Advent Blessing One way of really enriching our Advent journey is to keep in mind the three comings of Jesus, and how they relate to one another.

Jesus was born into our history – at a fixed point in time in the past. Jesus comes to us now, in a whole variety of ways. Jesus promised that he will come again in glory, at the end of time.

The Incarnation: Jesus Has Come This is not the coming we await. The first coming of Jesus has already happened. Our preparation to celebrate his birth is the occasion for our deeper reflection. On the first level, it is so important that we really let ourselves experience the power of the Incarnation: God is with us. That God became one of us means that "human" is one of the ways God can be. The deeper we contemplate this mystery the more we enter into the grace of "God with us." The more we let ourselves be touched by this mystery, the more we see the connection between Christmas and Easter: all of this is "for me", for my salvation, to free me from the power of sin and death.

My Life Now: Jesus Comes to Me When we open our hearts and our mouths and plead, "Come, O Lord," we are most directly experiencing our desire for the Lord to come to us and touch us with the grace of salvation, that we might live it with greater freedom and peace. Jesus is present whenever we need him to be present: actually, whenever we turn to him, even with empty hands. Jesus is alive and active in us when we read God's Word and let it into our hearts. Jesus promised to be present with us whenever two or three are gathered together in his name. And we know Jesus comes to us whenever our sacrifices and our sufferings unite us with his own mission. Advent is a special time to experience our longing for the presence of Jesus with us now, in all the places we need him most.

Our Future: Jesus Comes Again, In Glory One of the most transforming graces of Advent is given to us as our longing deepens. The more grateful we become for how God saved us in Jesus, the more deeply we enter into the mystery of how Jesus is with us now. The closer we come to experiencing joy at how our Lord, Jesus Christ came into our world, faithful to God and faithful to our life journey in the flesh, the closer we come to experiencing the mystery of salvation in our everyday lives. And, as our longing is filled with the utter fullness of God's gift to us, we begin to long with the ultimate freedom: we long to be with him in God. We live more at home in this world because our God made a home in this world. But the whole story draws us to a complete picture of who we are and where we belong. Then our prayer begins to change, in our hearts and on our lips. We still are singing, "Come, Lord, Jesus!" but our song is transformed into the free and complete song of the lover: "Come, and take me with you."

Now we watch for the day
hoping that the salvation promised us
will be ours when Christ will come again
in His Glory

As this is our final newsletter for 2015, I would like to start by thanking all the members of the St Paul’s community for your support throughout what has been a long and busy year. It never ceases to amaze me the energy levels of staff and students which bring the educational endeavour of our College to life. I can assure you that each and every staff member has worked tirelessly to ensure your sons and daughters have received the best opportunity to have a
Christmas Calendar

Christmas Eve
Thursday 24th December
Both the Children's Masses with the Placing of the Baby Jesus in the Crib & the lighting of our Christmas Candle

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Midnight Mass
12.00am Kempsey
9.00am Kempsey
7.30am South West Rocks

Christmas Day
Friday 25th December

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Saturday 26th December
6.00pm Kempsey

Sunday 27th December
7.30am Our Lady Star of the Sea, South West Rocks
9.30am All Saints Church Kempsey

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At each of these masses
we will light the Third Advent Candles

Week 3 12th - 19th December

Weekend Mass *
Saturday 12th December
6.00pm * All Saints Church Kempsey

Sunday 13th December
7.30am * Our Lady Star of the Sea, South West Rocks
9.30am All Saints Church Kempsey

Tuesday 15th December
5.30pm Kempsey Mass followed by Exposition & Benediction * All Saints Church Kempsey

Wednesday 16th December
8.00am * Smithstown Mass
6.30pm Penitential Service - 2 Locations Kempsey
   * All Saints Church Kempsey
   * Our Lady Star of the Sea South West Rocks

Thursday 17th December
9.30am Mass - All Saints Church Kempsey
6.00pm Willawarrin Christmas Mass

