

### Note from the Head

This week we were inspected by the CSI (Catholic Schools Inspection). The inspection was for one day and we welcomed Mrs Mason and Mr Delaney into the school. The inspection team commented on how incredible the children were, both in their behaviour and use of good manners. The team inspected three main areas including: The Catholic life and mission of the school; Religious Education and Collective Worship. I am really looking forward to being able to share their findings and final report with you shortly.

### Road Safety Week

Next week is Road Safety week. As part of our commitment to this we are encouraging all parents to respect the speed limit on Chapel Lane. '20 is plenty' We will be using the school council to help us promote this message further during school drop off and pick up times.

### Mass

On Thursday Class 2 will attend Mass. You are very welcome to join them.

### Reverse Advent Calendar

During the season of Advent we shall direct our thoughts in school to those less fortunate than us. We would like to run a 'Reverse' Advent Calendar appeal for families in need. Each week in December we will have a focus for donations:

Week 1: Tins

Week 2: Packets

Week 3: Perishables and treats

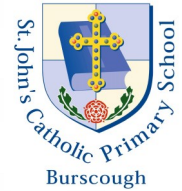
We know that Christmas is an expensive time of year, but if you are able to, could you please send in an item each week for us to build Christmas Hampers. Surplus items will be donated to the Methodist Food Bank.

If you are in need, or if you know of a local family in need then please get in touch – in confidence – to Mrs Harrison-Scott in the office.

### Paint appeal!

We are looking to improve the Quadrangle - the inner garden space in the centre of the school - and are looking for wood paint. If you have any odd half tins lying around that you don't need we would be happy to take them off your hands!

Friday 15th November



### Mass times

Sunday 09.00 am      Mon - Fri 09.00 am

Saturday 06.30 pm

**17/11/24 33rd Sunday in Ordinary time**

***Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-32***

The readings for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time focus on heavenly battles and being prepared. The first reading introduces St. Michael the Archangel as a guardian. The second reading highlights Jesus' perfect offering for us, and in the gospel, Jesus speaks of coming darkness and the need to be ready. These readings invite reflection on topics such as archangels, angels, spiritual battles, readiness for the end, the temporary nature of worldly things, and the everlasting nature of God.

In Mark's Gospel learn about Jesus coming back to Earth one day to gather up all his followers to live with Him forever in Heaven. We don't know when that will be, so we want to live each day as Jesus did so we will be ready. This week, how can you prepare for the coming of Jesus?

### Approaching the Gospel with children

In this week's Gospel Jesus talks about the time when he will come again. He says that nobody except God knows when Jesus will come again. But as his followers we should still try to be ready to greet him when he comes.

We can try to be ready by doing all that Jesus asks of us. By loving God and one another and by helping other people. By living in peace with each other and by sharing what we have so that all people have enough.

Key questions for the children to consider will be:

- How do you think we can be ready for Jesus?
- What kind of people should we be so that we are ready for Jesus?
- What will you do so that you can try to be ready when Jesus comes again in glory?

### Admissions - Applications for Primary and High School places

For families who will require a primary or secondary school place in September 2025 the means of application is via Lancashire's on-line system at:- [www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/)

You must apply even if you already have siblings at your preferred school. If you live in Lancashire, you can include out of area preferences on your on-line application. Alternatively call 01772 532191

The closing dates for applications for September 2025 are at 11.59 pm on:-

Primary school applications –15th January 2024

### Dates for your Diary

Thursday 21st November - Class 2 at Mass

Thursday 28th November - Class 4 and Class 1 at Mass

Friday 29th November - Dress down day for Bottles and Chocolates

Wednesday 4th December - Christmas wreath making session

Wednesday 4th December - Christmas Movie Night in school 3:20 - 5:30

Thursday 5th December - Class 3 at Mass

Friday 6th December - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Wednesday 11th December - KS1 Christmas Nativity performance 2pm

Thursday 12th December - KS1 Christmas Nativity performance 2pm

Thursday 12th December - Class 2 at Mass

Friday 13th December - Christmas gift stall

Friday 13th December - Christmas carol singing at Tesco

Tuesday 17th December - KS2 Advent service 2pm - whole school to attend

Wednesday 18th December—Breakfast with Santa ,7:45 in school hall

Thursday 19th December - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Friday 20th December - School closes at 13:15



**The following children were awarded certificates by their class teacher for showing Love to others this week. Well Done!!**

**EYFS:** Arla and Kendall

**Class 2:** Liam and Conall

**Class 3:** Annabelle and Izzy

**Class 4:** Archie and Mia

