  
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!  
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!

### Reader Four

Meanwhile in his great palace in Jerusalem, jealous King Herod was talking to some Wise Men from the East. He had heard about the baby who had been born in Bethlehem and was terrified that one day this child would seize his throne.

### Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

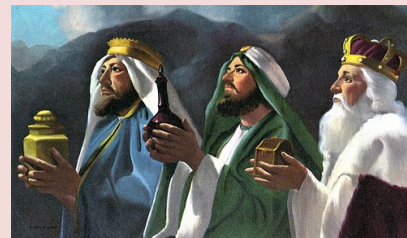
### Hymn No. 5 'We Three Kings'

We three kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar.  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night. Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect Light.

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I, Incense owns a Deity nigh.  
Prayer and praising all men raising, Worship Him, God on high.



### Reader Five

The wise men followed the star and it guided them to Bethlehem and the place where Jesus lay. They were overjoyed to see the star there and went

straight into the stable. Out of their great store of treasures they gave the baby three very special gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh.

These were very wise men and they were not fooled by King Herod.  
In a dream they were warned by God to find a different way home. After a warning from God, Mary and Joseph fled to Egypt to escape from Herod. When it was safe to do so they returned to live in Nazareth again.

### Hymn No. 6 'Oh Come All Ye Faithful'

O Come All Ye Faithful  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him,  
Born the King of Angels;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above.  
Glory to God, in the Highest;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

### Conclusion

This is an opportunity to conclude the message of the Carol Service. It may be delivered by a principal/teacher/student. If you are planning a lengthy Christmas Carol Service you could include a drama and/or focus on the advent wreath here as well.

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Many Christians around the world, particularly those of the Catholic faith, mark the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in their diaries and calendars. Church services (or masses) to honor this observance are held on or around December 8. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a public holiday in some places, such as Guam and Malta, so many people in these areas have a day off work or school.



The feast focuses on the concept that the Virgin Mary was conceived without sin.

### Hail Mary Word Search

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S	D	W	D	R	P	R	A	Y	E	D



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Directions: Find all 17 of the words that are in bold print below in the Hail Mary prayer in the word search above.

**Hail Mary,**  
Full of Grace,  
The Lord is with thee.  
**Blessed** art thou among women,  
and blessed is the **fruit**  
of thy womb, **Jesus**.

**Holy Mary,**  
**Mother of God,**  
pray for us sinners now,  
and at the hour of death.  
**Amen.**

## WEB SERVICES FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

**Click on the link to direct you to relevant site:**

Xt3 Advent Calendar for 2015— <http://www.xt3.com/advent/>

[CLICK HERE](#) for a Christmas you-tube clip for First Years

[CLICK HERE](#) for a lovely you-tube clip on the Nativity

[CLICK HERE](#) for an excellent power-point on Advent from CAFOD

[CLICK HERE](#) for The Religion Teacher site on Advent Resources

[CLICK HERE](#) for a YouTube play list posted by composer Ian Callanan

[CLICK HERE](#) for Resources from Busted Halo

[CLICK HERE](#) for R.E. Quest on helpful Advent Resources

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the Wingclips site for helpful material for the season

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the Dublin diocesan website resources on Advent

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the Ignatian Spirituality site on Advent

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the National Centre for Liturgy—Advent Evening Prayer



## YEAR OF MERCY



The *logo* and the *motto* together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto *Merciful Like the Father* (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cfr. Lk 6:37-38).

The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small *summa theologiae* of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

The scene is captured within the so called *mandorla* (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the official Year of Mercy Webpage



## CEILIÚRADH NA NÓG 2015-2016

A number of schools have expressed interest in participating in Ceiliúradh na nOg for 2016.

The Presentation Day will be held in the Brandon Hotel, Tralee on **Wednesday, April 20th 2016**

Let the diocesan advisor know if you wish to get involved.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a pdf of the resource booklet to accompany the programme.



## CLASSROOM ACTIVITY 7

Month of December

# Christmas Word Search

Find these 40 hidden words below. The words go up, down, across, diagonally, even backwards. What does each one have to do with Christmas?

