

# All Hallows

## Catholic High School

# Newsletter

29th November 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the next couple of weeks I am sure that many families will be starting their preparations for Christmas and this Sunday marks the beginning of the season of Advent. There are so many events happening both in school and within the community that it can be quite a stressful and busy time. I hope that you take time over the next few weeks to reflect on the joy and hope that the season of Advent brings as we look forward to celebrating the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our pupils have been busy rehearsing for the Christmas Carol Service and tickets are now on sale. We will also be welcoming many of the senior members of our local parishes into school for the annual Senior Citizens Party. We would welcome your support for our Advent appeal which this year is in support of the Metanoia Project and you will find the details in the newsletter.

Our PTFA are keen to get in the Christmas spirit and they have a tombola stall planned for the Penwortham Christmas markets. They need support in the form of bottles and chocolate. Any donations can be sent in via your child's form tutor. Any alcoholic donations would need to be sent directly to the school office. The annual Christmas raffle will also be drawn at the Senior Citizens party and each pupil will be issued with one book of raffle tickets. Please do your best to support the school however if you are unable to sell the tickets please return them to school. I appreciate there are a number of requests in the newsletter and as always we thank you for all the hard work, donations and support.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Cooper  
Headteacher



### Advent Appeal

Every year during Advent at All Hallows we launch an Advent appeal. This appeal supports a local charity and this year we are supporting the work of the Metanoia Project. The Metanoia Project works out of St Wilfred's Church in Preston town centre and as well as running youth groups and youth leadership groups, prayer evenings and chaplaincy in local schools and universities, they also run a homeless drop in every Wednesday evening. This drop in offers a warm welcome where local homeless people can find someone to chat to over a warm drink, and some essentials they might need to make their lives a little more comfortable. The Metanoia do incredible work and thanks to their volunteers (including our very own Mrs Colclough) are able to bring hope and dignity to the lives of people who find themselves homeless.

Advent is a really important time to stop, take stock and prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christmas. We are encouraged to grow in our relationship with God through prayer and good works. Our Advent Appeal is one way in which we can do this this Advent. Below are the items we are looking to collect to donate to Metanoia's drop in, all these items have been requested by them. We are also looking for donations of rucksacks and sleeping bags, these do not need to be brand new but do need to be in good condition. Thank you in advance for your support.

**PILGRIMS OF HOPE**  
ADVENT APPEAL 2024  
SUPPORTING THE METANOIA PROJECT'S HOMELESS DROP IN

**Advent Appeal 2024**

- Year 7: Towels, Flannels, Underwear.
- Year 8: Plain T-Shirts, Socks.
- Year 9: Shaving foam, shower gel, deodorant.
- Year 10: Hats, gloves, scarves.
- Year 11: Christmas Chocolate.

The school office is open  
8.00am until 4.00pm

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# Year 8 Castlerigg Retreat



Our first residential retreat of the year took place last weekend where 41 Year 8 pupils accompanied by 5 members of staff headed up to Castlerigg Manor in Keswick for a weekend of faith and friendship. The theme of the retreat was all about the Holy Spirit. With this being the year Year 8 pupils will be invited to consider being Confirmed in the Catholic Church, this was a relevant and very formative retreat theme, and lots of fun too. Some of the favourite activities of the weekend was the bible basketball, the duck hunt and prayer time in the chapel. The group also enjoyed lots of free time in the game's rooms, being able to get to know each other better and building new friendships. They were a fantastic group to have on retreat, they entered every session full of enthusiasm and were thoughtful and prayerful in the quieter more reflective times. Thank you to the staff who accompanied the group, Mr Burbidge who organised the retreat, and to the Castlerigg team who led the retreat programme.

We look forward to our second Year 8 Castlerigg retreat and our Year 9 retreats to Savio house both in January.



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## **Blood Brothers Theatre Trip**

On Wednesday, Year 11 students had the exciting opportunity to experience live theatre as they travelled to the Manchester Palace Theatre to watch a performance of Blood Brothers. Organised by the English and Drama departments, the trip was designed to enrich students' understanding of this iconic text, which is a key component of their GCSE English Literature studies.

