



Sacred Heart RC Primary School

'Where Every Heart is Sacred'

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Merry Christmas!



We have enjoyed a truly wonderful week of festivities, including our beautiful Christmas Mass, carols around the tree with parents and carers, and a very special Reception Nativity red carpet event. Thank you all for your support, especially throughout the beautiful season of Advent.

As we begin the holiday season, I kindly ask that you keep Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Maloney, Miss McLaughlin, and Miss Briggs in your prayers over Christmas and beyond. They will be greatly missed, and I am sure you will join me in wishing them every success and happiness in their exciting new chapters. May God bless and keep them always.

Finally, this newsletter is sent with my heartfelt wish for you and your loved ones to have a very happy and holy Christmas. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school at 8:45 am on Monday, January 6th, 2025.

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The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-20)

2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register.

4 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. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 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.

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

15 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."

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



Christmas Mass Times

At Sacred Heart and St Francis

Mon 23 December 08.00 (SH)

Tue 24 December 17.30 (SF)

Tue 24 December 23.00 (SH)

Wed 25 December 10.30 (SH)

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New screens for Christmas?

Remember to keep your little ones safe!

Set Up Safe checklist

We designed a simple checklist to give you peace of mind on Christmas Day. Set your children's tech gift up before you wrap it up so you know they're safe online as soon as they start playing.



Set parental controls on your broadband to prevent your children seeing things they shouldn't

[Visit our step-by-step guides to find out how](#)

Get started



For smart phones check parental controls are also set up on the mobile network

Set up the device safely

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Use the device setting so you can only download age appropriate apps and games



Disable location services so your child doesn't unintentionally share their location with others



Set up password control or disable in-app purchasing so big bills are not run up accidentally



Download age appropriate apps you're happy for your child to use

Talk about staying safe



If your children are 8-10 years old, download CyberSense, our new parent/child app to help you talk about e-safety issues in an interactive way



Be aware of key issues and how to discuss them with your children so they know how to stay safe online

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If your child is using social networking apps check their profile and privacy settings, making sure they are not sharing personal or private information with people they do not know

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Helping parents keep
their children safe online.