ADESTE FIDELIS	FRANKINCENSE	JOY	NOEL	SHEEP
ADORE	GIFTS	LORD	PEACE	SHEPHERDS
ANGELS	GOLD	LOVE	PRAISE	SILENT NIGHT
BABY JESUS	GRACE	MANGER	PROMISE	SON OF GOD
BETHLEHEM	HAY	MARY	PURE	STAR
CHRISTMAS	HOPE	MESSIAH	REDEEMER	THREE KINGS
COW	INN	MOTHER OF GOD	SALVATION	TOWN
DONKEY	JOSEPH	MYRRH	SAVIOR	WORSHIP

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## CLASSROOM ACTIVITY 8 —THE VISITATION

### Story of the Visitation

Elizabeth, also spelled Elisabeth was the mother of John the Baptist and the wife of Zechariah, according to the Gospel of Luke.

According to the Gospel of Luke, Elizabeth was "of the daughters of Aaron" She and her husband Zacharias were "righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless", but childless. While he was in the temple of the Lord (1:8–12), Zacharias was visited by the angel Gabriel:



But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born.

According to the account, the angel Gabriel was then sent to Nazareth in Galilee to her relative Mary, then a virgin, espoused to a man called Joseph, and informed her that she would conceive by the Holy Ghost and bring forth a son to be called Jesus. After she was also informed that her "relative Elizabeth" had begun her sixth month of pregnancy, she travelled to "Hebron, in the hill *country* of Judah", to visit Elizabeth.(Luke 1:26-40)

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

### Classroom questions:

- 1) What was the visitation?
- 2) Who was Elizabeth?
- 3) Who appeared to Zacharias?
- 4) Who was Mary espoused to?
- 5) What did the angel Gabriel tell Mary?
- 6) What was Elizabeth filled with when she heard Mary's greeting?
- 7) Where was Mary living?

## ALTERNATE PRAYER SERVICE FOR ADVENT

### Expectation and Hope

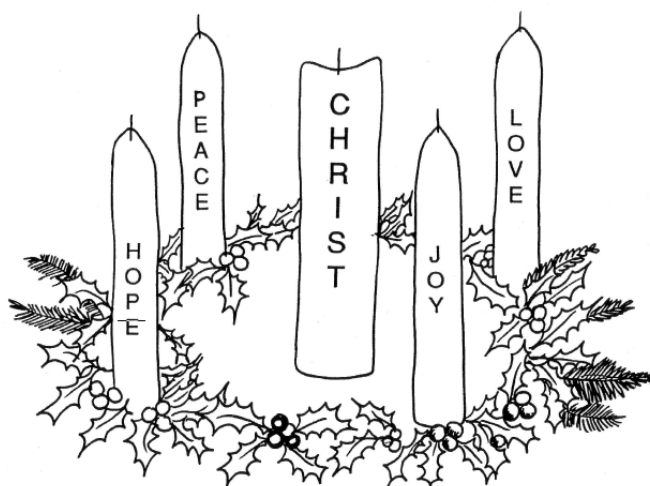
He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.  
1 Cor 1:8,9

Restore us, O God  
Make your face shine upon us,  
**That we may be saved.**

Uphold us, O God  
Embrace us in your arms  
**That we might be saved**

Uplift us, O God  
With the promise of your Word  
**That we might be saved**

Heaven and earth may pass away  
**But your word of truth remains**



"At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens." Mark 13:26 - 27

In your time, Creator God  
This world was put in place  
And in your time  
Became beautiful  
Through the craftsmanship of your love.  
Remind us always  
As we look at sunrise  
Landscape and tiny child  
That at the centre of all things  
**Is the creative love of God.**



## ALTERNATE PRAYER SERVICE FOR ADVENT

In your time, Loving God  
 When we had wandered far  
 In your perfect time  
 You embraced the prodigal  
 Within the security of your arms.  
 Remind us always  
 As we look at pain caused  
 And hardship endured  
 That at the centre of all things  
**Is the forgiving love of God.**



In your time, Saving God  
 You walked upon this earth  
 And in your time  
 Became one of us  
 To show what we could become  
 Remind us always  
 As we look at our lives  
 In comparison with yours  
 That at the centre of all things  
**Is the saving Grace of God**

In your time, Mighty God  
 You will come in glory  
 And in your time  
 Gather the harvest  
 From one end of this earth to the other  
 Remind us always  
 In times of plenty  
 And in times of famine  
 That at the centre of all things

**Is the love and mercy of God  
 Amen**





## SHAPING OUR DIOCESE

### Launch of Kerry Diocesan Pastoral Plan 2015 - 2020

The launch of the Kerry Diocesan Pastoral plan took place on Monday, November 23rd in the Malton Hotel Killarney.

