

Weekly Newsletter



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LAST DAY OF TERM 4

Reception - Year 9 Wednesday 14 December
R-6 Finish at 3:15pm and Years 7-9 Finish at 3:20pm

Blessing of the Cribs

Last Friday, our Junior School enjoyed the Blessing of the Cribs Assembly. Students were invited to bring in the crib from their Nativity scene to be blessed by Fr Peter, with students also acting out the Nativity. The blessing symbolises that all who look upon the empty manger be reminded of the humble birth of Jesus Christ, as we await Christmas with anticipation and excitement.



Year 7 2023 Transition

Welcome to Tenison Woods College!

This Monday and Tuesday we welcomed over 60 new students to our Middle School Community for their Year 7 Transition. These students are enrolled to join us for Year 7 in 2023. Together with the existing Year 6 Tenison Woods College cohort, students participated in a variety of activities throughout the day including: Music, Drama, Technologies, Languages, PE, Cooking, and a variety of subjects in the classroom. It was great to see the beginning of some new friendships forming and we look forward to these students and their families joining our College Community in 2023!



From the Principal



Junior School and Middle School Rites of Passage

In amongst the transition days which are occurring we look forward to some significant events next week: The Year 6 Graduation at 9:00am Monday 12 December, Poplars Concert 5:30pm that Monday evening, the Middle School awards Ceremony Tuesday 13 December at 9:00am and the Year 9 Graduation at 5:00pm that evening. Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 December will see us celebrate the ELCC Steppingstones Kindy Graduations at 10:00am and 2:00pm. We look forward to these significant milestones in the learning journey of our students and understand that they are also opportunities to reflect on how we have made lived the school's theme this year to "be the one" for others.



Thank you, Volunteer Juliane Haisken,

At the final ELCC and OSHC Advisory Committee we thanked and farewelled long standing committee member and volunteer, Juliane Haisken. In addition to being a supportive parent of three children who have attended the College, Juliane has also offered ten years of voluntary service to the ELCC and the Advisory Committee from the planning and inception of the Early Learning and Community Centre. We thank Juliane for her dedication, discernment, and support for the early years at Tenison Woods College.

Pictured above is Juliane Haisken and Domenica Dunn.

Staffing

Thank you, Domenica Dunn – Inaugural ELCC Director

We take the opportunity to thank Domenica Dunn for 23 years of service to St Paul's School and Tenison Woods College. The recent eight years Domenica has been the inaugural Director of the ELCC, after completing the research and development role of ELCC Project Officer in 2012 and 2013. It is clear that the ELCC community owes Domenica a significant debt of gratitude for her passion, wisdom, vision, and community development to ensure the centre has offered the highest quality care and learning to children and families who have called the ELCC their home.



Welcome Frances Scanlon

As we thank Domenica for her indelible legacy of fostering and celebrating competent children, we offer congratulations to Frances Scanlon, the new ELCC Director from 2023. Frances has commenced her transition to the directorship of the ELCC, working with Domenica and the ELCC Team to ensure a seamless transition. We look forward to supporting Fran as she continues the wonderful efforts of the ELCC to serve the families of our community.

Pictured above is Domenica Dunn and Frances Scanlon.

Thank you to Staff

As we conclude the school year, I extend thanks to staff who have offered service to the College community and conclude their service.

Staff concluding their service

We also thank the following staff for their service to the College as they conclude their time with us and move to new adventures:

Teaching staff

Amy Boyd	Year 5 and 6 teacher
Lisa Boyd	Year 2 teacher
Laura Turley	Reception teacher
Sophie Xing	Chinese teacher
Chloe Perryman	Year 5 teacher
Emma Reppin	Middle School teacher
Vanessa Roesler	Middle School teacher
Trudi Andresen	Middle School teacher

Co-educators / Education Support Officers

Sharon Adams	Office and HPE Support Officer
Nadine Engel	Poplars Co-educator
Alison Gwilym	Sugarloaf Café
Emma Herring	PR and Events Officer
Jessie McGregor	OSHC Supervisor and Co-educator

Trainees

Faith Bierwirth-Leigh	Public Relations and Events
Jasmine Davey	ELCC
Bianca Dowdy	Classroom Support
Mitchell Evans	ICT Support
Ash Spicer	Administration Support
Amelia Taylor	Classroom (Italian) Support
Elyse Willoughby	Sports & Recreation

Students and families have been impacted by their presence, creativity, passion, and investment of these people. As these staff leave us, we say thank you for their commitment to our community, their inspiration and their wonderful legacy through their service to Tenison Woods College.

