



Keeping Christ in Christmas

The number one way to keep [Jesus](#) in your Christmas celebrations is to have him present in your daily life. Here are simple ways to keep Christ the central focus of your life this Christmas season.

- 1) Give God one very special gift just from you to him:
Let this gift be something personal that no one else needs to know about: forgiving, spending time with God daily, going the extra mile for others...
- 2) Set aside a special time to read the Christmas story in Luke 1:5-56
- 3) Set up a Nativity scene in your home
- 4) Plan a project of good will this Christmas: Do you have an elderly neighbour in need of help?
- 5) Go Christmas carolling in a nursing home or a children's hospital.
- 6) Give a surprise gift of service to each member of your

family: Make it personal and meaningful and watch the blessings multiply.

- 7) Set aside a time of family prayer on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning. Bless the table at meal times.
- 8) Attend a Christmas church service together with your family: You can invite a friend or a neighbour to join you.
- 9) Send Christmas cards that convey a spiritual message: include a personal message with each card.
- 10) Write a Christmas letter to a missionary: Many missionaries are unable to travel home for the holidays, so it can be a very lonely time for them. Write a special Christmas letter thanking them for giving their life in service to the Lord.

What's in a name

Jesus of Nazareth, is the Christ, the "Anointed One," or the "Messiah."

The name "Jesus" is derived from the Hebrew-Aramaic word "Yeshua," meaning "Yahweh [the Lord] is salvation." The name "Christ" is actually a title for Jesus. It comes from the Greek word "Christos", meaning "the Anointed One" or "Messiah" in Hebrew.

STUDENT COUNCIL



Our Student Council this term organised a lovely Prayer Service on the life of **St Pedro Poveda**, which had to be postponed because of the snow. It will be available on the School Webpage.

They are also organising a whole-School Quiz for the last day of Term.

Christmas Campaigns

The Conference of ST Vincent de Paul is really stretched to the limit this year with all the calls for help they are getting.

In aid of St Vincent de Paul, all the Classes engaged in some activity to raise funds and prepare hampers for those most in need.

Many thanks to the Staff and students, who helped make these Campaigns a success.



PERU SALE

Our School Peru Sale made €2,502. Thank you to all who contributed to its success.

Inés Neira

Volunteer Project

An information evening was held in the School last November for parents and students wishing to know more about the Peru Volunteer Project.

Cathie Hynes-Roche with her daughter Juliana and her son Paul went to Villa El Salvador for two weeks on Voluntary work. They, together with Hilda Geraghty and Lisa Murray who accompanied the students to Villa in the past, gave a presentation about the richness of opportunities, work and experience teresian students have there.

In the present economic climate fund-raising will be essential and any help parents and students can give them will be welcome. We will also need to raise funds for Lubliteka and the Villa el Salvador Projects.

Code of Dress: Checklist

A must!

- **A kilt of the student's choice, worn to knee length, plain or tartan.** The kilt pin must be worn at all times. Pleated skirts are not permitted.
- **A white shirt with a collar always tucked in.** Layers or coloured t-shirts are not permitted.
- **A co-ordinating plain coloured cardigan/jumper.**
- **Ankle/knee length dark socks or tights.**
- **Plain dark shoes, moccasins or loafers only. NO PUMPS.** No canvas, sport shoes or casual boots may be worn in school.
- **A plain coat, anorak, jacket or raincoat.**
- **Hair should be tidy and tied back from the face.** No hair scarf should be worn.
- **A bracelet, a ring and one pair of stud earrings (in the ear lobe) may be worn.** No piercings allowed.
- **Dangling jewellery and nail varnish are not permitted.**

TCD Exhibition '10

Congratulations to Hannah Sioux Daly who formed part of the Exhibition in TCD due to her excellent results in the Leaving Certificate. You did us proud!



Debs 2010

We had a beautiful night at the Debs 2010 in the Pavilion in Leopardstown. A great group of debutantes and their dates with their parents, grandparents and the past pupil organising Committee all contributed to a most enjoyable evening.





Our Little Town of Bethlehem

The little town of Bethlehem is now ready to welcome the coming of Christ among us. Many thanks to Luisa for preparing the traditional Teresian School Crib in the Hallway of the Main Building. It certainly announces that Christmas is near, to the delight of young and old as they pass by for rehearsals and for Christmas plays preparations.



