

Great Crosby Catholic Primary School

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This week

Our final week of term has been another busy one. Today we all celebrated Christmas in our Christmas liturgies. On Tuesday, we had our Christmas dinners and wore Christmas jumpers. Wednesday was party day including entertainment from Buddy the Elf and on Thursday we had our Star of the Term celebrations.

Christmas Mass Times

We encourage as many families as possible to attend one of our churches over Christmas. The children have been encouraged to visit the cribs.

Ss Peter and Paul's

Sat 23rd Dec 5.45pm Vigil for 4th Sunday of Advent
Sun 24th Dec 10.30am 4th Sunday of Advent 7pm Vigil Mass of Christmas
Mon 25th Dec 12am Midnight Mass of Christmas,
8.30am, 10.30am Mass for Christmas Day

St Helen's

Sun 24th Dec 10am 4th Sunday of Advent 8pm Vigil Mass of Christmas
Mon 25th Dec 10.00am Mass for Christmas Day

St Joseph's

Sat 23rd Dec 6.30pm Vigil for 4th Sunday of Advent
Sun 24th Dec 11.15am 4th Sunday of Advent 10pm Vigil Mass of Christmas
Mon 25th Dec 11.15am Mass for Christmas Day

St Edmund of Canterbury

Sat 23rd Dec 5.30pm Vigil for 4th Sunday of Advent
Sun 24th Dec 9.45am 4th Sunday of Advent 6.30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas
11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass
Mon 25th Dec 11.30am Mass for Christmas Day

Foodbank Collection and Opening Times

The foodbanks opening times during the festive period are:

Mon 25th – Wed 27th Dec: all foodbanks closed
Thu 28th Dec: Only St. Leonard's Youth & Community Centre open 11 – 1 pm
Fri 29th Dec - Mon 1st Jan: all foodbanks closed
Tue 2nd Jan: all foodbanks open as usual for the rest of the week.

Financial Guidance and Support for Families over Christmas

Many families are really struggling to pay bills, or buy toys, food etc for their children, during the Christmas period. Please follow the Sefton Council link below so you may gain access as quickly as possible to the support available. <https://www.sefton.gov.uk/costofliving/> Mrs Solkin, in school, can signpost you to other agencies. Email: solkinc.gcp@schools.sefton.gov.uk

Diary Dates

Please see our website diary for more dates.

January

Mon 8th – INSET Day
Tue 9th – Children return
Wed 10th - School Nurse
Online Drop-in 1pm-4pm
Fri 26th - Y6 to The Plaza
Cinema - The Island on
Bird Street 9.45am
Tue 30th - 9.05am
6T Rejoice
Wed 31st - 9.05am
5D Rejoice
Wed 31st – 10am
1L, 1M Pantomime

February

Thu 1st –
9.05am - 2WL Rejoice
10am - 1L, 1M Pantomime
Tue 6th – 9.05am
RM Rejoice

Mass Times

Regular Sunday Mass times for our churches are:
St Helen's:
Sunday 10.00am
Ss Peter & Paul
Sat 5.45pm, Sun 10.30am
St Joseph's
Sat 6.30pm, Sun 11.15am

This week's attendance



93.3%

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word for this week is a special edition for Advent and the Christmas holidays. Please take some time to read it on our Community > Gt Crosby Catholic Life page

<https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/gt-crosby-catholic-life>

CAFOD Advent Calendar

CAFOD's website has an Advent calendar with prayers and reflections for every day up to Christmas Day.

You can find it here: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar>

Parent Teachers Association – Christmas Market

As Mrs Morton's letter said, our Christmas Market last week was a great success, raising over £3000. Thank you to our PTA and everyone who attended.

School Gateway

As we have mentioned before, we have introduced the School Gateway app for payments for school dinners, school trips and other fees. We will also be using it for communications and adding other content in the near future. Please download the free app by searching 'School Gateway' in your App store.

Currently only about one-third of parents/carers have downloaded the app. In the new year, we shall be sending all communications through the School Gateway app rather than by email from Groupcall, so we need parents and carers to have registered to continue receiving school notifications.

Online Safety

Remember to visit our Online Safety for Parents page for guidance about digital devices and apps, particularly if children might be receiving new devices over Christmas.

<https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/online-safety-1>

School Nurse Online Drop-in Appointments

Parent drop-ins with Josie Brady, our school nurse, take place termly online via Attend Anywhere. The next virtual School Nurse Drop-in will be on Wed 10th Jan, 1 pm until 4pm. Instructions are attached and can also be found on our Parents/Carers > Letters page. <https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/letters>

September 2024 Reception Applications

Parents and carers of children applying for September 2024 Reception places need to complete their application on the Sefton Citizen Portal by 15th January. There is more information on our Key Info > Admissions page including a link to the Sefton Admissions page.

<https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/admissions>

Waterloo Partnership

St Helen's and St Joseph's churches have maintained the link with the town of Waterloo in Sierra Leone, which in the past has seen teachers from Sierra Leone visiting us and Great Crosby teachers visiting there. The Waterloo Partnership charity has funded lots of projects for the town. There is a Christmas Gift Scheme which you might like to consider to help support projects in Sierra Leone. You can find out more at

<https://www.waterloopartnership.co.uk/> or take a form from one of the churches.

Attachments

This week's attachments are: Newsletters from Ss Peter and Paul's Church and St Helen's and St Joseph's churches; Sefton ADDvanced Solutions Community Network Spring Newsletter and Sefton's Carers Strategy Consultation Poster.