



ST. BERNADETTE'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

A MEMBER OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

20th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

A reminder that the academy closes for the Christmas holidays at home time this Thursday, 21st December 2023, and reopens for children on Monday 8th January 2024.

Christmas Events

Christmas Fair

Firstly, a huge thank you to our families for all of the very generous donations which were sent in to the academy and which add so much to our Christmas Fair, including donations of raffle prizes. We would also like to thank all of those parents and families who came along to the fair and supported the academy with such generosity. We are very pleased to say that we raised a fantastic £1982.83.

I would also like to pass on my sincere thanks to Mrs. Wilson who took a leading role in organising this year's fair, and indeed all of the staff who worked so hard to make the event such a great success. My sincere thanks also all of those parents who volunteered their time on the day to help us, and to our wonderful Year 6 pupils who organized and ran their own stalls as well.

Christmas Concerts

Last week the children performed their Christmas Nativity Concert to three packed audiences, and we were very proud of the children's fantastic efforts. My thanks to the staff for all of their hard work in producing these performances, and of course to you, our families, for coming along and supporting your children in such great numbers.

Striving for excellence in all that we do, reflecting the Light of Christ to the world

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Sacrament of Penance for Advent

On Saturday 23rd December 2023 at St. Bernadette's Catholic Church, between 3.15 p.m. and 4.15 p.m., there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and hearing of Confessions.

Mass Times for Christmas

Please find below a timetable detailing all currently published Mass times taking place at St. Bernadette's Catholic Church this Christmas.

Dates	Mass times	Solemnities and Feast Days
Saturday 23rd December	4.30 p.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve	11.30 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent
	6.00 p.m.	The Nativity of the Lord - Vigil Mass
	11.30 p.m.	The Nativity of the Lord - Night Mass
Monday 25th December Christmas Day	8.00 a.m.	The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day Mass

On behalf of myself and all of the staff here at St. Bernadette's, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy and holy Christmas. May the peace and joy of the newborn baby Jesus, the Son of God born of the Blessed Virgin Mary, be with you and your loved ones at this very special time of the year, the same joy spoken of by an angel of the Lord to the shepherds of Bethlehem as they tended their flocks,

*"... I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people;
for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."*

Luke Chapter 2, verses 10-11

Yours sincerely



Mr. M. Strong
Headteacher