

*St Anne's RC
Primary
and
Nursery School*



*Advent and
Christmas
2023*

Advent and Christmas Arrangements

You are most welcome to attend Friday morning assembly on **Friday 24th November at 9am in the school hall.** Year 3 will lead us into the first week of Advent.



On **Thursday 30th November at 9am in the school hall** Year 4 will perform the Second Advent Assembly. Also, on Thursday 30th November the Diocese is having a Pastoral Visit Of The Apostolic Nuncio. His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, will make a pastoral visit to Salford Diocese on the 29th and 30th November. As part of his visit, he will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's, Collyhurst on Thursday 30th November at 6:30pm where he will impart an Apostolic Blessing on all those present. All are welcome to attend the Mass and there is no need to register.

There is a Christmas Fair at the Parish Hall on **Sunday 3rd December after 10:30am Mass.** Posters are displayed around school and this promises to be a wonderful event for families within the Parish. Raffle tickets are available from Mrs Morgan at the School Office.

On **Monday 4th December** our Early Years Foundation Stage will perform their Nativity at 2pm in the School Hall. They will also perform it on **Tuesday 5th December** at 2pm in the School Hall. We do kindly ask that parents/carers attend one of these sessions to allow space for everybody. Each child will be allocated 2 tickets. Any additional tickets can be purchased from Mrs

Morgan at the office at a cost of £1. Your child will be given their tickets next week.

On **Tuesday 5th December and Wednesday 6th December** Year 3 children will make their First Forgiveness. Children will gather in Church at 2pm to commence the very important Sacrament of First Forgiveness. If you have a preference with regard to the date, please speak to Mrs Chadwick. More information will come closer to the date.

There will be no assembly on Friday 1st December as School will be closed for an INSET Day.



On **Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th December**, our Key Stage One children will perform their Nativity at 2pm in the School Hall. We do kindly ask that parents/carers attend one of these sessions to allow space for everybody to watch. Each child will be allocated 2 tickets. Any additional tickets can be purchased from Mrs Morgan at the office at a cost of £1. Your child will be given their tickets next week.

On **Thursday 7th December** children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers to school. We ask that children bring £1 to wear their Christmas top/jumper.

On **Friday 8th December at 9am in the school hall** Year 5 will continue the theme of Advent with their assembly. Children will also

have their traditional Christmas lunch on this date.

On **Tuesday 12th December from 1:45-3:00pm** the Christmas Markets will be taking place in the School Hall to raise funds for the Good Life Orphanage and Tameside Trauma Unit. You are very welcome to join us.



Year 6 Carol Singing

Our Year 6 children will be singing for the elderly residents of neighboring nursing homes during the week leading up to Christmas. We will return in time for the end of the school day. More information regarding dates will be sent out closer to the time.

On **Wednesday 13th December** the whole school is invited to watch 'Peter Pan' the Pantomime in the School Hall. **This year, in view of the current economic situation we are asking for a voluntary donation of £1**

towards the cost of the pantomime. This will appear as a payment item on Parent Mail.

On **Friday 15th December at 9am in the school hall** Year 6 will continue the theme of Advent with their assembly. At 1:30pm Father Christmas will be making a surprise appearance to meet our EYFS children. Staff will take photographs.

On **Monday 18th December** children will have their Christmas Party Lunch and can wear their party clothes. Please ensure that your child wears suitable clothing on this day including footwear.

There will be Mass **in school** to mark our final Advent preparations before Christmas on **Tuesday 19th December at 9:15am.**



School will close at **1:30pm on Tuesday 19th December** and re-open at 8:50am on **Wednesday 3rd January 2023.**

Please remember that Christmas is a time for giving. We will ask the children to give some time to God this Christmas time by going to Mass and reflecting on the real meaning of the season.

On behalf of myself and all the staff at St Anne's, may I wish you a very happy and holy Christmas with your loved ones.



MASS TIMES AT ST ANNES

Christmas Eve

Carols 6:00pm prior to Mass
Mass 7:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass 10:30am
No Evening Mass on Christmas Day anywhere in the Diocese