Friday 18th December
9.30am Mass - All Saints Church Kempsey

Week 4 19th - 24th December

Weekend Mass *
Saturday 19th December
6.00pm * All Saints Church Kempsey

Sunday 20th December
7.30am * Our Lady Star of the Sea, South West Rocks
9.30am All Saints Church Kempsey

Tuesday 22nd December
5.30pm Kempsey Mass followed by Exposition & Benediction * All Saints Church Kempsey
6pm-7pm Reconciliation All Saints Church Kempsey

Wednesday 23rd December
8.00am Smithstown Mass
6pm-7pm Reconciliation at both Kempsey & South West Rocks Churches

The * means we have at the following services -

Reconciliation
Kempsey 5.00 - 5.45pm (Saturday Vigil) Tuesdays 5.50pm to 6.20pm
South West Rocks 7.00am-7.20am every Sunday
Smithstown Before 8.00am Wednesday Mass

January 2016 for School Holidays
Saturday Vigil Mass - 6.00pm
Our Lady Star of the Sea South West Rocks

Dates in January will be:
Saturday 2nd 9th 16th 23rd 30th
As well as the usual 7.30am Mass every Sunday.
Golden Year during our Jubilee of 2015.

**Farewell and Good Luck to Departing Staff**  As the year draws to a close, we must farewell some staff who will leave us for temporary or permanent appointments elsewhere or whose contracts have been completed:

- **Mr Rob Mahon:** After a two-year secondment as our Leader of Pedagogy, Mr Mahon will return to his former College, MacKillop, where he will resume teaching science. We wish him well.
- **Mrs Rhonda Mossel:** Has been appointed to a two-year secondment at the Catholic Schools Office as a K-12 Mathematics consultant. We look forward to her return in 2018.
- **Mrs Meredith Llewelyn:** After many years of teaching and counselling, Mrs Llewelyn has decided to hang up the shingle and move into retirement. She will be greatly missed after many years of wonderful service to the College community.
- **Mr Damian McManus:** Has completed a temporary contract and will move into other opportunities in 2016.
- **Ms Cathy Eagan:** Has completed a temporary contract and will move closer to family on the South Coast.
- **Mr Tom Degens:** Has completed a temporary contract and will move into other opportunities in 2016.
- **Mr Alex McDowell:** Has completed a temporary contract and will move into other opportunities in 2016.
- **Mrs Kelle Simpson:** Has completed a temporary job-share contract and will resume relief work in 2016.
- **Miss Lucy Barber:** Has completed a temporary contract and will be sorely missed as our Youth Ministry Officer. Lucy will take on further study and will move into other opportunities in 2016.
- **Mrs Sarah Osborne:** Has completed her teaching degree and will take up a placement at St Joseph’s Primary School here in Kempsey.
- **Mr Vincent Smith:** Will move from school assistant into full time teacher training at university to become a high school teacher. We wish him well.
- **Miss Georgina Sultana:** Has completed her traineeship in Hospitality and will now look for further employment in the community.
- **Mr James Megaloconomos:** Has completed his traineeship in Agriculture and Construction and has accepted a position in Sydney.
- **Mrs Victoria Polkinghorn:** Has completed a temporary contract and will move into other opportunities in 2016.

**Congratulations to**  Lachlan Davidson on his success at the Athletics Zone Carnival. Lachlan was placed 1st in high jump, long jump and triple jump and also 2nd in javelin and hurdles. He will travel to Glenfield to compete at Regionals.

**Congratulations to**  Amelia Tyne who was awarded the Kempsey West Rotary Citizenship Award (See Report Page 6)

**Congratulations to**  Peter Garty, Assistant Coach of the NSW U17 Boys softball team that finished second at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide.

**Congratulations to**  Jessica Grant who participated at the Pacific School Games. (See Sport’s Report)

**Grooming and Appearance for 2016**  As it is holiday time, many students and families decide that it is a good opportunity to experiment with appearances including new piercings, new hair styles and colours. Whilst this is always an exciting time for our young people, I would remind parents of our rules around grooming. If you are unsure, please check the College web-site or your child’s diary. It would be a shame to start the new year off on the wrong note. A note has been placed in reports for your perusal.