The powerful performance brought Willy Russell's timeless story of class, family, and fate to life. From the poignant songs to the gripping plot twists, the production captured the raw emotion and energy that make Blood Brothers such a theatrical masterpiece. Students were captivated by the performances, particularly the portrayal of Mickey and Eddie, whose tragic journey left a lasting impact.

For many students, this was their first time experiencing professional theatre, and they were impressed by how the staging, music, and lighting added depth to the narrative they have studied in class. Our staff were thrilled to hear students discussing key themes and characters during the interval, applying their classroom knowledge to the live production - many of them joined in the singing too!

A special thank you goes to the English and Drama staff for organising this enriching experience, and to the students, who represented the school brilliantly. The trip was not only an opportunity to deepen their understanding of Blood Brothers but also to appreciate the magic of live theatre—a memorable experience for all involved!



## **South Ribble Rotary Club's 'Youth Speaks' Competition**

Last Thursday evening, two talented teams from our school represented us brilliantly in the South Ribble Rotary Club's 'Youth Speaks' competition at Balshaw's Church of England High School.

Our Year 9 team, consisting of Julia Paluszkiwicz, Sophia Roocroft and Ruby McManus, and our Year 10 team, featuring Edward Clitherow, Isabella Woodall, and Ruby Lupton, showcased exceptional public speaking skills in this prestigious event.

Supported by Mrs. Cairns (Second in English) and Mr. Henderson (Head of English), both teams delivered confident, compelling, and thought-provoking performances. The judges remarked that the competition was exceptionally close, describing the decision-making process as incredibly difficult due to the high standard of all participants.

While neither team took home the trophy, they were phenomenal ambassadors for the school, demonstrating poise, teamwork, and eloquence under pressure. A huge congratulations to all involved for their hard work and dedication!

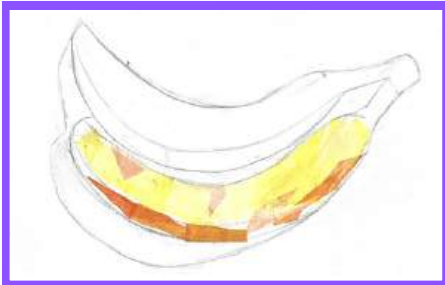


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## Key Stage 3 Extra Curricular Art

It is a delight to welcome back former pupil Miss Place to our school! Currently pursuing her teacher training course, she is on her way to becoming a very talented art teacher. Miss Place has been running after-school art sessions for our Key Stage 3 pupils, providing them with the opportunity to explore their creativity and develop their skills in a supportive environment.

Her passion for art and dedication to teaching is truly inspiring, and we are excited to see the positive impact she will have on our students. We look forward to seeing more of her contributions to our school community!



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## Year 11 Science

This week in the Science Department and our Year 11 pupils have been learning about the heart with Mr. Ringrose and Mr. Case. Understanding the anatomy of the heart is crucial for GCSE Biology, and there's no better way to enhance this learning than through hands-on dissection of real hearts.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Penwortham Booths Supermarket and their specialist manager, Emma, for their generous donation of hearts, lungs, livers, and eyes from their butchery department. This contribution has significantly enriched our students' learning experience and provided them with a unique opportunity to explore biological concepts in a practical, engaging manner. Thank you for your support!



## Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to all the runners who represented All Hallows at the recent Cross Country Championships, which were held at Hutton Grammar School on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th November. The athletes were outstanding and the amount of podium places we achieved as a school was phenomenal. Well done to all those competitors who helped All Hallows to be crowned champions for 2024!

