



# ST. BERNADETTE'S

## CATHOLIC PRIMARY VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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19th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

A reminder that the academy closes for the Christmas holidays at home time this Friday, 20th December 2024, and reopens for children on Monday 6th January 2025.

### 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 also 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 £2391.85.

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 thanks also to anyone 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.

#### Christmas Carols at Church

Last week Mrs. Strong led the school choir in singing carols for St. Bernadette's parishioners in the church before their annual Christmas lunch later on in the parish centre. The children performed beautifully and were a great credit to the school. Parishioners thoroughly enjoyed listening to the carols and many have since passed on their thanks and admiration for the wonderful singing. Well done to one and all.

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## Sacrament of Penance for Advent

On Friday 20th December 2024 at St. Bernadette's Catholic Church, after the Mass at 6.00 p.m. there will be hearing of Confessions until 7.30 p.m., and then on Saturday 21st December 2024 at St. Bernadette's Catholic Church, between 5.15 p.m. and 5.45 p.m., there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and hearing of Confessions directly before the evening Mass.

## 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 21st December	6.00 p.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday 22nd December	11.30 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Tuesday 24th December <b>Christmas Eve</b>	6.00 p.m.	<b>The Nativity of the Lord – Vigil Mass</b>
	11.30 p.m.	<b>The Nativity of the Lord – Night Mass</b>
Wednesday 25th December <b>Christmas Day</b>	8.00 a.m.	<b>The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Day Mass</b>
Thursday 26th December	11.00 a.m.	<b>Feast of Saint Stephen</b>

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

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