Return dates:  A reminder to you that students return in 2016 on the following dates:

- **Year 7 and 12 – Friday, 29 January**
- **Year 8 to 11 – Monday, 1 February**

God Bless

Mr Kevin Lewis – Principal
klewis@lism.catholic.edu.au
The conclusion of the 2015 academic year is upon us with next week being the last before we break for Christmas. I believe we have again been very successful this year in our pursuits of giving every student the ability to reach their personal best in many aspects of life. This year we have continued to see changes to our learning environment, a new Trade Skills Centre being opened to accommodate Construction and Primary Industries VET students. Academic achievement, personal best and goal setting has again underpinned Christ-centred learning.

Just a reminder about what is happening next week for students:

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Finally, thank you to all parents who support us in our endeavours to allow all students to let their light shine. This support makes the vocation of teaching so much more rewarding.

I hope all families have a happy and Holy Christmas. I look forward to seeing you all in the new school year.

Mr Guy Campbell – Assistant Principal

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**UNIFORM SHOP 2016**

The Canteen will be open January, 20 – 22 from 9am – 12.30pm and January, 27 – 28 from 8am – 2pm for the sale of uniform items. Senior girl’s blouses and sports uniforms are only available at canteen.

Mrs Christine Hawtin – Canteen Supervisor

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**BOOKLISTS**

2016 Booklists are available on the College public website under ‘Parent Information’.
Giving Mass  The ‘Giving Mass’ on Thursday, 26 November, was a fitting way to mark the beginning of our preparations for Christmas and the drawing to a close of the school year. Fr Gooley, as usual, engaged the students, and challenged them to think about those things that are most important to them. He also invited all students and their families to attend Mass over the festive season to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

I would like to acknowledge Fr Paul, his parish staff and the All Saints parishioners who have supported the school so strongly again this year. Their energy and enthusiasm overflows and makes the College the warm and caring place that so many visitors comment on.

I would like to publicly thank Mrs Beth McMillan, the school choir and musicians, as well as the Men’s Choir, for the way that you added a special dimension to our school liturgies in 2015.

I would like to thank Mr Brad Clarke, in particular, and Mr Angus Crowley, who have stepped up to play music and sing at a number of liturgies this year. Thank you for going beyond your call of duty.

I would like to thank Miss Lucy Barber as the Youth Ministry Officer again in 2015. She has been fan-dickles-tastic in her role.

To our school leaders, ministry leaders and SRC representatives, thank you for volunteering to do readings and taking on other roles at our Masses.

To the students of the school, congratulations on the way that you have conducted yourselves and approached our school Masses and liturgies.

Thank you to the parents who supported our Sunday Masses, through your attendance and providing a plate for morning tea when needed.

Thank you to Mrs Belinda Mainey, Sonya Hume and Georgina Sultana, who have catered for various functions this year. The time and effort that you have put in has been much appreciated.

St Vincent de Paul would like to thank the families who donated foods and gifts for their Christmas Appeal. A total of thirty eight hampers were presented to Beatrice Gray and Yvonne Millard at our Giving Mass. On behalf of the society, they warmly thanked the students and their families for making such a wonderful contribution. They explained to us that there are a growing number of children and families in our own community who will be doing it tough at Christmas time.

The Christmas Season I would like to wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas. I would also remind the students of Fr Gooley’s challenge, to not just get lost in the commercial side, but to keep in mind the true meaning of Christmas.

Mr Conrad Tamblyn – Leader of Evangelisation

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Thank you

The Watson Family

would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers, food and overwhelming support, which has been given to us after our recent sad loss.

It meant so much to us as a family.

