



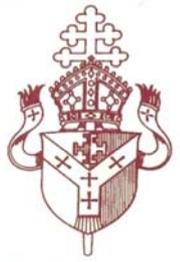
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## Newsletter December 20<sup>th</sup> 2018



### Christmas Productions

Yesterday we had three brilliant Christmas productions – Nursery/Reception, Infant Nativity and Key Stage 2 Readings and Carols. The children worked extremely hard in a short amount of time; we know that Oratory pupils can rise to any challenge and they did, putting on wonderful shows that would have even got the Grinch in the Christmas spirit. Well done to everyone that took part, the staff for organising the productions and thank you to those families and friends who were able to attend.

### Settlement Scheme for EU Nationals

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have issued a statement in response to the Government's Settlement Scheme for nationals of EU countries post Brexit. If you or anyone you know is a citizen of an EU country other than the United Kingdom, please look at the official information on the Settlement Scheme [gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families](http://gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families) and the various information resources available at [gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-communityleaders-toolkit](http://gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-communityleaders-toolkit)

The statement ends with this message for us to reflect on:

'Finally we urge the whole Catholic community to take up Pope Francis' call to welcome, protect, promote and help to integrate everyone who has made their home here - with particular concern at present for our European brothers and sisters.'

### Dates and times

We apologise for any recent misunderstandings regarding dates and times of school events. As some parents noticed, the website had different days to those on the newsletter. Unfortunately, the gentleman who updates the website on our behalf has been on holiday so we were unable to alter the information given there. The school is making every effort to ensure that there will be no such discrepancies in future.

### End of Term Mass

Fr Anton will be celebrating our end of Term Mass tomorrow morning at 9.30 in the School Hall. Everyone is welcome.

## Mass Times at The Birmingham Oratory this Christmas

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December (Confessions available throughout the day)

7.30am (English) N.B. No 12.30pm Mass 5.30pm First Mass of Christmas (English, with Carols)

11.30pm Carols, Procession to the Crib and 12.00am Midnight Mass (Latin, O.F.)

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – 8.30am (English) 10.30am (Latin) High Mass 12 noon (English, with Carols)

5.30pm Solemn Benediction with Carols

## Early finish tomorrow

Just a reminder that school finishes tomorrow at **1.30**.

School re-opens for the pupils on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 8.50.

All of the staff at the Oratory would like to wish you a joy filled and holy Christmas and a happy New Year.