### Year 7 Boys

Joseph Dixon 1st place  
Morgan Watson 3rd place

### Year 7 Girls

Scarlet Walker 2nd place  
Scarlet Beetham 3rd place

### Year 8/9 Boys

Jack Mawdsley 1st place  
Jack Turner 2nd place

### Year 8/9 Girls

Ellie Blackhurst 1st place  
Elsie McKeever 2nd place  
Millie Wright 3rd place

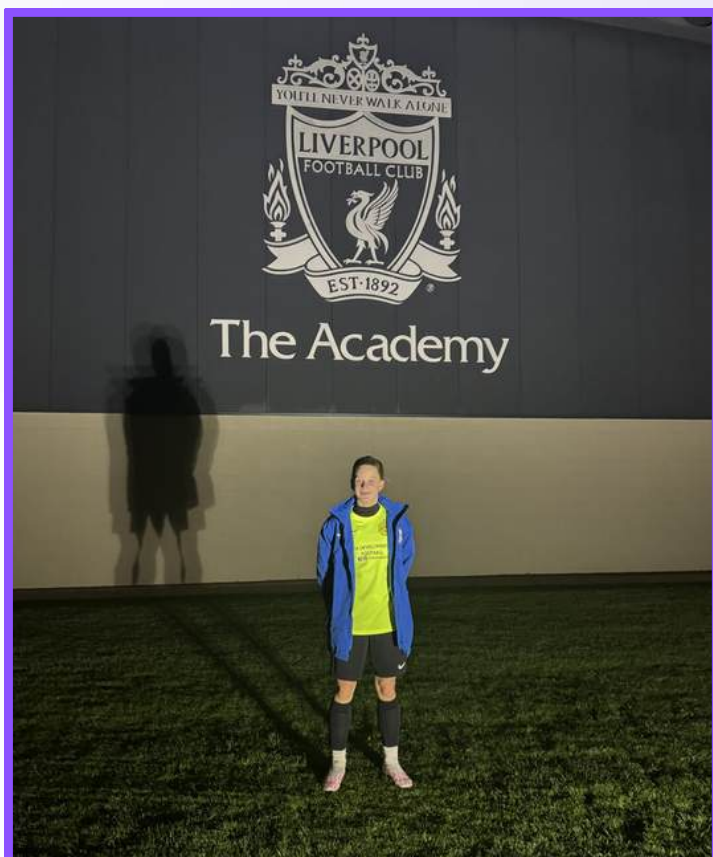


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# Girls Football

## Emily Dedrie Year 7

Emily Dedrie in year 7 had an incredible experience playing against Liverpool Academy! Winning one out of the two games and scoring two goals must have been a huge personal achievement, especially as a Liverpool fan. Competing against a team she admires while representing her own skills and talent would have been so rewarding. The fact that she got to play at a new academy adds even more to the excitement. Well done, Emily! Keep up the great work and keep aiming for the top!



## Year 7 Girls South Ribble Football Tournament

On Tuesday the years 7 girls played in the South Ribble Football Tournament, we played 7 schools, with 5 wins, one draw and one 1-0 loss. The girls played extremely well as a team and scored a tremendous number of goals, coming away with second place. Well done girls.

## Year 8 Girls South Ribble Football Tournament

Last Tuesday the years 8 girls played in the South Ribble Football Tournament, all of the girls played extremely well considering the freezing conditions. We played 6 games and didn't lose a match, with two wins and the rest draws. The tournament ended with a tie for four schools but unfortunately our low scoring matches meant that we came fourth place on goal difference.

## Year 8/9 Girls Lancashire Cup Match

Last Wednesday the year 8/9 girls played against Pendle Vale in the Lancashire Cup, again in the cold weather these girls showed their strength and determination. After the previous night (for the 8s) our team talk and focus was on scoring goals and they didn't alter from this. Winning the game 18-0, not only are we through to the third round but they showed kindness and humility.

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## **STEM Club**

STEM Club have been working hard on entries for the UCL Ocean Health Challenge Competition - the deadline is today. If anyone has any entries to give to Mrs Caw please email today as the deadline for submission is tomorrow (Sat 30th Nov). They are also working hard towards their first regional VEX Robotics competition in January so we wish them lots of luck for the competition.

## **Christmas STEM Stall**

On Monday 9th December, at the Christmas concert, there will be a Christmas STEM stall selling a variety of Christmas products, many made by the STEM members themselves. Please can we ask that you bring some cash for purchases on the night. They will be available before the Christmas concert, as well as during the interval. Come and grab yourself a wonderful stocking filler or present!