The Giving Tree

As a College community we annually erect the Giving Tree in the Front Office, and this is an opportunity for everyone in our community to share the joy of Christmas. Gifts and money donated to the Giving Tree will be shared between AC Care and Vinnies who will assist local families this Christmas.

Families may also wish to consider the gifts that ensure others not necessarily known to us enjoy a better Christmas and life; a gift that keeps on giving. Such donations can be made by visiting the websites of such preferred Catholic charities as Caritas, Vinnies, and Mercy Gifts. Other charities to consider in such a way may be Oxfam, World Vision, Salvation Army, and The Smith Family.

SACCS COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

I advise families of an update on the outcome of the consultation process and approval in relation to the amended COVID-19 Vaccination Policy as implemented by Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) sites.

The amended Policy has adopted a 'personal responsibility' approach that strongly encourages vaccination but does not require it to work and volunteer in most CESA workplace settings (except a few 'high-risk' settings where up-to-date vaccination will be required).

This outcome means that volunteers who are approved by the school to provide support at Tenison Woods College, including attending excursions, now need only to comply with the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools Policy for Volunteers. In short, volunteers need to have signed the school's Volunteer Declaration and hold a current Catholic Working With Children Check. Ongoing volunteers also need to have completed the free 2 hour online Mandatory Reporting (RRHAN-EC) training.

We are grateful for your continued support of our students, particularly in volunteering for excursions and other key events and activities.

Should you require any further information regarding the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy, please contact the College.

BYOD – Year 6 Families, ready for Year 7 in 2023

As we look also to 2023, I remind families that if they are thinking about purchasing a device for next year, just check out our Bring Your Own Device page on our website [here](#).

You can also find this page in SEQTA Engage by choosing the Portals option and selecting *BYOD Parent / Guardian Information*.

With current wait times for products we encourage families to think about their child's needs a little earlier than they might to ensure that the device is ready for the start of 2023.

Key dates for the commencement of 2023:

To assist with planning, I inform our College community of dates to commence the 2023 academic year:

Wednesday 25 January 2023	All Teaching Staff commence
Thursday 26 January 2023	Australia Day Public Holiday
Friday 28 January 2023	Book collection day and Staff planning day
Monday 30 January 2023	Reception, Years 7, 10,11, 12 commence Term 1.
Tuesday 31 January 2023	All other students commence Term 1.

God Bless,
David Mezinac | Principal

CIM Team News



Christmas Eve Vigil Family Mass

Would your child like to be involved in the Nativity play at the Christmas Eve Family Mass? Mass is on Saturday 24 December at 6:00pm, at St Paul's Church. Children who would like to be involved in the play are required to attend a rehearsal on Saturday 17 December at 3:00pm at St Paul's Church. Costumes for the play will be distributed at the rehearsal. Participating in the Nativity play is a wonderful way for children to deepen their connection to the miracle of Christmas and be a part of the St Paul's community. We welcome all to be involved and attend.

Please email Sally Telford at telfs@tenison.catholic.edu.au or Cisca Teodoro at sacraments@mtgcatholic.org.au if your child would like to be a part of the play.

Sharing your Christmas – the Krist Kindl Giving Tree

What can your family give to the 'Christ Child' this year? When we give to others in need, we are remembering the gifts of the Three Wise Men to the baby Jesus, whose birth was a great gift to us all. As Jesus loved, we show through selfless giving that we love others, including those we don't know.

The Krist Kindl Giving Tree has been set up in the Front Office at Tenison Woods College. We actively encourage families to support AC. Care, Sunset Community Kitchen and Vinnies in their work to support local families in need. Unwrapped gifts, toiletry items and/or cash donations can be placed under the tree between now and the end of term. We thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity towards those in need within our community.

We will also be supporting the Community Christmas Lunch held on Christmas Day. Staff will be donating toiletries and wrapped chocolates and/or lollies to be placed into gift bags for those attending. Any families who would also like to contribute items for this event can do so by placing them under the Krist Kindl Giving Tree with the gifts.

