



# Salvatorian College Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing  
**10<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

ADVENT

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Father Francis Jordan (1848–1918) was the founder of the Salvatorian Order and, at this time of year, it is our tradition to give thanks for Fr Jordan's work, and the efforts of all those who have built our school to become what it is today. In this centenary year of the death of Fr Francis Jordan, we were privileged that Bishop John Wilson, auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, celebrated Mass in Salvatorian College on Thursday this week. The Bishop was overwhelmed by the reverence and respect shown by the boys throughout the mass. This is always a special day for Salvatorian College and the boys certainly rose to this most Holy occasion.

On Wednesday, 12th December, the lunchtime menu served at the canteen will be a traditional Christmas lunch (a vegetarian option will be available). The cost for the main meal and desert that day will be £2.60 which is slightly higher than the usual £2.40. There will be no other menu options that day, so if your son does not wish to have Christmas dinner, please ensure he comes to school with a packed lunch. This day will also be 'Christmas Jumper Day'. If pupils make a £2 charitable donation they can wear a Christmas jumper to school, under their blazer, along with their usual uniform. The money raised will be donated to the Cardinal Hume Centre which, among other initiatives, focuses on young homeless people in London.

I would also like to remind you of the Christmas Carol Service, at St Joseph's Catholic Church, which will take place at 5.30pm on Thursday, 13th December. This will be a lovely, festive occasion with carol singing followed by refreshments and I look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,

Alan Bryant  
Head of School

## KEY DATES IN THE AUTUMN TERM

**WED 12<sup>TH</sup> DEC** - PUPIL CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER CHARITY DAY

**THU 13<sup>TH</sup> DEC** - CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

**THU 13<sup>TH</sup> DEC** - 5.30 PM CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

**MON 17<sup>TH</sup> DEC** - 7.00 PM VOLUNTARY AIDED SCHOOLS CAROL SERVICE AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

**THU 20<sup>TH</sup> DEC** – LAST DAY OF TERM (12.30 PM CLOSURE)

## WORDS OF THE DAY

### Monday – Recursive

*Adjective* Characterized by recurrence or repetition. An example of something **recursive** is an essay that keeps repeating the same ideas over and over again. Revision is **recursive** but very necessary.

### Tuesday – Overt

*Adjective* Done or shown publicly or in an obvious way and not secret. **Overt** criticism of her work was embarrassing and unkind. As the wild dog approached, I thought it best not to make any **overt** moves, but my instinct told me to run at a great speed!

### Wednesday – Expunge

*Verb* Obliterate or remove completely (something unwanted or unpleasant). As much as he tried to **expunge** the horrors of the concentration camp; the nightmares still haunted him 30 years later. It was unfortunate to **expunge** the first important email and some may say careless to delete the second; this could be considered recursive behaviour. They demanded that officials apologise and **expunge** the incident from their records.

### Thursday – Expedient

*Adjective* Providing an easy and quick way to solve a problem or do something. Surgical waiting lists were reduced by the simple **expedient** of striking off all patients awaiting unnecessary operations. I find it is **expedient** to use satnav rather than a map when driving to an unknown part of town.



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## Friday – Compromise

*Verb* an agreement or settlement of a dispute that is reached by each side making concessions. I wanted £100 for my bicycle, and he offered me £50, so we eventually **compromised** at £75. The union is warning that if a **compromise** cannot be reached during today's talks, there will be a strike. Sharing your computer password can **compromise** your personal data.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Second Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

A reading from the Gospel of Luke 3:1-6

**In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,**

**'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:**

**"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.**

**Every valley shall be filled,**

**and every mountain and hill shall be made  
low,**

**and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;**

**and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."**

The extract from Luke's Gospel chosen for today begins the account of the life of Jesus with the appearance of John the Baptist. In this short passage Luke locates John in both secular history and salvation history.

Regarding John's place in human history, Luke is very precise about the secular dates and gives all the important persons major and minor as reference points, as one did in those days to make sure that there was no confusion as to who we are talking about.

And he locates John in salvation history. He is presented to us as the final prophet of the Old Testament, the one foretold by Isaiah, the voice crying in the wilderness.

John doesn't make another appearance in Luke's Gospel, as soon as Jesus is firmly on the scene the Baptist bows out. So, for Luke, John is the last and

most important of the Old Testament prophets. His task is to announce the impending arrival of Jesus. Quoting Isaiah, John proclaims: All mankind shall see the salvation of our God. In other words, "Salvation is at hand, Jesus is here, so repent and get ready."

So, although we are in our preparation for Christmas and Christ's first coming, we are directed also to his second coming as judge and Saviour and the end of time. Yes, we look to Bethlehem but also to Jerusalem. To Jerusalem the earthly city as the place where our salvation was brought about on the hill of Calvary and out of the tomb in the hillside; but also to Jerusalem, the heavenly city, the fulfilment of all that we have longed for.