## **Blackburn College Scholars Restaurant Launch**

We were very honoured, as the winning school of the recent Young Chef Competition, to be invited to the official launch of the newly refurbished Scholar's Restaurant and state-of-the-art training kitchen at Blackburn College. Mrs Caw, Bea H, Ruby M and their parents all attended on Thursday 14th November to experience the new venue. They were treated to a tour of the catering facilities, some outstanding canapes (such as Venison Bolognese fritters and Pistachio & Chocolate tartlets) made and served by the college students as well as a speech by Lisa Goodwin-Allen, Executive Chef at Michelin starred Northcote Manor, who is also an ambassador for the college. It was a fantastic opportunity to see and experience the venue in action and highlight the wonderful careers available in the hospitality industry. Thank you so much for making us all feel so welcome.



## **Springboard FutureChef Competition**

Springboard FutureChef is a schools-based programme across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland that supports the development of key life skills whilst inspiring young people to pursue an exciting career within the world of hospitality. We support students to build industry based culinary skills and knowledge, as well as connecting teachers and students with industry professionals. The Springboard FutureChef competition is now the biggest school culinary competition in the UK celebrating talent and adding to our long list of successful alumni.

For further details please see Mrs Caw.

**FUTUREPROOFING  
THE INDUSTRY**  
*Engaging young people in  
chef led learning*

**Springboard FUTURECHEF updates**

**Register for BakeOff today!**  
BakeOff is the competition element of our FutureChef Jnrs and is open to S1/2 (Scotland) Y7/8 (England & Wales), and Y8/9 (N.I.).

**BakeOff Competition**

- Produce a French themed savoury tart using a **homemade** shortcrust pastry
- The tart can be shaped however you wish, e.g., round, square, oblong
- The tart should have a minimum of 4 portions, maximum 8 portions
- The tart filling is up to you, but we are looking for a French inspired dish. Focus should be on seasonal ingredients and using an ingredient in it's entirety / minimising food waste

**FutureChef BakeOff is a virtual competition!**  
Bake your savoury tart and document the process with pictures, complete our BakeOff entry pack and submit your entry to be judged by our panel of professional chefs!  
Our judges are looking for creative combinations, polished presentation and hygienic handiwork so get practicing and submit your entry before 5pm on the 17/01/25

**BakeOff 2024 Winner Ollie!**

**Ollie's Winning Bake!**

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# Careers



## **BAE Trip**

On the 15th November, 23 eager students attended the highly anticipated BAE Open Day, where they were given an exclusive look into the world of early careers within one of the UK's leading defence and aerospace companies. The event offered a unique opportunity for students to explore the potential of apprenticeships and other early career opportunities for 2025.

Students had a tour of the state-of-the-art training facilities, giving students a first-hand look at where the next generation of aerospace engineers, defence experts, and industry leaders will be shaped. From advanced technical equipment to hands-on learning spaces, it was clear that BAE invests heavily in ensuring its apprentices receive top-tier training and support.

One of the most valuable parts of the event was hearing directly from current apprentices about their experiences at BAE. These apprentices shared their personal journeys, the challenges they faced, and the skills they have developed throughout their programs. It was a great chance for students to ask questions and get honest insights about what life as an apprentice at BAE is really like.

## **Exploring Future Opportunities** **Leyland St Mary's Joint Careers Fair**

On November 20th, Leyland St Mary's proudly hosted a highly successful Joint Careers Fair for our Year 9, 10, and 11 pupils. This event provided an excellent opportunity for students to engage with representatives from a diverse array of professions, colleges, and universities.

Attendees were able to gain valuable insights, ask questions, and explore numerous career paths, enriching their understanding of post-educational possibilities. The fair saw strong attendance from both students, parents and a variety of exhibitors, including local colleges, employers, and training companies, all eager to share their expertise and opportunities with the next generation. Overall, the Careers Fair was a fantastic success, fostering connections between students and potential future pathways, and inspiring them to consider their next steps as they prepare for the future. We look forward to hosting similar events in the future to continue supporting our students' career aspirations.