15 Minutes with Father - Advent Edition

We will be back for one last time this year! This Advent, the children will be taken on a journey in a rather unique Christmas story. We will be looking at a different character each week and their story during the times leading up to the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The children will take home a small activity pack to re- create that character, a Gospel reading to reflect on and a prayer card. We hope to help the children and their family to better prepare their hearts to receive Jesus on Christmas Day.

Fifteen Minutes with Father Advent Edition will continue this Sunday immediately after 11:00am Mass at St Paul's and continue until Christmas Day. All children are welcome.

Term 4 Masses at the College Chapel

A Mass is held each Thursday of the term and is led by a different class or year level each week. Mass is held at 9:15am in the College Chapel.

Our last Mass for the term will be held tomorrow, led by the Year 8 Cohort.

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator

Key Dates

Wednesday 7 December

- Carols in the Church - 6:30pm - 8:00pm - TONIGHT

Thursday 8 December

- Year 3 End of Year Celebration - 11:30am - 2:30pm, Valley Lakes
- Year 10 In Class Exams
- Year 3 End of Year Celebration

Friday 9 December

- Year 4 Geology Excursion - 9:00am - 3:00pm, Pumping Station, Main Corner, Library
- Year 5 End of Year Celebration - 9:00am - 3:00pm, Millicent Playground and Swimming Lake

Monday 12 December

- Year 7/8 Knockout Tennis - 8:30am - 3:00pm - Naracoorte
- Year 9 End of Year Celebration, 8:45am - 3:20pm, Naracoorte
- Year 7 End of Year Celebration - 9:00am - 3:00pm - Oatmill Cinema and Railway Lands
- Year 8 End of Year Celebration - 9:00am - 3:00pm - Valley Lakes and Oatmill Cinema
- Year 6 Graduation - 9:00am - 10:15am - BHS
- Junior School Arts Showcase - 12:00pm - 1:15pm - BHS
- Santos Science Experience - Adelaide University and St. Mark's College
- Poplars Concert - 5:30pm - 7:30pm - Barrie Holmes Stadium

Tuesday 13 December

- Reception End of Year Celebration - 9:00am - 11:30am - Oatmill Cinema
- Middle School Awards Ceremony - 9:00am - 10:15am, BHS
- Year 9 Graduation - 5:00pm - 10:00pm - PRC
- Year 6 End of Year Celebration - 10:00am - 2:00am - Kaboom Family Entertainment and Railway Lands

Wednesday 14 December - Last Day of School

- 2023 Year 8-10 Transitions
- Uniform Shop Last Day of Trading - 8:00am - 12:00pm
- Year 4 End of Year Celebration - 9:30am - 12:30pm - Oatmill Cinema
- ELCC Kindy Graduation - 10:00am and 2:00pm
- R-6 LAST day of Term 4 - 3:15pm Finish
- Year 7-9 LAST day of Term 4 - 3:20pm Finish

Thursday 15 December

- ELCC Kindy Graduation - 10:00am and 2:00pm



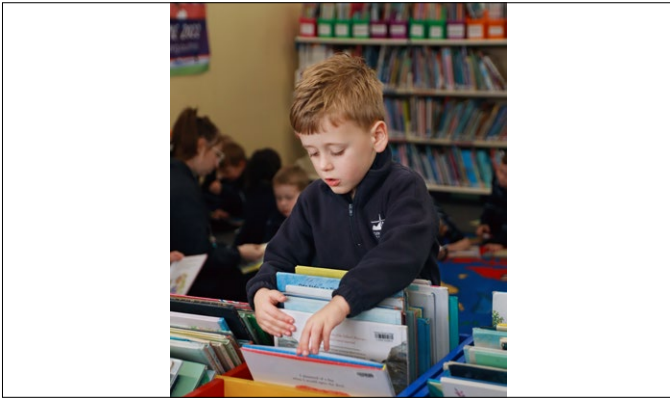
Order Your School Shoes for 2023!

Athletes Foot have advised they are only receiving a small amount of Ascent school shoes and are uncertain about supplies into the future. They encourage families to access online ordering or to call into the shop to be measured. There's unfortunately not enough to accommodate all of the students from every school. Ascent will still be available on the Athletes Foot website, but it is undetermined for how much longer.



See the Community Noticeboard for posters and notices of upcoming events within our College, and wider community.

Please click [here](#) to view this page.



End of Year Book Returns!

After a big year of borrowing and reading, it is time for the library's books to be returned and borrowing has now finished for 2022.