The preoccupation with dates and times and places is important: in the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea... and: John went through the whole Jordan district. The facts are important because we are talking about actual events that happened in historical time and in a particular place.

God didn't create mankind and then leave him alone to get on with things. No, God intervened. He intervened in history. He intervened with Noah. He intervened with Abraham. He intervened with Moses. He intervened with David, with Mary and with John the Baptist. All these interventions were part of the greatest intervention of all: the sending of his Son into our world to bring us salvation.

The first lesson of the season of Advent is that God actually has intervened in human history. The second lesson of Advent is that he hasn't stopped intervening in human history. And he hasn't stopped intervening in the history of the human beings that are you and me, and that we ought to realise this and co-operate with his plans for us.

Advent is about expectation; about expecting the first and second comings of Christ. One is far in the past and the other is far in the future (or so we tend to hope), but what about the here and now? Should we not expect Christ to come into our hearts right now?

Yes, of course we should! So, let us echo the prayer of the early Church and make it our own: **Come, Lord Jesus, come. Yes, Lord, come into our hearts right this minute, come and bring us your healing and salvation. Come and fill us with your joy and hope. Come into our lives and make us perfect followers of your word. Come and save us, come and be with us.**



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**Please note: there must be sufficient funds in your son's Priestmead Lunch Money Account on ParentPay to cover the cost of lunch. Money takes 24 hours to appear on the account, so please ensure you top up on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December to ensure funds are available to purchase a Christmas lunch.**

## *Christmas Lunch Menu*

**Traditional Roast Turkey**  
*or*  
**Vegetable Parcel**

*served with*

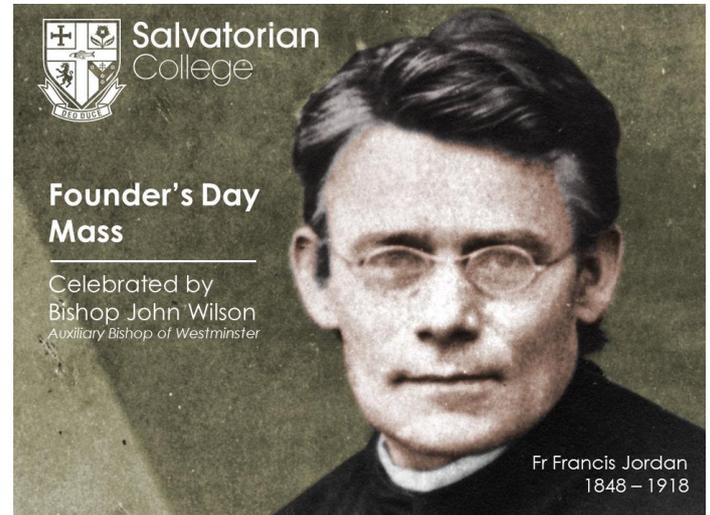
**Roast potatoes**  
**Yorkshire pudding**  
**Sage & onion stuffing**  
**Brussel sprouts**

*followed by*

**Christmas Pudding**  
*or*  
**Mince Pie**



## FOUNDER'S DAY MASS



On Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 we were privileged to welcome Bishop John Wilson, along with ten Priests from the Society of the Divine Saviour (Salvatorians) to celebrate mass for Founder's Day.

This year was a particularly significant one as it is the centenary year of the death of the Founder of the Salvatorian Order, the Venerable Francis Jordan.

Years 7, 8 and 11 attended the mass and behaved impeccably throughout. Their behaviour and reverence impressed the Bishop and our visiting Governors, Mrs Reynolds and Mr O'Connell.

Our thanks go to all the pupils who served, read, and helped prepare for the mass, as well as to Mr Mann who prepared our musicians, and Mrs Henry who ensured every aspect of the liturgy ran smoothly.





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### SAFEGUARDING IN PARTNERSHIP

The BBC recently ran a story about 'sextortion' emails. These emails were particularly disturbing as the subject line included the recipient's password, which give the bogus email credibility to the sender's pretence that they had infected the computer. A Safeguarding colleague received a number of these emails and felt entirely comfortable deleting them straightway, but seeing their password did shock them. The password was not 'live' and had not been used for a number of year.

The BBC's report refers to a website called 'Have I been pwned?' (Pronounced like 'p-owned') where you can enter your email address and find out if your email and password have ever been stolen in a data breach. The colleague checked the email addresses and found that they have been compromised from the data held in eight different sites, including from data breaches at two very large, reputable companies. Data had also been taken from two web accounts that haven't been used for years, so it is important to remember to delete accounts that you now no longer use.

The BBC news report is here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/stories-46323625/what-happened-when-sextortion-scammers-targeted-a-bbc-trending-reporter>

The website of 'have I been pwned?' is here:

<https://haveibeenpwned.com>

You can find a Which! Report about this particular scam here: <https://computing.which.co.uk/hc/en-gb/articles/360001317945-How-to-respond-to-a-sextortion-email>