



St. Bede's Catholic Primary School  
Advent Newsletter, Week 2



*"A voice cries out in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord"*

Dear families of St. Bede's,

This weekend we welcomed the second Sunday of Advent. We listened to Mark's Gospel where he reminds us that this is the beginning of the Good News about Jesus as foretold in Isaiah's prophecy. The news; a messenger who would come to prepare a way for the Lord. This messenger was John the Baptist. John began his mission in the wilderness, he baptizes people in the River Jordan as they confess their sins and proclaims that a more powerful person follows; one who will baptize us with the Holy Spirit. This week as we journey through the second week of Advent, I invite you to take time to think about where you have heard the Good News and to ask yourselves if you too have proclaimed it to others



I thank you again for your continued support and wish you all a happy and peaceful week.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Ridguard-Thomas

(RE Lead)

### Dairy Dates

14<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Nativity 9.30am  
KS2 Carol Service: 6pm KS2 playground  
16<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Nativity 9.30am &  
2pm  
17<sup>th</sup> December - Advent Mass 9.30am  
**(Updates regarding parental  
attendance will be sent via  
teachers2parents)**

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### Advent Prayer for week 2

*Loving Jesus, you entered our world at Christmas as the Prince of Peace.*

*This Christmas as we try to do our best for our families and friends during this pandemic, we ask that you fill us with the gift of peace.*

*Help us to share this gift of peace with friends, neighbours and those who need it the most.*

### Thank you

This week we held a mufti day to raise money for the Caritas Christmas gift appeal. The children attended a liturgy where they learnt about Catholic Social Teaching and the reasons we donate to charity. As a school community we raised £500 for this good cause. This money will go towards buying gifts to distribute, via Children's Services to families in need in our area.

Thank you for your contribution.



### Oplatek

This Polish custom of the breaking and passing of the thin wafery Oplatek bread at the Christmas Eve meal reminds us of our daily bread and the Bread of Life who came into the world.

#### Ingredients

5 eggs	2 cups sugar	$\frac{3}{4}$ cup hazelnuts, chopped
$\frac{3}{4}$ cup raisins	1 peeled, finely chopped orange	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt
2 tsp baking powder	1 cup butter	1 tsp vanilla
	1 tbsp lemon zest	

#### Preparation

Pre-heat oven to 350°F / 190°C.

Beat eggs and sugar 5 minutes.

Mix in nuts, raisins and orange. Add 2 Tbsp. (30 mL) flour.

Sift remaining flour, salt and baking powder together.

Cream butter, mixing in lemon zest, vanilla and vodka.

Gradually add egg mixture, beating constantly.