Please [click here](#) for a link to see the plan.

The plan was launched by Bishop Ray Browne. Speakers included Fr. Ger Godley of the Diocesan Pastoral Team and Dr. Patricia Kieran of Mary Immaculate Limerick.

The students from the Presentation Secondary School Tralee presented took part in liturgical movement on the theme of the Beatitudes. This was coordinated by Norma Foley and Fr. Pat Ahern.



Bishop Ray Browne, Dr. Patricia Kieran, Mary Immaculate College, Meabh Kieran and Fr. Geroid Godley at the launch of the new Diocesan Pastoral Plan



Above: New diocesan logo



Participants at the launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan



Students from the Presentation Secondary School, Tralee at launch of the Pastoral Plan

## WORLD YOUTH DAY—KRAKOW, POLAND 2016

World Youth Day is an International Festival which gathers young people from all over the world. This year World Youth Day will be held in Krakow, Poland from Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. This is an opportunity to learn, pray and celebrate the Young Church.



### Theme

The theme of the 31<sup>st</sup> World Youth Day is '*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy*' (Mt 5:7). Pope Francis has chosen the fifth of the eight Beatitudes given by Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, to show the importance of the Beatitudes which are at the heart of Jesus' teaching.

### Events

The World Youth Day program includes several days of events with Pope Francis as well as spiritual and cultural events such as liturgies, catechesis, concerts, performances, and encounters with renowned communities and religious movements from around the world. The week culminates in an all-night vigil and Papal Mass.

The Diocese of Kerry are planning to bring a group of young adults (18 – 35 years) to participate in this exciting event. If any Leaving Certificate students might be interested in participating you can contact myself (contact details are included on back page). [Click here](#) for promotional video and [here](#) for official website.

### Contact

Contact myself if you know of anyone who might like to go. We are getting applications in at this stage. Deadline date for applications is mid January.



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2016



Catholic Schools Week 2016 will be celebrated from Sunday 31st January to Saturday 6th February. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2016 is "*Catholic Schools: Challenged to Proclaim God's mercy*".

Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

**This year Bishop Ray would like to visit a number of schools throughout the diocese during that week. I will be in touch with the schools about this.**

### **You could organise:**

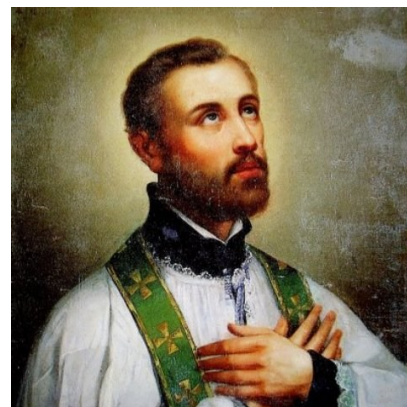
- 1) Celebrate a Special Prayer Service with the theme of Proclaiming God's Mercy.
- 2) Organise a tree Planting Ceremony
- 3) Hold a musical event
- 4) Make a presentation on ways through which your school has celebrated it's Catholic Ethos over the last academic year.
- 5) Make special links with your parish community and invite them to your school on a day during Catholic Schools week. Celebrate your collaboration and connection with them and make a presentation outlining this connectedness.



