



**Message from the Headteacher**

“Let God work; he will do marvellous things”



St Angela Merici  
 Cf. 8<sup>th</sup> Counsel/9

On Sunday 8 December we held our annual Advent Carol Service. It was a lovely event and so many students, staff, governors, parents, relatives and friends came to be part of this wonderful service. There were readings and the choir sang beautifully as did the congregation. Everyone was then invited back to the school for mulled wine and mince pies, hosted by FOSTUR.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Durrant for organising the event and to Fr. Kevin for his ongoing support. Can I also thank Sr. Kathleen for her kindness and support of the school. A special thank you to Ms Johnson and Mrs Meere for the music and choir and to all the readers. The Premises and Admin teams did a wonderful job organising and preparing Hilltops for the mulled wine and mince pies.

It is events like these that remind us what a truly unique and special community St Ursula's is and I am honoured to be a part of that.

Thank you  
 Ms Hamilton

**Don't Forget.....**

**Wednesday 18 December 2019**

Our chef and his staff will be providing the students and staff a Christmas meal on Wednesday 18 December. **It will cost £2.50.** Please ensure that your daughter has enough money on her card to pay for her meal. (Menu on next page)



**AND**

It is also Christmas Jumper Day on the same day! Wear your Christmas jumper while eating your Christmas lunch and donate £1 to charity!



Go on , you know you want to!





# Christmas Menu

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

## Main Meal

Roast Turkey with roast potatoes Sage and onion stuffing, Gravy served with Homemade Cranberry Sauce  
(G.Su.So.Se)

## Vegetarian

Brie and cranberry Tart  
(G.Mk.E)

## Little extras

Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Brussels Sprouts

## Desserts

Chocolate Brownie  
Homemade Christmas Pudding with Cream  
Mince Pie  
(G.Su.So.Se.L.E)

**£9.50**



Ce = Celery

Cr = Crustaceans

E = Eggs

F = Fish

G = Cereals containing Gluten

L = Lupin

Mk = Milk

Mo = Molluscs

Mu = Mustard

N = Nuts

P = Peanuts

Se = Sesame Seeds

So = Soya

Su = Sulphur Dioxide

Christmas 2019 – LAST WEEK!



During Advent we have been collecting donations for our local Foodbank: and finally this week we will be taking in:

**w/c 16th December).**

Christmas treats (biscuits, chocolates, cakes etc.)

**BUT please remember**

The Food bank are coming to collect the donations on:

**Wednesday 18 December 2019**

So **please** make sure you get you donation in before then.

Thank you for your generosity in helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

## 7 Catherine's Christmas Advent Calendar

7 Catherine are preparing for Christmas through their own unique Christmas Advent calendar. This special calendar was made by Lotty and Alice. Both girls wrote their own special prayers so that there is a different prayer for every day of Advent. Also, each day in the calendar contains some chocolate treats and a Christmas decoration so that each member of their form can celebrate Advent and remember the true meaning of Christmas in a prayerful way.

Well done

7 Catherine!

Ms Devine



## Squares

The Police have informed us that young people are being approached, asking them to store money in their bank accounts for a small fee.

This is in effect money laundering and is a criminal offence. Please do talk to your daughters about the need to keep their personal details safe and never give their bank details, cards or pin numbers to anyone else.



Please ensure that your daughter does not bring their bank card to school.

Thank you for your support as always.

The Safeguarding Team



### Parents, you said:

You would like to be informed of school events in advance

You said.

We did.

### We have :

Put a link to the school calendar for you on the School website – please click [here](#).

This will be constantly updated as things change within this school year .



Thank you for helping us to help you!



## School Calendar

### Wednesday 18 December 2019

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

### Friday 20 December 2019

Christmas Liturgies – last day of term

### Christmas Holidays

### Monday 23 December 2019 –

### Friday 3 January 2020

### Back to school

### Monday 6 January 2020

8.40am – Full uniform check



# Chaplaincy Corner

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

## Words from Pope Francis

“...joy is not expressed the same way at all times in life, especially at moments of great difficulty. Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures, even as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved.” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 6)



Heavenly Father,  
fill my heart with the fresh  
wonder of what that first  
Christmas means for me today.

Thank you for the many gifts  
you give to me. Give me the  
grace to share them generously  
with others.

Let joy flood into my soul as I  
lean on You. Help me to look  
with expectation to what you  
will do in my life and fill me  
with your joy!

Through Christ our Lord,

Amen

Christmas Is Joy,  
Religious Joy, An  
Inner Joy Of Light  
And Peace.

- Pope Francis



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## Presence

Jesus waits silent and unseen to come into my heart. I will respond to His call. He comes with His infinite power and love. May I be filled with joy in His presence.

## Freedom

Thank you God for my freedom.

May I use this gift to do what I can for those who are oppressed or burdened.

## Consciousness

Where do I sense hope, encouragement, and growth areas in my life?

By looking back over the last few months, I may be able to see which activities and occasions have produced rich fruit. If I do notice such areas, I will determine to give those areas both time and space in the future. The more difficult areas in my life, those of sadness, desolation, loss...I give all these to you, Lord.

## The Word of God Matthew 11:28-30

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Some thoughts on today's scripture

Despite how we may sometimes feel, God is always with us. Jesus does not say that if we follow Him we will be trouble free – often it is quite the opposite – but He promises to be with us, helping us to carry the 'yoke' and to share the pain.

Do I have anything weighing on me now? Jesus promises to help and I believe Him.

A yoke is always carried by two oxen. The reason Christ's yoke is 'easy' is because He is carrying it with us, taking most of the weight and giving us the strength to carry the rest.

As a result of our pain and struggles we are in a much better position to help others carry their yokes of sorrow, sickness, disappointment...and by so doing, we bring Christ to others.

## Conversation

Dear Lord, help me each day to seek Your presence more and more. Fill my heart with love for You.

## Conclusion

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



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**Thank  
You!**

FRIDAY

**13**

DECEMBER

Thank you so much for all the donations of fantastic raffle prizes and mince pies for the post Advent Carol Service refreshments.

It was lovely to see so many people in Hilltops afterwards.

**The Christmas raffle and donations raised £270 for the school FOSTUR funds.**

***A very Merry  
Christmas and a  
Happy New Year to  
you all!***

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## Make your Christmas shopping count with easy fundraising

When you shop online, your purchases can automatically give a donation to FOSTUR. It's easy to join the cause:

- 1** Download the Easy Fundraising APP from AppStore or Google Play.
- 2** Select Friends of St Ursula's Cause, click on Support.
- 3** Continue signing up and create your account.
- 4** Follow the instructions and select the retailer.
- 5** You'll be redirected to the retailer website, continue buying as you normally do.

Website access also available at:

[easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofstursulas](https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofstursulas)

+3700 retailers to shop with...