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## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2021

Dear Parents,

I do hope that you and the family are keeping well and that you are staying safe—during these difficult times it is important that you take great care and look after yourselves.

I'm just writing to you to invite you and the family to our services over the Christmas and New Year period and to let you know the days and times when these will be happening. I do hope that you will be able to join us. There will be a family Mass on Christmas Eve at 5.00pm and again on Christmas Day at 9.00am which might be suitable for you.

We also have a Service of Reconciliation and Forgiveness, which can be part of your Advent preparation, on Tuesday 21st December at 7.30pm in the evening. There will be a couple of visiting priests who will be hearing confessions. Do take advantage of this if you are able.

I know times are very difficult again and we are facing a situation in which we must be very careful. We will do our best to make sure that you are safe when you come to church and we will try and make sure that there is adequate ventilation in the church so it may be a little cooler than usual as some of the window and doors will be open. Could I please ask that you come prepared wearing a face covering and that you sanitise when you come into the church. There will be stewards who will guide you your places—please be attentive to them. We have not restricted numbers but if instructions change I will inform you.

Please do not be anxious or worried, that will not help, but staying safe is the best policy and making sure that you have your vaccinations and booster is probably the best way to try and avoid problems for yourselves and for others also.

I wish you and your family a very happy, peaceful and safe Christmas and very best wishes for the coming New Year—let us all pray for each other.

God bless you,

Fr John

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