

St Joseph's Grammar School, Donaghmore
Scoíl Iósaeif Domhnach Mór

Christmas Carol Service



Tuesday 17th December 2013

De Máirt 17ú Nollaig 2013

7.30 pm



Presentation cheque to Marie Curie Cancer Care

Traditional Group- Don Oíche Úd i mBeithil, Christmas Eve, Joy to the World
Orchestra - See Amid the Winter's Snow

Welcome and Introduction

Reader: Aoibheann McVeigh

Go mbeannaí Dia daoibh.

Ar son phobal Iósaeaf , ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur romhaibh anocht chuit Seirbhís Carúl na Nollag.

Cuirimid fáilte mhór chroiúil roimh ár Séiplíneach Scoile an tAthair Ó Néill, roimh theaghlaigh agus roimh chairde.

Anocht déanann muid ár n-aistear, le scéal alainn bhrefiú Chriost, go Beithil.

Reader: Matthew McIlvanna

Tonight on behalf of the community of St Joseph's Grammar I would like to welcome you all to our Christmas Carol Service.

We extend a warm welcome to our school chaplain Fr O'Neill, Governors, families and friends.

Tonight we journey with the beautiful story of the Nativity. Come with us to Bethlehem.

Once In Royal David's City Soloist: *Kathryn O'Neill*

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall:
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle,
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on,
To the place where He is gone.



The First Reading is from the Gospel according to Luke (2 : 14 -16)

Reader: Phelim Mallon

At that time the Emperor Augustus ordered a census of the whole world to be taken, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

O Little Town Of Bethlehem

Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls shall receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

Oh holy child of Bethlehem, descend on us, we pray.
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us, our lord Emmanuel



In the Bleak Midwinter - Soloist Emily Mc Kenna

The second Reading is from the Gospel according to Luke

Reader: Daniel Hill

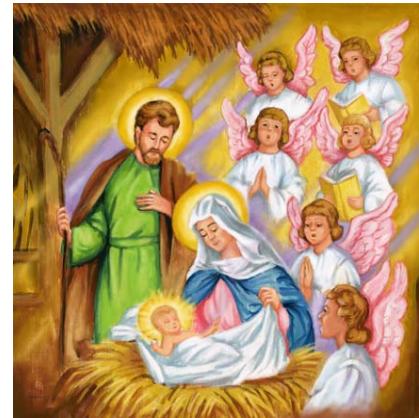
While they were there the time came for Mary to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.



Silent Night

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child,
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds first saw the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born!
Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, Love's pure light;
Radiance beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
Silent night, holy night. x 3



Il est Ne Le Divin Enfant

The Third Reading is from the Gospel according to Luke

Reader: Jordan McNamee

In the countryside close by there were shepherds keeping watch over their flocks by night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in manager.

A Naoidhe Naomh – *O Holy Child*

Soloists – Lauren Mc Elhennon

Anna Jane Galvin



'Hark the Herald Angels Sing'

Hark the Herald Angels sing
'Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled'
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'
Hark! The herald angels sing
'Glory to the new-born King!'



Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn king.'

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings,
Mild, He lays His glory by;
Born that men no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth;
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing;
'Glory to the newborn king'

The Fourth Reading is from the Gospel according to Luke

Reader: Julie Burnett

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judah during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant King of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judea,' they told him.



Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them to Bethlehem. ‘Go and find out all about the child,’ he said’ and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.’ Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh.

Meekness And Majesty Soloist – Deaglan Arthurs

Our prayers for Christmas

Alisha Mallon

1. As we celebrate the birth of Christ, we pray for all those who continue to face the same struggles, injustices and poverty as they did this time last year. Their Christmas day will be a day like any other

Lord hear us.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

Joanne McCann

2. This evening we pray with thanks for all the blessings and happiness we have. May God continue to bless our families, our friends and our school.

Lord hear us.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

Ellen Corbett

3. Guimís ar son achan duine sa phobal a oibríonn go dian chun muid a choinneáil slán i rith aimsir na nollag. Iarraimid ar Dhia iad uilig a oibríonn leis an chorás sláinte agus seirbhísí éigeandála a bheannú.

A Thiarna éist linn.

R: A Thiarna bí ceansa agus eist linn.

Meabh McGleenan

4. We pray for all the deceased members of our school community, we remember especially all those who have left us since last Christmas. We place our loved ones in God’s care.

Lord hear us.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

Catherine O’Neill

5. We pray for all those who will be celebrating Christmas away from their families. We pray also for those who are alone during the festive season, may they feel God’s presence and know they are not alone

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R: Lord, graciously hear us.



Nowell Nowell – Choir

Reflection – A Christmas Contrast - Rosie Fox, Sarah Jayne Coyle & Isabel Lesslar

I receive cards and letters from family and friends.

... **There are many who have no one to remember them this Christmas.**

I sit down to a Christmas dinner, a table of abundance

... **There are those who long for just a small portion of food and find none.**

I feel love and goodness from those around me.

... **There are people who suffer abuse, violence and oppression.**

I open many gifts, most of which are not needed

... **There are those who have no gifts to give or receive.**

I move freely from home to home choosing whom I see and visit

... **There are visually impaired, physically challenged and chronically ill people who cannot move easily**

I am welcomed by friends, family, and acquaintances

... **There are persons who are mocked, ridiculed or ignored because of their race and religion.**

I enjoy the security and comfort of my home.

... **There are countless homeless who have no dwelling place to which they can return.**

This Christmas, I will recognise God's presence in my world. I will look beyond my own comfortable, cosy space and consider the many who are lost, lonely, ill, neglected and forgotten.

Will their presence in the world make any difference in how I celebrate this Christmas?

I will see the love of God,

I will hear the truth told long ago,

I will show kindness toward all.

I will hold these people in my heart this Christmas.

Christmas isn't Christmas 'til it happens in your heart.

Somewhere deep inside you, is where Christmas really starts.

So give your hearts to Jesus, you'll discover when you do

That it's Christmas, Really Christmas for you!



O Come All Ye Faithful

O Come All Ye Faithful
O Come all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him,
Born the King of angels.

Chorus

O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

God of God
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten not created.

Chorus

Sing choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God in the highest.

Chorus

Blessing from our Chaplain Rev. Fr O'Neill

Principal Speech –

Cheque presentation to Mr Cathal McGurk, Marie Curie Cancer Care representative.

Year 8 Christmas Lanterns – (I Wish You Christmas – Choir)

Deck The Halls - Orchestra

We Wish You A Merry Christmas – Choir & Orchestra

We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year.

We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year.

Good tidings we bring
To you and your king
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a happy new year.

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(Repeat)



From the staff and students of St Joseph's Grammar School we thank you for joining us in our Carol Service tonight. We wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Please join us for some festive refreshments in the school canteen.



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