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## **ASK Apprenticeships and Preston College.**

This November, our Year 11 pupils had the incredible opportunity to learn more about the technical pathways available to them after GCSEs, thanks to insightful guest speakers from ASK Apprenticeships and Preston College. These sessions were designed to help students explore different career routes, gain expert knowledge, and understand the exciting opportunities that lie beyond their school years.

## **Lunchtime Career Lectures**

Last month marked the inaugural session of our Lunchtime Careers Lectures, a fantastic event that proved to be immensely beneficial for our students!

We extend a heartfelt thank you to Mr. Eastham for agreeing to be our first guest speaker. His engaging lecture offered valuable insights into the world of professional sport and life beyond the final whistle. Students gained a deeper understanding of the opportunities and challenges that come with a career in sports, as well as practical advice on planning for the future.

We look forward to hosting more of these informative sessions, providing our students with the chance to explore diverse career paths and learn from industry professionals. Stay tuned for upcoming lectures!



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## College Drop Ins

Recently, representatives from Newman, Runshaw, and Preston College visited our school to provide valuable information about the various pathways and courses available to our students. This visit allowed students to explore the educational opportunities offered by these institutions, including vocational training, further education, and specialized programs. Students had the chance to ask questions, gather insights, and learn about the different courses that can help them shape their future careers. We are grateful to the college representatives for taking the time to meet with our students and for sharing their knowledge and expertise.

We encourage our pupils to consider all the options presented and to take advantage of the opportunities available as they plan for their educational journeys. Thank you to Newman, Runshaw, and Preston College for their informative visit!



## Careers Week

Careers Week was a dynamic and engaging experience, focusing on essential skills development through a series of podcasts and activities for the entire school community.

Throughout the week, students had the opportunity to listen to insightful podcasts featuring industry experts discussing the skills needed for various careers. These discussions helped students better understand the importance of adaptability, communication, teamwork, and other vital competencies in today's job market.

In addition to the podcasts, a variety of hands-on activities were organized, encouraging students to participate actively and apply what they learned. Workshops, interactive sessions, and group projects allowed pupils to collaborate, think critically, and enhance their problem-solving abilities.

Overall, Careers Week successfully inspired our students to recognize the value of skills development as they explore their future career paths. We look forward to continuing this focus in the future!



Need advice on your  
next step towards a  
College course?

Come in for our  
Drop-in  
information day

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Friends of All Hallows

# Christmas Raffle

**Prizes include:-**

**LUXURY HAMPER**

**LITTLE STEPS SOFT PLAY: BRONZE PACKAGE OR THREE TEEPEE SLEEPOVER HIRE**

**£50 DAISY AESTHETICS' VOUCHER**

**£40 HICKORY'S SMOKEHOUSE VOUCHER**

**£35 AMAZON VOUCHER**

**£20 TAP AND VINE VOUCHER**

**BLUNDELL'S HARDWARE CARPET SHAMPOOER HIRE**

**BAYLIS & HARDING LUXURY PAMPER GIFT SET**

**WACKY WAREHOUSE 4 X TWO WEEK PAY PASSES**

**£10 CINDERBAKE VOUCHER**

**ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS WREATH**

**STARBUCKS BUNDLE**

**2 X VUE CINEMA TICKETS**

**AND MORE....**

**TICKETS £1.00 EACH**

Draw to take place at All Hallows  
Catholic High School  
11th December 2024

## PTFA

We've registered Friends of All Hallows - Penwortham with easyfundraising, which means over 7,000 brands will now donate to us for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us - it's completely FREE and doesn't take long:  
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-all-hallows>

Friends of All Hallows  
Registered charity: 1118676



## Staff Vacancies

We are seeking dedicated and passionate individuals to join our team. Please click on the link below to view our current vacancies.  
<https://www.allhallows.lancs.sch.uk/school/information/vacancies/>

ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENTS:-

A CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT



AN EVENING OF SEASONAL MUSIC

MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER  
CONCERT STARTS AT 7.30pm  
TICKETS £5

Your ticket includes either a seasonal drink of Glühwein or a hot chocolate, available from 6:30 pm and during the interval. Refreshments will be served in the Senior Dining Room.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER 2024