## DECEMBER SAINTS, FEASTS AND MEMORIALS

### Saint Francis Xavier

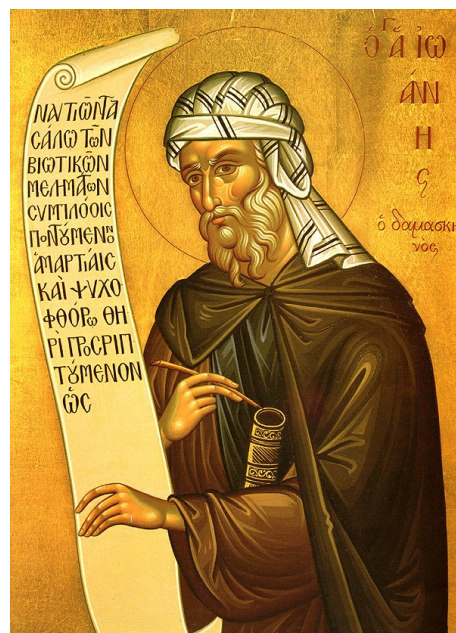
Saint Francis Xavier, SJ, born Francisco de Jasso y Azpilicueta (7 April 1506 – 3 December 1552), was a Navarrese Basque Roman Catholic missionary, born in Xavier, (now part of Spain), and a co-founder of the Society of Jesus. He was a companion of St. Ignatius of Loyola and one of the first seven Jesuits who took vows of poverty and chastity at Montmartre, Paris in 1534. He led an extensive mission into Asia, mainly in the Portuguese Empire of the time and was influential in evangelization work most notably in India. He also ventured into Japan, Borneo, the Maluku Islands, and other areas which had, until then, not been visited by Christian missionaries. In these areas, struggling to learn the local languages and in the face of opposition, he had less success than he had enjoyed in India. It was a goal of Xavier to extend his missionary preaching to China but he died in Shangchuan Island shortly before doing so.



His memorial is celebrated this year on December 3rd [CLICK HERE](#) for additional resources.

### St. John Damascene

Born at Damascus, about 676; died some time between 754 and 787. The only extant life of the saint is that by John, Patriarch of Jerusalem, which dates from the tenth century (429-90). This life is the single source from which have been drawn the materials of all his biographical notices. It is extremely unsatisfactory from the standpoint of historical criticism. An exasperating lack of detail, a pronounced legendary tendency, and a turgid style are its chief characteristics. Mansur was probably the name of John's father. What little is known of him indicates that he was a sterling Christian whose infidel environment made no impression on his religious fervour.



[CLICK HERE](#) for additional information about this feast.

## DECEMBER SAINTS, FEASTS AND MEMORIALS

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Immaculate Conception, according to the teaching of the Catholic Church, was the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne, free from original sin by virtue of the foreseen merits of her son Jesus Christ. The Catholic Church teaches that Mary was conceived by normal biological means, but God acted upon her soul (keeping her "immaculate") at the time of her conception.

The Immaculate Conception is commonly and mistakenly taken to mean the conception of Mary's son Jesus Christ in her own womb, and the virgin birth of Jesus. These are covered by the doctrine of the Incarnation, while the Immaculate Conception deals with the conception of Mary herself, not that of her son.



[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

### Pope St. Damasus I

Pope St. Damasus I was born around 305, probably near the city of Egítania, Lusitania, in what is the present-day village of Idanha-a-Velha, Portugal, then part of the Western Roman Empire. His life coincided with the rise of Emperor Constantine I and the reunion and re-division of the Western and Eastern Roman Empires, which is associated with the legitimization of Christianity and its later adoption as the official religion of the Roman state in 380.



[CLICK HERE](#) for more information



## DECEMBER SAINTS, FEASTS AND MEMORIALS

### Our Lady of Guadalupe

Also known as the **Virgin of Guadalupe** is a title of the Virgin Mary associated with a celebrated pictorial image housed in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in México City. The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe is the most visited Catholic pilgrimage site in the world, and the world's third most-visited sacred site.

Official Catholic accounts state that on the morning of December 9, 1531, a native American peasant named Juan Diego saw a vision of a maiden at a place called the Hill of Tepeyac, which would become part of Villa de Guadalupe, a suburb of Mexico City. Speaking to him in his native Nahuatl language (the language of the Aztec empire), the maiden identified herself as the Virgin Mary, "mother of the very true deity"<sup>[3]</sup> and asked for a church to be built at that site in her honor. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



### St. Finnian of Clonard

Saint Finnian of Clonard ('Cluain Eaird') – also Finian, Fionán or Fionnán in Irish; or Vennianus and Vinniaus in its Latinised form (470–549) – was one of the early Irish monastic saints, who founded Clonard Abbey in modern-day County Meath. The Twelve Apostles of Ireland studied under him. Saint Finnian of Clonard (along with Saint Enda of Aran) is considered one of the fathers of Irish monasticism.