Jan and Maree Watson

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CURRICULUM

From The BOS – 2015 HSC Results  This year HSC results will be available online, by SMS and telephone from 6 am, Wednesday, 16 December. To access results online:
1. Visit one of the results websites:
   www.hscresults.nsw.edu.au OR
   www.hsc-results.nsw.edu.au OR
   www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au
2. Enter your student number and HSC PIN.

**Year 12 ATAR Results Morning Tea/BBQ** All Year 12 students are invited to a BBQ morning tea on Thursday, 17 December at 11 am. Come in and share your HSC results and ATAR with your friends and teachers.

**Year 12 Exit Survey** All Year 12 students will be sent an Exit Survey via your school or personal e-mail. Please complete this survey as it provides valuable information for your teachers and future HSC students.

**Years 7-10 Reports** Reports will be given out for Years 7-10 at the conclusion of the minor awards ceremony on Tuesday, 15 December.

Thank you for your support throughout the year. Have a happy and Holy Christmas break.

Mr Leon Robinson – Leader of Curriculum

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**RETURNING TEXTBOOKS**

As we are at the end of the year, students in **Years 7 to 10** should have already returned their textbooks to the Library.

Please note... any overdue loans originating this year will mean that textbooks will not be issued to those students next year. This policy will only be altered on the rarest of occasions, so start searching desks, classroom cupboards, lockers and, of course, at home.

Year 11 retain any books issued this term (along with Religion and Maths texts) as they will be needed for their HSC.

ANY OVERDUE TEXTS WILL HAVE TO BE REPLACED OR PAID FOR BEFORE FURTHER ONES ARE ISSUED.

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**CATECHESIS**

**Year 8 and Year 10 Religious Education Tests 2015**

I would like to congratulate the students who have achieved to a high level or to the best of their ability in the Year 8 and Year 10 Religious Education Tests. We have just received the results and are very pleased with the large number of Students who have gained High Distinctions or Distinctions.

The topics for the Year 8 RE Test were taught in Year 7 and Year 8, while those in the Year 10 RE Test were from Year 9 and Year 10.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Catholic Studies teachers who have been involved in teaching these topics to the students.

Congratulations to the following students:

- **Year 8 High Distinctions**: Olivia Brenton, Taylem Griffin, Thomas Roberts, Abbyghail Richards, Jakob Czippan-Sowter, Nicole Collins
- **Year 8 Distinctions**: Rowan Hodges, Calissa Percival, Elizabeth Pogson, Jay Foster, Flynn Keast, Jessica Thomas, Darcy O’Loughlin, Patrick Brenton, Heath Lancaster, Isaac Cook, Carla Silvia, Lilly Sydenham, Patrick Brennan, Kaine Parkinson, Grace Madden.
- **Year 10 High Distinctions**: Hugh McGoldrick, Liam Hodges, Nicolas Wright.

Mr Ron Walker – Leader of Catechesis

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**Kempsey West Rotary Citizenship Award**

Congratulations to Amelia Tyne who was awarded the Kempsey West Rotary Citizenship Award.

Students from the local Primary and Secondary Schools were recognised for their achievements at a special Kempsey West Rotary Meeting.
Amelia was nominated for this award for representing the College in Diocesan sporting events including AFL, soccer, cricket and cross country running and for her participation in College athletics carnivals. Also for her participation in the RYAG (Diary) Rotary Youth in Agriculture Diary Camp at Wingham and for showing and judging cattle at local shows. Amelia has also shown the College cattle at the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza in Scone and has been of great assistance to the St Paul’s College Agricultural Department willingly volunteering to help on the College farm during weekends and holidays.
Mr Ron Walker – Leader of Catechesis

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CAREERS

Medicine – UMAT
Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 interested in medicine, dentistry, or optometry will need to sit the compulsory UMAT (examination) when applying for one of the above career choices. NIE will be conducting UMAT preparation workshop during summer break on 14 January 2016. Places are strictly limited. All details are available via www.nie.edu.au
Mr Darran Stephen – Careers Advisor

LIBRARY MATTERS

Textbooks Thank you to everyone who has managed to return their overdue text and library books. Quite a few are still out there, however, so do not be surprised if you receive reminders along with your reports next week.
Christmas Borrowing Students still have a slight window of opportunity to grab their Christmas reading/viewing material from the Library. You can borrow up to FIVE items.
Ebooks Go online and download one of our many eBooks:
- Go to the Library Homepage via the College Moodle page
- Click on the link “Visit our Overdrive site to see what’s on offer.”
Once into our Digital Library, type in your **User Name** where it asks for “Library Card Number” and your **Password** where it asks for “PIN”.