Traditional Roast Turkey  
Chipolata Sausages Rolled with Bacon  
Sage & Onion Stuffing  
Cranberry Sauce  
or  
Vegan Turkey & Vegan Sausage

Roast Potatoes  
Creamed Potatoes  
Julienne Carrots  
Brussels Sprout  
Gravy

\*\*\*\*\*  
Christmas Pudding served  
With custard

or  
Chocolate Fudge Cake  
served with cream

or  
Fresh Fruit Salad

\*\*\*\*\*  
Cost £5.75  
(including juice & a cracker)

If you wish to order a Christmas Dinner, please pay on-line using our Iris+Pay facility and select your choice of Christmas Dinner by  
FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER 2024.

ANYONE WHO DOES NOT ORDER BY 13th DECEMBER 2024  
WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

**PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU HAVE A FOOD ALLERGY  
OR INTOLERANCE, YOU MUST SPEAK TO AND  
ADVISE THE CATERING DEPARTMENT IN  
ADVANCE.**

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# ADVENT

Peace



## Word of the Week

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

A child is born to us!

A son is given to us!

And he will be our ruler.

He will be called, "Wonderful Counselor,"

"Mighty God," "Eternal Father,"

"Prince of Peace."

His royal power will continue to grow;

his kingdom will always be at peace.

He will rule as King David's successor,

basing his power on right and justice,

from now until the end of time.

The Lord Almighty is determined to do all this.

PEACE  
ON Earth

## Prayer for the Week

Leader: During Advent, we wait for the Prince of Peace.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, bring us peace.

Leader: We prepare our hearts for His peace.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, bring us peace.

Leader: May we share His peace with the world.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, bring us peace. Amen.

"Advent is a time of waiting for our Lord, who will visit us all in our own hearts. The Lord is coming! let us wait for him!"

Pope Francis



## Advent

For lots of people, the four weeks of Advent are just a countdown of shopping days to Christmas. For Christians, Advent is a special holy time leading up to the birth of their saviour Jesus Christ. The word Advent means "coming". When someone special is coming to visit, it is usual to prepare and get ready. During Advent Christians prepare themselves for the coming of the infant Jesus.

## Peace

Advent is a time of waiting and preparation, a season when we focus on hope, love, joy, and peace. This can be a busy and sometimes stressful time but Advent invites us to pause and reflect on the peace that comes with knowing God is with us, even in the chaos.

Peace isn't just about quiet moments, it's about finding calm in our hearts, even when things around us are noisy or difficult. It's about trusting that, like the story of Jesus' birth, peace can come in unexpected ways, in small moments, and in the kindness we show to others. This Advent, think about how you can bring peace to your own heart and to the people around you. Peace starts within, and it can spread through acts of kindness, listening, and forgiveness. May this season remind you that peace is possible, no matter what's going on in the world.

Can you think of a time when you have experienced God's peace?

### Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace

In this week's Word of the Week, we hear about a King unlike any other—one who brings hope, wisdom, and peace to the world. It can sometimes feel like the world is full of uncertainty, pressure, and confusion. But this passage reminds us that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, offers us a different kind of strength. He's not a ruler of force, but a ruler of love, who came to show us that peace isn't something we have to fight for—it's something He offers freely.

We take a moment now to think about how Jesus can be our "Wonderful Counselor" when we are feeling lost or unsure, our "Mighty God" when we are facing tough challenges, and our "Prince of Peace" when we are overwhelmed.

His peace doesn't depend on perfect circumstances—it comes from knowing He's with us, always. This Advent season, let's pray for the peace He offers, to fill our hearts and guide us through the ups and downs of life. May we carry His peace with us, and share it with others in a world that needs it so much.

Jesus, thank you for being our Prince of Peace. Help us to trust in Your presence and Your promise that peace will never end. Amen.



HE WILL BE  
OUR PEACE.

MIKAH 5:5



Something to watch and listen to...

Vertical Worship: Advent - Peace  
(WATCH HERE)

Shalom - Peace  
(WATCH HERE)

Matt Maher - Glory (Let There Be Peace)  
(LISTEN HERE)

Don't forget about our 2024 Advent Appeal!  
Please bring any donations to Kate's office.