

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Dear Families,**

As we draw the curtains on another wonderful term at St Joseph's, our school is filled with warmth and gratitude for the festive spirit that has enveloped our community this week. The joy of Christmas has been shared within our walls and beyond! Our talented choir has been a beacon of yuletide cheer, their angelic voices resonating through the corridors of Rosewood Manor Residential Care home and bringing smiles to shoppers in the Market Place.

In a heartwarming display of community spirit, our Wellbeing Ambassadors took to the streets, distributing Christmas cards to local shops and stallholders. This gesture of appreciation for their year-round hard work exemplifies the values we hold dear at St Joseph's.

The pinnacle of our celebrations was the beautiful Christmas Liturgy, planned by our dedicated Chaplains. This morning, we gathered as one in the church, taking a moment to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. The prayerful atmosphere guided our hearts and minds to the nativity story, reminding us of the hope and love of this holy season.

It was a joy to see families and parish members coming together afterwards, sharing coffee, mince pies, and conversation – a perfect end to our Christmas celebrations.

## Moments of Pride



Wishing you all a happy and holy Christmas, filled with love, joy and happiness.

God bless,  
Mrs Dabbs

## Key dates for your diary:

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** Last day of the term

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**  
Christmas Holiday

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025** Back to school

## Christmas Prayer for our St Joseph's Community

Dear Lord,

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we ask Mary, Mother of Jesus to pray for us. Help us to make space in our hearts for Jesus this Christmas.

We ask Saint Joseph, Foster Father of Jesus to pray for us. Help us to make space in our lives for Jesus.

Heavenly Father, help us to stop our busyness and rush to meet your Son.

Help us make space for Jesus each and every day. Amen



## A message from Father Chris...

**Christmas Masses as Christmas falls on Wednesday this year:**

**Christmas eve: 6.00pm & 10.00pm**  
(Preceded by carols 9.30pm)

**Christmas day: 10.00am**

**St Stephen's day (Boxing Day) 10.00am**



**Confessions for Christmas: We are going to have to have a special service for the Sacrament of reconciliation on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm. There will be visiting priests available**