Finnian was born at Myshall, County Carlow towards the end of the fifth century and it is said that all the birds of Ireland gathered as a portent of the holy life he would lead. His father was Rudraigh, an Ulster noble; his mother, Telach of Leinster. His birthplace is generally supposed to have been near the present town of New Ross. Saint Abban baptised Finnian, and at an early age he was placed under the care of Bishop Fortchern of Trim.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information



## DECEMBER SAINTS, FEASTS AND MEMORIALS

### John of the Cross

Saint John of the Cross, (14 December 1591), was a major figure of the Counter-Reformation, a Spanish mystic, a Roman Catholic saint, a Carmelite friar and a priest who was born at Fontiveros, Old Castile.

John of the Cross was a reformer of the Carmelite Order and is considered, along with Saint Teresa of Ávila, as a founder of the Discalced Carmelites. He is also known for his writings. Both his poetry and his studies on the growth of the soul are considered the summit of mystical Spanish literature and one of the peaks of all Spanish literature. He was canonized as a saint in 1726 by Pope Benedict XIII. He is one of the thirty-six Doctors of the Church.



[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

### St. John of Canty

Saint John Cantius (23 June 1390 – 24 December 1473) was a Polish priest, scholastic philosopher, physicist and theologian. He is also known as John of Kanty or John of Kanti or John Kantius.

He was born in Kęty, a small town near Oświęcim, Poland, to Stanisław and Anna Kanty. He attended the Kraków Academy at which he attained bachelor, and licentiate. In 1418 he became a Doctor of Philosophy. Upon graduation he spent the next three years conducting philosophy classes at the university, while preparing for the priesthood.

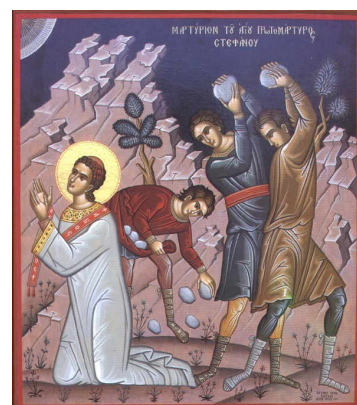


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## DECEMBER SAINTS, FEASTS AND MEMORIALS

The Nativity of Jesus, also called simply the Nativity, refers to the accounts of the birth of Jesus in the gospels of Luke and Matthew.

The canonical gospels of Luke and Matthew both describe Jesus as born in Bethlehem in Judea, to a virgin mother. In the Gospel of Luke account, Joseph and Mary travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem for the census, and Jesus is born there and laid in a manger. Angels proclaim him a savior for all people, and shepherds come to adore him. In the Matthew account, astronomers follow a star to Bethlehem to bring gifts to Jesus, born the *King of the Jews*. King Herod orders the massacre of all the boys less than two years old in Bethlehem, but the family flees to Egypt and later settles in Nazareth. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



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### St. Stephen

Stephen was one of seven deacons who were appointed by the Apostles to help in the distribution of charity to the needy. He was a Jew of Greek culture which enabled him to see Christianity in the wider context of the world outside Israel. His preaching led to conflict with traditional Jews. Stephen was stoned to death for his belief in Jesus. According to an old tradition, the stoning of Stephen took place outside the Damascus Gate of Jerusalem. In parts of England, St. Stephen's Day is known as wrenning day as wrens were stoned in honour of St. Stephen. Stephen is the patron saint of casket makers, deacons, coffin makers, horses, headaches, masons and stone masons.

### St. Thomas Becket

Thomas Becket (also known as Saint Thomas of Canterbury, Thomas of London, 21 December c. 1118 (or 1120) – 29 December 1170) was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1162 until his murder in 1170. He is venerated as a saint and martyr by both the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion. He engaged in conflict with Henry II of England over the rights and privileges of the Church and was murdered by followers of the king in Canterbury Cathedral. Soon after his death, he was canonised by Pope Alexander III. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.