Sharon Sexton, our Musical Director, has undertaken to put on Guys and Dolls for us this year. Under her direction our talented cast of 1st, 2nd, TY and 5th Year students, are working hard. The show will be performed on Tues. 18th, Weds. 19th and Thurs. 20th of January 2011 in the School Hall. Many thanks to Sharon Sexton and her team.

Tickets will be on sale in the School Office in January. We look forward to your support on the three Musical nights.

Scrooge

Congratulations to Faye Quinn, Gemma & Sarah Louise Sommerville. All three students performed in **Scrooge** at the Grand Canal Theatre.

On Tuesday 14th December the 1st Years with Vivienne and Natuca & TY with Brenda and Brownwyn Stapleton of the Parents Council went to see the girls in action and what a performance they gave! It was truly a magnificent production and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all present Well done girls! *Vivienne*



BASKETBALL

We have had an eventful term of Basketball. The 1st & 2nd year league will commence in January and already they are showing promise in their friendly games to date.

The Cadette C team may have a chance of reaching a semi-final in January. The U16B team lost to Our Lady of Mercy, Drimnagh in the SBAI Final 44-24. They still have a chance of bringing home some silverware. They will play an All-Ireland Cup Semi-Final on Tuesday 11th January in Thurles V Jesus & Mary, Salerno. They are also into the All-Ireland League playoffs as runners up. The best of luck girls! The U19B team had a tough season this year but remained positive throughout. The Senior C's have also got a chance of making a semi-final in January. They have two more games to play.

Vivienne Naughton

HOCKEY

1st round Leinster cup results:
Senior 1 V St.Columbas lost 2-0

Junior A V Rathdown won 2-0

Leinster league:

Senior 1: One game remaining in this league. Big effort needed to qualify for the quarterfinal.

Senior 4: Very competitive league. With one remaining game we have everything to play for.

Junior A: A must win encounter against

Holy Child Killiney. With both teams on equal points. The winner will proceed to the quarterfinals of the Leinster league.

Junior B: We still have everything to play for. This league is wide open. It's our hands massive effort required in the new year.

Junior C: We have been very competitive throughout. We gave lost by the narrowest of margins and I couldn't fault the commitment and effort of all the girls. Well done.

Minor B: This team still have everything to play for. A big team effort should get us through to the play offs.

Minor C: This has been a very competitive section. A slip against St. Andrew's cost us dearly but it very important that we finish strongly in our final game.

Minor D: I had no other option but to enter these 1st years into a higher league, I felt it was important for them to get games. I cannot fault the girls commitment and effort in these tough matches.

1st yr A: This league is wide open. With all teams on similar points it is crucial that we win our last league game.

1st yr B: We have a really good chance in this league. We need commitment and hard work from all involved to secure our place in the play offs.

It is very important for all those involved to stay fit over Christmas and to prepared for the remainder of the season. Hockey will resume for all on the week we come back to school.

Nikky Lyons



Paris Tour

This year during mid term a group of 39 5th and 6th Years went to Paris with three teachers, *Hilda, Cathal and Lorraine* and two members of the Parents Council, *Catherine O'Sullivan and Tanya King*, who organised the trip. We had a very busy four days and managed to fit in everything. We went to museums, saw the Mona Lisa in the Louvre, went on the Bateau Mouche and the Eiffel Tower and even got to spend a whole day in Disneyland! We were all very tired by the end but we had a fantastic time. We would like to thank the teachers who accompanied us, Cathal, Hilda and Lorraine and Tanya and Catherine who put so much work into organising an unforgettable trip!

Natasha King



TY Christmas Decorations with Barbara MacKenzie



European Youth Parliament

I Lauran Kilmartin and Patricia Fitzpatrick were chosen, through a series of regional and national competitions, to represent Ireland at the 65th International session of the European Youth Parliament in L'viv, Ukraine. Along with ten other Irish delegates, we travelled to Ukraine in October where for ten days we discussed, debated and voted on solutions to important European issues, with representatives from 33 European countries. Topics ranged from the Eli's stance on failed and failing states to Europe's financial issues. Aside from the great conversational and public speaking skills learned, we made life-long friends from countries all over Europe. It exposed us to so many different cultures and customs and was a great life experience. We have also been given the opportunity to represent Ireland at the summer session in Grenoble, France, in July.

Lauran Kilmartin

Past Pupils Union Cookery Demonstration

This term the Past Pupils Union organised a Cookery Demonstration in the School. Some TYs helped quietly and were generous with their time and support of "**Spice up your Christmas**".



Everyone enjoyed the evening while raising money to help the Past Pupils bursary Fund among other things!