

# Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 11th December 2020

**NEW SCHOOL TELEPHONE 0151 477 8815**



## 3rd Sunday of Advent

The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means 'Rejoice'. It is a day to be joyful about the coming of Jesus. It is marked by the lighting of the pink candle on the Advent Wreath.

On Sunday, we will hear from the Gospel of John, who talks about John the Baptist from a slightly different perspective. John the Baptist here is 'a witness to tell the world about the light'. He is 'sent by God' – a man with a mission, just as we have a mission. The passage calls us to recognise the light here in our world, and to testify, in whatever way we are able, to share that light with others.

### We Pray

Loving Lord, as we look forward to Jesus' birthday, help us to remember that you will come into the world again. We want to be acting in a way that shows your love always to others. Amen.



Thank you to all the children and staff who wore a Christmas jumper today. You all looked wonderful.

Thank you to our wonderful cook, Mrs Jones and to all the kitchen staff for cooking a tasty Christmas dinner. All the children enjoyed it so much.



## CHANGE OF DATE

**Due to the change in date for the end of term, Christmas Celebration day will now take place on Thursday 17th December and not Friday 18th December.**

**This is a non-uniform day.**

## Let's Get Tested Knowsley!

From 8 December, you can get tested for COVID even if you aren't displaying symptoms. This is to identify people who may have COVID so that importantly they can self-isolate and reduce the further spread of the virus in our communities.

The testing facilities are at Volair Halewood, Volair Huyton and Volair Kirkby and the sites will be open from 9am until 6pm Monday to Friday and 10am until 4pm on Saturday and Sunday. No appointment is needed. Let's Get Tested Knowsley!

<https://www.knowsleynews.co.uk/lets-get-tested-knowsley-2/>

## Christmas Dates to Remember

W/B 7th Dec	Virtual Pantomime with Peter Duncan and workshops
11th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
17th Dec	Virtual Elf Visit to Santa's workshop and a surprise from Santa Christmas Celebration Day and Own Clothes

### To: Parents and Carers of Children Attending Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Liverpool

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Consultation on Admissions Policies for September 2022

In accordance with statutory requirements, and on behalf of governing bodies of schools across the diocese, the Archdiocese of Liverpool is co-ordinating a consultation process with regard to school admissions arrangements for 2022.

You can find further information about the proposed changes by following internet link <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/education/admissions-consultations> or by asking for a copy of the information at the school office.

The consultation period will run between 7 December 2020 and 29 January 2021 and you are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposals (by no later than 29 January) to: The Archdiocese of Liverpool, Education Department, Archdiocesan Offices, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, L17 1AA. Alternatively, you may wish to e-mail: [aes@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:aes@rcaol.org.uk). Comments should also be sent to the Chair of Governing Body at the school address.

Yours faithfully,  
Chris Williams  
Deputy Director of Education

### St Margaret Mary's Church



Mass from St Margaret Mary's is broadcast each week on Youtube and can be found here;

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx-p5CwICC3U8IT\\_dbDG8Og](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx-p5CwICC3U8IT_dbDG8Og)

The parish newsletter is added to our school website each week and can be found here;

<https://stmargaretmary.schooljotter2.com/re-catholic-life/parish-newsletters>



Join [Knowsley Libraries Facebook](#) as we welcome John Kirk, the fabulous performance storyteller to deliver some festive Christmas events.

### **A trio of festive Christmas Pantomimes**

(available to watch until end of December on Knowsley libraries Facebook )

**Thursday 10th December at 4.30pm & Friday 11th December at 7pm**

It Christmas time - oh yes it is! and the magic of pantomime is coming to Knowsley Libraries Facebook. Join storyteller John Kirk for a trio of popular pantomime stories to get you and your family in the mood for Christmas. Suitable for families with children 3+.

### **We're Going on a Christmas Story Hunt !**

**Saturday 12th December at 12 noon on Zoom**

Please click this link to register to watch the live performance

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZlIcuiorzkrHdAFTsJPY2rljvIvwQzSact2>

Join storyteller John Kirk for a special festive story hunt. This interactive scavenger hunt storytelling session is guaranteed to be 30 minutes of fun to get you in the mood for Christmas. This session will incorporate a popular pantomime story and is suitable for families with children age 3+ with a Christmas story at its heart.