## NEWS FROM DIOCESAN SCHOOLS

### Music Workshop on the Mass of St. Mel by Ailish O' Connor

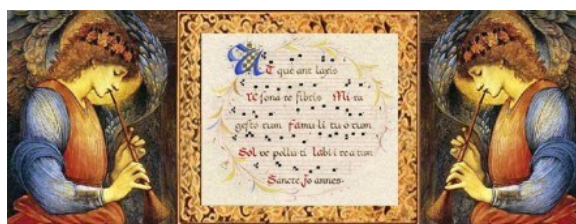


Dr. John O' Keffe is head of Sacred Music at St. Patrick's College Maynooth and is coordinator of choral groups at NUIM. He is a native of Portmagee, Co. Kerry

It was an absolute pleasure to attend a choral workshop, given by Kerry native, John O'Keeffe, on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of November, in St. John's Pastoral Centre, Tralee. Fr. Pat Ahern invited John to present his Mass of St. Mel to the choirs of his home county. The mass was written to mark the restoration and the re-dedication of the Cathedral in Longford and commissioned by the Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois.

The entire work is beautifully simple and melodious in a way which should capture the ear and the soul of Irish people. You can hear the rhythms and melodies of the native Irish music blending seamlessly with the modes and speech-like qualities of Western Plainchant. The music is designed to be easily memorised and sung by the entire congregation and it certainly achieves this. Within the space of two hours, all of us gathered there, had easily learned the entire mass, along with enjoying a break for a cup of tea and some cake.

The texts used for the mass are the traditional texts and can be sung either accompanied or a capella. I found myself humming the melodies over the last few weeks and found that the choir I direct picked up the melodies quickly and easily also. I hope to teach this mass to my students in Presentation Secondary, Castleisland also. The pieces are simple yet lyrical and should appeal to everyone. I would highly recommend you listen to the mass and consider using it in your school liturgies.



## NEWS FROM DIOCESAN SCHOOLS

### Presentation Week by Ailish O' Connor

#### St. Josephs Presentation, Castleislans

Every year in Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland, we take great pleasure in celebrating the life and work of Nano Nagle and the Presentation Order around their feast day on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November. We join together with the Sisters in the Convent and hold a number of events to recall, remember and rejoice for all the Presentation Order have done for the people of Castleisland and continue to do today.

This year we started the week by taking part in the parish mass on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November. The girls of our school undertook the roles of readers, musicians and gift bearers during the celebration of the Eucharist and our principal, Katherina Broderick read a beautiful reflection based on the mission and vocation that Nano Nagle first started all those years ago.

Throughout the week we took time out to have a Thought for the Day each morning, each class group attended mass and the Sisters of the local convent joined us for a tea party and Prayer Service. Our First Year students completed projects on the life of Nano Nagle, while our Fifth Year students compiled a power point presentation on the history of our school and how it was founded by and expanded under the Presentation Order.



Pictures taken during Presentation Week at St. Joseph's Presentation College, Castleisland





### **Liturgical Calendar for December**

<b>Sun. Nov. 29th:</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Thurs. Dec. 3rd:</b>	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>
<b>Fri. Dec. 4th:</b>	<b>St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church.</b>
<b>Sun. Dec. 6th:</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Tues. Dec. 8th:</b>	<b>The Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b>
<b>Fri. Dec. 11th:</b>	<b>St. Damasus I Pope</b>
<b>Sat. Dec 12th:</b>	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Finian, Bishop</b>
<b>Sun. Dec. 13th:</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Mon. Dec 14th:</b>	<b>John of the Cross</b>
<b>Sun. Dec. 20st:</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Wed. Dec. 23rd:</b>	<b>St. John of Kanty, Priest</b>
<b>Thurs. Dec 24th:</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
<b>Fri. Dec. 25th:</b>	<b>The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b>
<b>Sat. Dec. 26th:</b>	<b>St. Stephen, First Martyr</b>
<b>Sun. Dec. 27th:</b>	<b>The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>
<b>Tues. Dec. 29th:</b>	<b>St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr</b>
<b>Thurs. Dec. 31st:</b>	<b>St. Sylvester, Pope</b>
<b>Fri. Jan. 1st:</b>	<b>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b>

## **NOTICES**

### **R.E. Teachers In-service—February 2016**

The second diocesan in-service for R.E. teachers will be held on Friday, February 12th in the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Killarney. More details to follow.

### **Catholic Schools Week 2016**

Catholic Schools Week will take place from Sunday the 31st of January to Saturday the 6th of February. Resources for this week will follow shortly.

### **Ceiliúradh na nOg**

Schools still intended to take part in Ceiliúradh na nOg please contact the diocesan advisor with the numbers of the students who will attend from your school. The presentation day will be held in the Brandon Hotel, Tralee on Wednesday, April 20th 2016.

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