



## RE NEWSLETTER

### CHRISTMAS

December 2019



Welcome to the Christmas edition of our RE Newsletter. At this busy time of year, our school is filled with the sounds of Christmas every day! We have just finished our learning about Advent. In Foundation Stage and Key Stage One, the children have been thinking about Advent as a special time when we get ready for the birth of Jesus. The children have thought about how Mary and Joseph prepared and how we can prepare our own hearts during Advent. In Key Stage 2, Year 6 thought about how they could prepare for the second coming of Christ, by writing a recipe. These are some lovely examples from Scarlett and Miley in 6DG.

#### Preparation for Christ

##### Ingredients:

- One bucket of love.
- One spoonful of hope.
- Three handfuls of kindness
- One cup of goodwill.

**Method:** First put one bucket of love in the mix. Then get a spoonful of hope and mix it in with love. After one minute, add three handfuls of kindness and one cup of goodwill. Mix it altogether.



#### The Coming of Christ

##### Ingredients:

Sugar, kindness, love, goodwill, family, positivity, good thoughts

##### Method:

- Mix a tablespoon of love with two cups of sugar.
- Add a pinch of kindness and 2 handfuls of goodwill.
- Add a small bag of family and 1 bag of positivity.
  - Mix it together.



In Year 2 the children have thought about how to prepare the way for Jesus, just as John the Baptist did. The children learnt about his life and how he helped others prepare for Jesus. They designed an Advent calendar with challenges to complete each day to help get their hearts ready for Jesus.



#### FCJ Bicentenary

This term, we launched our Bicentenary team in school and the children had a very busy few weeks preparing for the Christmas Bazaar and the Christmas Tree Festival. They worked together to make special candy cane gifts to sell at the bazaar with a special message about the true reason for the season! The candy canes proved very popular with the children and we sold out! The team demonstrated true FCJ companionship.



##### **J is for Jesus**

The candy cane turned upside down is the letter J. To remind us of the baby Jesus born on Christmas Day!



The Christmas Tree Festival will run until Sunday 15th December at St Peter's Parish Church. This year we would like families to take a picture of themselves with the FCJ trees. All those families that tweet their photograph will be entered into a prize draw to win a festive treat. Remember to use the #FCJ200



## *The Catholic Church in Jersey*

Seven Churches, One Parish

### **Family Nativity & Christmas Crafts**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 12noon - 3pm at St Mary & St Peter's Church. Come dressed as Angels, Shepherds or Sheep. Family Donation £3. Refreshments served.

### **The Catholic Gift Shop**

Come and visit the display of Christmas Gifts, Christmas cards, Catholic diaries, candles, cribs, ceramic light domes, donation gift vouchers for the Holy Land and much more. The Team will be delighted to help you choose that special gift. Open: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday from 10am – 1pm and Sundays from 10.30am – 11am.



#### CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER

##### **Vigil Masses**

St Mary & St Peter: 6:00 pm

St Matthieu: Carols at 6:00 pm - Mass at 6:30 pm

Our Lady, St Martin: Carols at 6:30 pm - Mass at 7:00 pm

##### **Midnight Masses**

St Patrick: Carols at 11:30 pm - Mass at 12:00

Sacred Heart: Carols at 11.30 pm - Mass at 12:00

St Thomas: Carols at 11:30 pm - Mass at 12:00

##### *In Polish*

St Mary & St Peter: Carols at 11:30 pm - Mass 12:00

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER

##### **Masses**

Our Lady, St Martin: 9:00 am

St Thomas: 10:00 am

St Bernadette: 10:30 am

St Patrick: 11:00 am

##### *In Polish*

St Mary & St Peter: 10:00 am

St Thomas: 5:00 pm

#### BOXING DAY

THURSDAY 26 DECEMBER

St Thomas: 12:15 pm



# CAFOD

Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

This is the official international development and relief agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. It is a member of the worldwide Caritas Internationalis federation. Together with local partner organisations in more than 50 countries, CAFOD works to build a better world for people living in poverty. In emergency situations, CAFOD provides immediate relief. It also stays on to help people rebuild their lives. CAFOD raises awareness of justice issues and encourages people to fundraise and campaign. Our local Catholic parish supports CAFOD throughout the year.

<https://cafod.org.uk/>

### **KS1 and 2 CAFOD community Club –January 2020 (Tuesday nights 3.10-4.10)**

In the Spring term, Mrs Taylor is launching a new CAFOD club. The children will explore ways they can brighten up the world and reach people who urgently need our help. From helping a child to have enough food to eat, to campaigning for justice, children in the CAFOD club will be supporting members of our global family to flourish and reach their potential. There will be global games, activities and projects for the children to enjoy, which will widen their understanding of the world and deepen their knowledge of the rights of the child.