We have previously asked all borrowed library books and textbooks to be returned by no later than the end of Week 7 (Friday 2 Dec). If you still have books, please return them to avoid being invoiced or unable to borrow at the commencement of the 2023 school year.

Classes and Home Groups are receiving regular borrower list updates to assist students in returning their borrowed items.

We appreciate parent/care giver support in having our library resources please return them this week.

Alexandra Nicholson | Library Manager



Indigenous Garden

Recently Tenison Woods College was lucky enough to win a OneFortyOne grant to plant an edible indigenous garden. Part of the funding was used to gain expert advice and cultural knowledge from Kathy Bell and First Nations Elder Doug Nicholls from Southern Ground.

The project aims to create an indigenous edible garden for use across the school in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (ELC- Year 6), Food and Hospitality classes (Year 7-12), Certificate II Hospitality students (Year 9-12), Certificate II Horticulture (Year 10-12) and BBQ Boss (Year 9).

The garden will be located in a central position within the school, adjacent to Food Technology classrooms, with food grown to be used in cooking and support connections with local indigenous communities. The bush tucker plants will attract native birds and benefit insects to enhance the biodiversity of the local community.

Recently, Kathy and Uncle Doug presented to the Certificate II Horticulture students. They spoke about the aboriginal's strong cultural connection to the land and the importance of introducing indigenous plants to the environment. The students got to propagate some seeds and hear stories about how the landscape has changed since European settlement. Uncle Doug demonstrated how some traditional tools and equipment are used, including starting fire and grounding seeds.

We look forward to welcoming them back next year as we continue to plan for the garden.

Bernadette Fisher



Breakfast Club 2022 Wrap-Up

Breakfast Club has been a vital service we continue to offer the students of Tenison Woods College. It is offered 8 to 9 weeks of every term on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The service caters for all students, who either have not had breakfast or want a top up, whether it is a drink, toast, or a plate of scrambled eggs.

Breakfast Club doesn't happen without the dedication of a core group of teachers, who enjoy the interactions with each other and the students alike. When you consider the history of Tenison Woods College, Breakfast Club was started by Judy Renney and helpers in 2005 out of the Special Education staffroom. Breakfast Club transferred into the Home Economics kitchens within 5 years due to an increase in numbers and the added support of Michael Doube and more helpers and it remains in that location. In the beginning, the service primarily catered for the younger students then, with the relocation, an older demographic took advantage of the service. Over the past two years there has been another shift and true to Breakfast Club's original intention, more younger students have started to utilise the services we offer. It is great to see family groups with older siblings helping their younger siblings in this great environment.

I would like to personally thank everyone who has been involved at all levels of the Breakfast Club program and I would also like to say thank you to all the students' who have demonstrated their appreciation for the staff and other helpers, as they are the ones who make the program worth supporting. Looking forward to 2023 and hopefully we can initiate a few new streams of support from the community of Tenison Woods College.

Trent Eitzen | Breakfast Club Coordinator



Most Outstanding Float Awarded to Tenison Woods College

It is with great excitement that we announce our recently received award for 'Most Outstanding' Float in the NF MacDonnell and Son Christmas Parade. Our float, 'The Nativity,' shared with the community the true message of the Season as we celebrate the birth of Christ and Christ's living presence in our lives this Christmas. It was an honour to receive recognition for the work that many people put into getting the float ready and the participation of such a large number of children from the ELC and Junior School. Two Year 6 students, Raia Haggis and Marie Onema, attended the awards ceremony held at the City Hall to receive the award on behalf of the Tenison Woods College community.



Uniform Shop Opening Hours

The last day for trading is Wednesday 14 December (Week 9).

The Uniform Shop will re-open:

- Thursday 19 January 9am-4pm
- Friday 20 January 9am – 4pm
- Monday 23 January 9am – 4pm
- Tuesday 24 January 9am – 4pm
- Wednesday 25 January 9am – 4pm
- Thursday 26 January CLOSED AUSTRALIA DAY
- Friday 27 January 9am – 4pm
- Monday 30 January 8am – 12pm

Normal trading hours will resume as of Tuesday 31st January



Makers Empire

Throughout Term 4, the Year 6 cohort has been using Makers Empire, a fun and educational 3D modelling program. Students engaged with a short course called Bushfire Brave, developed by a boy named Sebastian and his mum after their experiences in the Cudlee Creek Bushfires. The course is designed to educate Upper Primary students about the impact of bushfires on communities, the environment and kids and their families.

