



Chaplaincy



Nov-Dec 2023

10th November:
Remembrance Service

1st December:

Y7 Retreat Day

8th December:

Service of Welcome
and Service of Light

19th December:

Christmas Carol
Service and Christmas

Coffee Morning

20th December:

Christmas Liturgy

Harvest Foodbank Hampers

Thank you for all your generous foodbank donations. These have been parcelled up into Autumnal Hampers and delivered to Selby Foodbank.



Advent Fundraisers - Local and Global

This year we are supporting causes at an International level. We know that times are difficult for lots of people so our range of appeals this year will benefit others no matter what size of the donation you are able to give.

School Charities



This half term, KS3 and KS4 will be raising money for our school charities by running separate Bun Sales. The KS3 Bun Sale took place at break time today. We raised £82.30! Well done KS3!

The KS4 Bun sale will take place on Friday 8th December at break time.

All donations are very much appreciated.

If your child would like to purchase a bun or two on these days, then please send them with a small amount of money as they cannot be purchased with a fob.

Thank you.

The Spirit of Christmas Banana Box Appeal and Toys for Ukraine: This charity takes donations of new or pre-loved toys to give as gifts at our Christmas events and throughout the year as part of our Banana Box Toy Project. They need donations of the following items:
Small Toys, Puzzles / Games, Children's Books, Stationery.

Our Toys for Ukraine project is an extension of the Banana Box project and is aimed at supporting Ukrainian children who arrive in the Selby area under the Homes for Ukraine scheme.
(www.spiritofchristmas.org.uk)



The Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal: You can support your local Christmas Present Appeal by finding your nearest appeal and donating new, unwrapped toys and gifts for children who might not otherwise receive a Christmas present. The gifts will then be wrapped and distributed to those in need.
(www.salvationarmy.org.uk/christmas-present-appeal)

Hampers: **'Christmas Food Hampers' items and 'Mother and Baby' items**—we will give any donations to the local food banks and families in need.



International Appeals: Please see the links for more information.

<https://bethlehemcareandhospicetrust.org/donate>

<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk>

Winter survival kit





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Nov - Dec 2023: Feast Days and important Liturgical dates

- 1st November:
All Saints
- 2nd November:
All Souls
- 21st November:
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 26th November:
Christ the King
- 30th November:
St. Andrew
- 3rd December:
First Sunday of Advent
- 6th December:
St. Nicholas
- 8th December:
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 10th December:
Second Sunday of Advent
- 17th December:
Third Sunday of Advent

Year 7 Retreat Day

Year 7 pupils will be participating in a Retreat Day on Friday 1st December. We will be visiting the Selby Abbey for a talk and a tour. We will also be **visiting our parish church St. Mary's, Selby where all pupils will be involved in** Advent activities and preparation. The Leeds Diocesan Youth Team will be joining us too!



Virtue for this Half-Term

This half-term our focus is on the virtues of 'Service', 'Love of Neighbour' and 'Compassion'. There are many fundraising activities going on. Pupils will be actively involved in helping those who are vulnerable and in need. These activities will help so many during the Christmas period.

Year 7 Service of Welcome and Light

Year 7 will be attending their Service of Welcome and Light on Friday 8th December at 11:45am. This will take place at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Carlton. Pupils will take part in their service by singing and reading. **Parents are invited to attend this service.** Father Wilson will be celebrating with us and year 7 form tutors will be present. Light refreshments will be served after the service.



Scripture Focus for this Half-Term:

Psalm 80:3: 'Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!'

Reflection: It is easy to want to run from God or become distracted by the challenges and struggles of life, but we can remember that our ultimate hope and salvation comes from God alone. We are not alone in our instinct to escape from the face of God during challenging times. This Advent, we can face God by helping those who have harder challenges than what we have to endure. Our acts of Service and Compassion are our hope!



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Christmas Coffee Morning and Carol Concert

This year, our Christmas Coffee Morning and Carol Concert will be taking place on Tuesday 19th December at 12pm.

This event is a lovely way to get into the Christmas spirit!

Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with a mince pie whilst listening to our beautiful choir!

Parents, carers, family and friends are all invited to come along!

If you would like to confirm a place, please email: enquiry@hollyfamily.bkcat.uk or alternatively, phone reception on 01405860276. To confirm a place, you must give your name and the number of people attending.



Donation Suggestions for Our Christmas Appeals

Mother & Baby Hampers

Baby Clothes (in general)

Baby vests

Baby socks

Baby hat

Baby scarf

Baby gloves

Blankets

Nappies

Baby soap

Baby wipes

Sudocrem

Baby lotion

Baby talcum powder

Changing mat

Toys

Bath toys

Dummies

Baby Milk

Maternity Pads

Baby bottles

Baby food

Bibs

First toothbrush and toothpaste

Nail supplies for mum

Toiletries for mum



Food Bank Hampers

A typical food parcel includes:

Breakfast cereal

Soup

Pasta

Rice

Pasta sauce

Baked beans

Tinned meat

Tinned vegetables

Instant mash

UHT milk

Tea

Coffee

Sugar

Tinned dessert

Biscuits

Spirit of Christmas Appeal

(Can be pre-loved)

Small Toys

Puzzles

Children's Books

Stationery

Salvation Army Appeal

New Toys