



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School

Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus.

(cf John 8:12)



An Invitation to our Prayer Journey through Advent



A prayerful preparation for the Feast of Christmas

'An outstanding school, which is deeply committed to the Catholic mission... this school inspires all within this faith community to live life to the full.' Ofsted 2017

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What are we doing ?

During the Season of Advent we would like to invite you into our school at the beginning or end of each day, if you are able to spare a few minutes.

We appeal especially to those of you who bring or collect your children to come and join us at one, some or all of our gathering times in the main hall and the outdoor prayer garden for carols.

We promise that nothing will be asked of you, we simply hope to allow you a little time for your own personal prayer and reflection. You are all most welcome to join us at any of the advertised times and please do not feel restricted to the day your child's class lead the prayers.

During Advent, our classes will take it in turns to lead prayers, reflections and meditations as they gather around the Advent displays in the hall and they would love you to join them. It's not an invitation to any kind of performance and will seldom last more than 10 – 15 minutes.

'Quiet Reflection' is time for you when you will find the hall peaceful for your own prayer.

Once again our prayer garden is open and different year groups will go out to sing carols around the Christmas tree and outdoor crib. We hope this will be a lovely time for everyone and we would love you to come and join us with your hats, coats and gloves !

Advent Evening Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven,

We thank you for all the things we have done today.

We thank you for each other and we say sorry if we have hurt each other.

Help us all to support each other on our Advent journey.

We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord,

Amen



Preparing through Prayer

God our heavenly Father, in Jesus your son
You have shown us how much you love us.
He invited his first disciples to “come and see”,
To step out in faith and embrace
His way, His truth and His life.
Grant that we,
The church of the Diocese of Leeds,
May be open to the Holy Spirit
As we seek renewal in our Christian living.
Refresh our hearts and minds.
Give us new vision and confidence,
Bless all that we do
To build Your kingdom in our time and place.
We ask this Father,
Through Your Son,
In the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



Journey with us through Advent



An Invitation to you to join us in prayer

Our school community is preparing for the Feast of Christmas; children, staff and all of you are invited to come into school on the days listed below as we move through Advent.

Prayer gatherings in the hall and our outside crib in the prayer garden will be alive with carols in the build up to Christmas. Bring your coats, gloves, scarves and hats !

Date	Carols (Playground)	Advent Liturgies & Prayers		
		Hall	Prayer Garden	
			9:00	2:50
Monday, 4 th December		2:30 Year 3		
Tuesday, 5 th December			EYU, R&G	
Wednesday, 6 th December		2:30 Year 4	EYU, B&Y	
Thursday, 7 th December				1G
Friday, 8 th December	2:50 Years 4 & 6			1M
Monday, 11 th December		2:30 Year 5		
Tuesday, 12 th December				2C
Wednesday, 13 th December				2I
Thursday, 14 th December		9:30 Year 1 Production 2:15 Year 3 Production		6M
Friday, 15 th December	2:50 Years 3 & 5	9:30 Year 2 Production 2:15 Year 4 Production		6H
Monday, 18 th December		2:15 Year 5 Production		
Tuesday, 19 th December	2:50 KSI	9:30 EYFS Production 2:00 Year 6 Production		
Wednesday, 20 th December		1:30 - For grandparents & parishioners – each year group will provide 2 songs for entertainment. Tea & mince pies provided.		
Thursday, 21 st December	School closes and re-opens Monday, 8 th January 2018			

Class liturgies in the hall and carols in the prayer garden

All that remains is to wish each and every family a very peaceful and prayerful Advent as we prepare to celebrate Christmas with our families at home.

