

# Last Few Weeks of Advent.....

**Morning Mass at 8.25am** each day except Friday 19 December 2014. On Friday 12 December Archbishop Tartaglia will celebrate our Mass and then meet with some pupils for breakfast. We invite all pupils, staff, families and friends to join us each day and in particular with Archbishop Tartaglia.

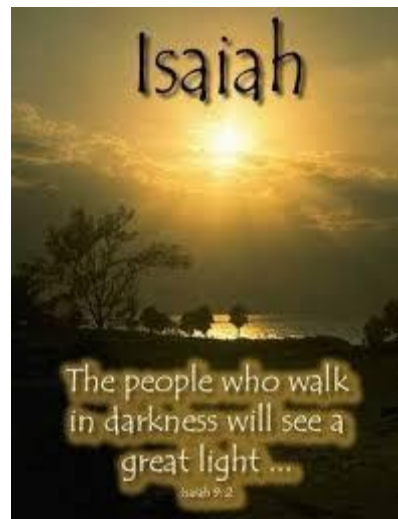


**Eucharistic Adoration** offers a great opportunity for some quiet preparation for Christmas. Each Friday in the Oratory from 12.00 – 1.00pm. Here are some words of wisdom from Pope Francis.



*'There is so much noise in the world!  
May we learn to be silent in our hearts  
and before God.'*

Our **Advent Service** will take place at 3.40pm on Thursday 11 December and will be led by pupils. Our pupils have been working with Mr Docherty of RE and Mr Blair of Design Technology to prepare and lead the service on the theme 'Light To All The World'. As always, all pupils, staff, families and friends are invited to the service and to coffee and mince pies afterwards.



### Christmas Charity Campaign.

Each year we encourage our pupils to respond generously to our **Christmas Charity** Campaigns. As in previous years **First and Second Year** will support **The Life Group** by bringing in baby items which, along with other goods, will be presented to a mother or family who need some support in the sometimes brave decision to bring a child into the World.



Third Year are bringing in Back Packs for Mary's Meals projects in Malawi. This simple idea brings so much joy and is of such practical use for the school children of Malawi. For information on this check [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)



Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Years will bring in items of food which will be donated to a **local food bank**. Also, all pupils who buy a ticket for the Christmas Ceilidh at 7.00pm on Thursday 11 December are asked to bring with them one item to be handed in at the entrance.



**Our Christmas Carol Service** will be at 7.00pm on Thursday 18 December 2014 and will be followed by the excellent **Christmas Concert** performed by pupils of the Music Department.



**Our Christmas Crib** has been set up at the front door as a reminder to the true message of Christmas. Tradition tells us that St Francis of Assisi initiated the idea of a Nativity Scene in 1223 on the hills near Assisi where it could be seen by the shepherds and farmers as they worked away from the towns in their fields.

Even in the busy Entrance Area, stop for short prayer for you and your family.



**Year Group Assemblies during Advent** will include a short Service based on the lighting of The Advent Candles. This will remind us of the themes of each week of Advent.



**Our Lady of Guadalupe on Friday 12 December 2013** celebrates the vision of Our Lady to a poor Mexican on 12 December 1531. Our Lady encouraged faith and prayer and left a miraculous image on the cloak to the Mexican. The image is venerated in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is considered that in the image, Our Lady is depicted as pregnant and therefore Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patron of Expectant Mothers and The Unborn Children.

This would be a great day for our Life Group Members to make an extra special effort to attend 8.25am Mass.



**The Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception** is celebrated on 8 December. This is the prime feast of Our Lady and celebrates her conception free of Original Sin as would be fitting for the women who would agree to give birth to Jesus, The Son of God.