At the conclusion of the course, the Year 6 students undertook a design process that involved conceptualising and using the Makers Empire software to model a 3D product that would benefit families in a bushfire-affected area. Students created designs for everything from water bottles, fire extinguishers and disaster relief villages to birdhouses and preparedness kits.

This phase of creation culminated in a Makers Empire Showcase, hosted by the College on Wednesday 30 November. Students came from schools across the region to exhibit their 3D printed designs and meet with other students to discuss their products. A wonderful array of products were on show, with accompanying displays that explored and explained the inspiration and features of the designs.

The Year 6 girls from Tenison Woods College; Abbey Mitchell, Lacey Hunter, Raia Haggis and Chloe Chiesa took out the popular choice award for the event, winning a Makers Empire trophy for their efforts. A big thank you to ICT coach and guru Craig Neumann and Junior School Teaching and Learning Coordinator Hayley Morgan for their assistance with the event and the Year 6 teachers for guiding the students.

Marc Lock | Year 6 Teacher



Week 8 ShineFM Podcast - Year 7 2023 Transition Days

Tune in to this week's SHINEfm Podcast as we welcome several 2023 Year 7 students during their transition visits, as they discuss what they've enjoyed during their visit, what they're looking forward to next year and why they chose our College.

Listen on Spotify: <https://spoti.fi/3Bf253J>

Listen on our website: <https://bit.ly/3VBPzDt>



Craig Baker Secures School-Based Apprenticeship

Year 11 student Craig Baker, will commence a school-based apprenticeship this month. Employed by Group Training Employment, Craig will complete an automotive apprenticeship with Barry Maney Group. Craig will continue to attend school for one day a week which will see him achieve his SACE in 2023. Craig has been a wonderful example of actively exploring diverse learning opportunities. These have included completion of a Certificate III in Hospitality via a school-based traineeship where he regularly worked in our Sugarloaf Café, and participation in the Forest Industry Pathways program over two years.

Following his work placement at Barry Maney Group in November, Craig received the following glowing report: "Craig worked with lots of different technicians, they were all very impressed with his attitude and approach to work, so much so, that they told me to employ him".

Well done, Craig! We wish you every success.

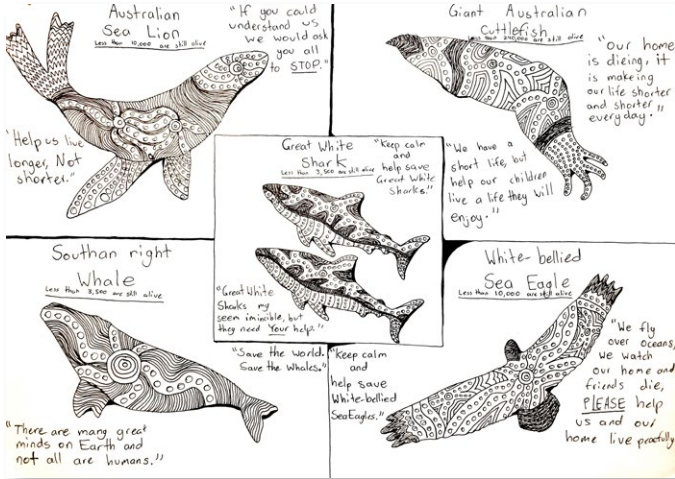
Pictured is Grant Baker, Craig Baker and Head of Senior School, Ciaran Buckley.



Fab Five Marine Park Competition

Recently some of our Year 7 and 9 students showcased their artwork in the Fab Five Marine Park Competition. Students were tasked to produce a piece of artwork which showcased at least one of the "Fab Five", which are White-Bellied Sea Eagles, Great White Sharks, Australian Sea Lions, Southern Right Whales, and Giant Australian Cuttlefish. They were also required to include something to represent a Marine Park, and something to represent Sea Country. The Students who won the competition were Maddison Harrold, Charlotte Tarr, Chloe Patzel, Johnny Gosse, Marcus Brand, Isabelle Stratford, Cedar Scott, Rose Johnston and Emma Gosse. Maddison also won a local Marine Park Experience with another student from Mount Gambier High.

