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**Thought for the week:**  
**'Hope, Love, Joy, Peace.'**

**The Pope's Monthly Intentions for December 2021**



**Catechists**  
 Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Friday 17th December 2021

Dear Parents

**Christmas Week**

We have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Christmas week in school together, preparing for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the classes have partaken in assemblies, carol concerts, nativities and prayer services. It is such an important time in our liturgical calendar and the children have enjoyed their enrichment activities very much. Thank you to all the staff for making this season of Advent so special for our pupils.

**End of Term Reports**

Many thanks to all our parents who returned their report reply slips. The comments and feedback from you all has been very positive. We will endeavour to hold a parents evening in February (hopefully in person) if not we will continue to facilitate 'School Cloud'.

**Christmas Raffle and Special Delivery from Santa**

Many thanks for supporting our raffle organised by the School Council and Miss McCarron. You can see all our winners on our school Twitter feed.

We also had a very special delivery from Santa yesterday, he delivered sacks of little gifts to all our children in school. All our pupils deserve this treat from Santa as they are so well behaved. Everyone also enjoyed their Christmas Lunch, many thanks to Mrs Hawthorne our cook for preparing a delicious meal for the whole school. A lot of organising and preparation goes into this special event and we are immensely grateful to her for all her hard work.

**Sanctuary and Food Bank Collection**

Many thanks from Mr Mulligan and the Liturgy team for all the donations of biscuits, teas, sugar and toiletries that you have sent into school. It is wonderful to see our children living out our mission in doing things for other. Well done!

**COVID-19**

As you are aware figures for Covid-19 are rising rapidly. I will write to you if there is any change to the current guidance for schools. We will continue to be vigilant in our daily hand washing and respiratory hygiene in school.

**Final Thought**

A personal message to all the pupils, parents, staff, governors and parishioners. Thank you for making my first term as Head teacher so memorable and enjoyable. It is a privilege to serve the children and families in this community. We have an excellent team here at St Margaret Mary School and I am immensely proud to work with everyone here. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy Christmas and look forward to working with you in 2022!

*Many thanks for your continued support and co-operation.*  
 Mrs J Logue

**Prayer of the Week**  
**for season of**  
**Advent**

Light the Advent candle four; think of joy forever more. Christ child in a stable born, gifts of love that



**Diary Dates**

**School reopens**  
**on Tuesday 4th**  
**January 2022**

**Parish Dates at St**  
**Margaret Mary**  
**Church**

**Christmas Eve**  
**Children's Mass**  
**4pm**

**Midnight Mass**  
**11.30pm**

**Christmas Day**  
**9.30am and**  
**11.00am Masses**

**Boxing Day**  
**9.30am and**  
**11.00am Masses**

Assembly Awards:	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Achievement
Nursery	Amara	Sophie	Szymon
Reception	Richelle & Orla	David & Jotham	Louis & McKayla
Year One	Bobby & Alisha	Luca & Salvador	Lillian & Mya
Year Two	Mukt & Crystal	Daniel & Kamsiyochukw	Lily-May & Lamek
Year Three	Blossom-Anne & Alan	Kacper. O. & Amia	Olivia & Leo
Year Four	Oluwatimileyin & Abigail	Elizabeth & Jessica	Dominik & Beulah
Year Five	Pru & Ayaan	Naziah & Jordan	Brodie-Leigh & Meghan
Year Six	Michal & Olivia	Connor & Marvellous	Adnan & Callum



**Tienna, Elsie, David. B, Z'Naya, Aayat,  
Shalom, Rozalia and Lilly. B**



**Loving God,  
 Help us remember  
 the birth of Jesus,  
 that we may share  
 in the song of the angels,  
 the gladness  
 of the shepherds,  
 and worship of  
 the wise men.**

~ Robert Louis Stevenson

### Attendance Notice Board

It is vital that your child is on time and in school every day, unless there is a medical reason for them not being here. If your child is off school and we haven't seen them, you may receive a visit from myself, Mr Mulligan or Mr Barton as part of our Safe and Well checks. Please remember that our children have a right to an education - this is laid out in [UNICEF's Article 29 - A Right to an Education](#).

Article of the Week -14



**Our overall attendance : 94%**

#### ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 91%    Y1 Attendance = 97%  
 Y2 Attendance = 86%    Y3 Attendance = 98%  
 Y4 Attendance = 96%    Y5 Attendance = 92%  
 Y6 Attendance = 95%

Freedom of thought,  
belief and religion.



Good attendance at St Margaret Mary means being in school at least 95% of the time [180-190 days]