Navigate the site in order to familiarise yourself with it. A **grey book icon** means that title is already on loan. A **black book icon** means you can borrow it. A **headphone icon** means it’s an **audio book**.

If using a device rather than a tablet, be sure to download the Overdrive app.

Finally, do not access the book via the red “EPUB” button. Do so via the blue “Read in your browser” button.

One loan per borrower, which lasts for three weeks before disappearing from your device. You can return it earlier, which will then allow you to borrow another book.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**  Those students who completed this year’s Challenge will receive their certificates at next week’s Award Ceremony. Any students in Years 7 or 8 wanting to participate in next year’s event can start writing down titles that they have read since October this year. You can obtain a Reading Log for this purpose from the Library or your English teacher, or download one from the Premier’s Reading Challenge website.

**Literary Food for Thought:** “God bless Us, Every One!” Tiny Tim from Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol. Happy Holiday Reading!

Mr Peter Garty – Teacher/Librarian 😊

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**SPORT NEWS**

**Pacific School Games**  As a follow-on from our last newsletter, Jessica Grant had continued success at the Pacific Schools Games in Swimming. As mentioned previously, she finished 11th in her 100M Butterfly. Towards the end of the Games, Jessica and team mates finished 6th in the 15 year girls relay team. In a shock for Jessica, she was called up to take part in the 10-19yrs 12x 50m mixed relay. She was the last swimmer in her team and held their position bringing home a bronze medal. Congratulations to Jessica on her fantastic achievements in Adelaide.

(Jessica’s Bronze Medal in the 10-19yrs Mixed 12x50m Relay)

Still at the Pacific School Games, I would like to congratulate our very own Mr Peter Garty on his assistant coaching role for the NSW Boys Softball Team, which was successful in making the final but were unfortunately beaten, taking home the silver. Congratulations on your selection for the role and on your team’s results.

**Sport Enrichment Camp**  Last week, Finn Askew and I attended the Lismore Diocese Sport Enrichment Camp in Narrabeen. This camp gave the successful students an insight into what it takes to be a successful athlete. Areas which were addressed included: sport psychology, nutrition, injury management and prevention, flexibility, strength and conditioning, agility and speed. We were also lucky to have Jo Bridgen-Jones, an Australian Kayaker who competed in the 2012 London Olympics and is currently training extremely hard to make the Australian team for Rio 2016, tell her story and what she has gone through to be at the top of her sport. Another highlight for the students and for myself was an impromptu talk from the 2016 Manly Sea Eagles coaching staff – Trent Barrett, Anthony Seibold and Chad Randall. Their focus was mainly to highlight the importance of manners, and that they focus on developing not only good football players but more importantly good people. Also, that to be successful in what-ever we choose, we must work hard because nothing will ever be just handed to us.

This was a very worthwhile trip and I congratulate Finn, once again, on his selection to attend the camp.
I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas. Also, I would like to thank everyone including colleagues, parents and students for their support this year.

Yours in sport.

Miss Dianne Lawrence – Sports Co-ordinator

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Next P & F Meeting: 10 February START: 6 pm

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ST PAUL’S COLLEGE ATAR/HSC BBQ
Year 12 2015

You are invited to the Annual ATAR/HSC RESULTS BBQ

When: Thursday 17 December @ 11am

Where: St Paul’s College

What to Bring: Yourselves (BBQ supplied)

Thank you
Cavanagh’s Bus Service
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