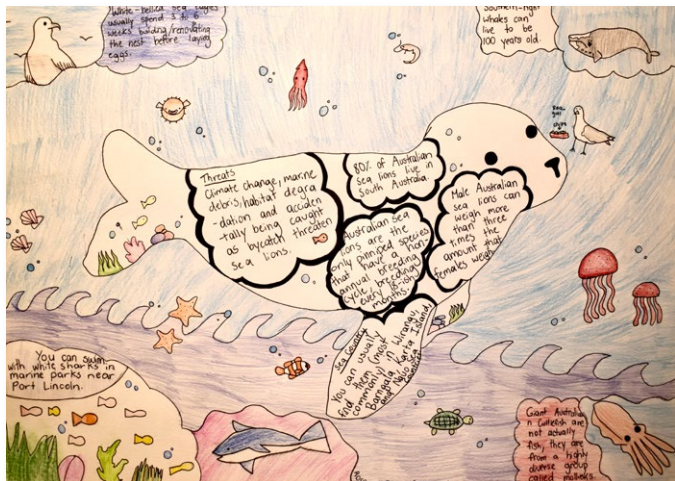
Congratulations to everyone involved!



Maddison Harrold



Charlotte Tarr and Chloe Patzel



Rose Johnston and Emma Gosse



Isabella Stratford



Johnny Gosse and Marcus Brand



Cedar Scott

Year 7 2023 Transition Day 1



Year 7 2023 Transition Day 2



Junior School Disco



Teddy Bear's Picnic - Year 11 & ELC

In supporting relationships between our new 2023 Year 12 and Reception children, the cohorts enjoyed a teddy bear morning at Marist Park! A great morning of playing games, listening to music and exploring and forming friendships.



Reception 'When I Grow Up' Dress-Up Day



CAROLS TONIGHT IN THE CHURCH

WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER

6:30PM | ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH | PENOLA ROAD, MT GAMBIER

FEATURING:

- IGNITE CHOIR
- BLAZE CHOIR
- CAROLS BAND
- SENIOR BOYS ENSEMBLE
- CONCERT CHOIR
- SENIOR VOCAL ENSEMBLE

GOLD COIN DONATION
CANDLES FOR SALE OR BRING
YOUR OWN BATTERY
OPERATED CANDLE



Sunday

NOVEMBER 27

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Pray for those in need of HOPE



Week 1

Monday

28

The wise men followed the star to find baby Jesus
Make a star ornament



Tuesday

29

Donate toys or clothes to Winnies



Wednesday

30

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED... why we have the the season of Advent?



Thursday

DECEMBER 1

Call or visit someone who you haven't seen for a while



Friday

2

Set up a nativity scene in your home or make your own



Saturday

3

Bake cookies for a neighbour or a friend



4

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Pray for those in need of PEACE



Week 2

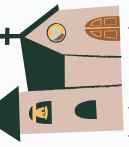
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Gifts were given to Jesus from the wise men
Create a gift ornament



6

Check out your local parish website for upcoming events



7

Choose a couple of Christmas carols to sing



8

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Think about Mary- the mother of Jesus
Tell her what is in your heart



9

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED... what is the church colour for Advent?



10

Make Christmas Cards



11

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Pray for those in need of JOY



Week 3

12

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED... why the third Advent candle is rose coloured?



13

The angel came to share the 'Good News' of Jesus being born
Make an angel to place on the tree



14

Design a book to go with the song 'O Little Town of Bethlehem'



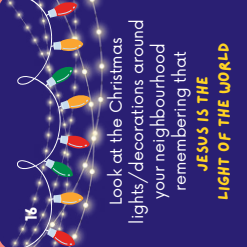
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Do something that bring your family or friends JOY



16

Look at the Christmas lights/decorations around your neighbourhood remembering that JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD



17

Design and make your own wrapping paper



18

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Pray for those in need of LOVE



Week 4

19

Church bells ring to share the Good News
Create a bell ornament for the Christmas tree



20

Read the story of how Zachaeus changed because of Jesus (Luke 19:1-10)
How does this inspire you?



21

Decorate a white candle for Christmas to place in a sacred space



22

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED... what is the Church colour for Christmas?



23

Reflect & pray with this image of St. Joseph



24

Say a prayer for people who are lonely or far from home this Christmas



25 Christmas Day
Lay baby Jesus in his manger

Advent Calendar 2022