



Chaplaincy Check-In Issue 2

Advent - waiting for our King!



**ST MARY'S
COLLEGE**

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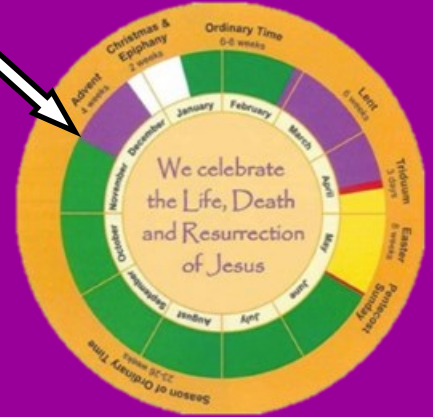
This is the New Testament reading from the First Sunday in Advent

May the Lord make your love for each other and for everyone else grow by leaps and bounds. That's how our love for you has grown. And when our Lord comes with all of his people, I pray that he will make your hearts pure and innocent in the sight of God the Father.

Finally my dear friends, since you belong to the Lord Jesus, we beg and urge you to live as we taught you. Then you will please God. You are already living that way, but try even harder.

Remember the instructions we gave you as followers of the Lord Jesus.

You are here!



Why Purple?

Purple is the colour of Advent, this is the first season of the Church's year and it begins 4 weeks before Christmas. Purple is quite a sombre colour and it signifies our time of waiting. It is also the colour of royalty and emperors. Purple dyes were once so rare that they cost more than gold and only the Roman Emperor could be dressed in purple. So, purple signifies our time of waiting for the birth of our **KING**.

C is for Chanel

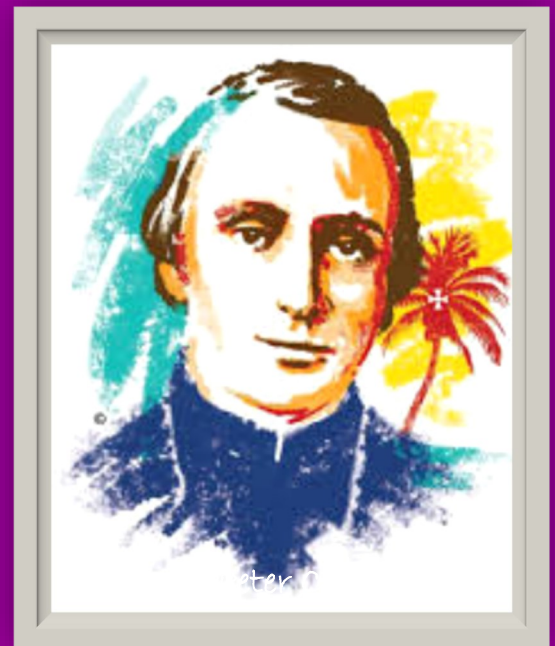
St Mary's College as we know it now, was formed in 1988 when St Mary's Grammar School for girls amalgamated with the Marist College for boys which was located on Cottingham Road. The Church for the Marist College was, and still is, called the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Peter Chanel.

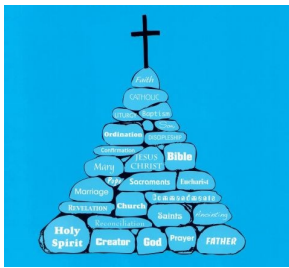
As a result, St Peter Chanel was adopted as the name of one of the St Mary's houses (many of you will remember the Junior and Senior House Dramas!) and the 'C' corridor is also dedicated to him.

"But what is he famous for?" I hear you ask.

Well, Fr Peter Chanel was a missionary who was given the task of bringing Christianity to the New Hebrides, off the western coast of Australia. This was achieved in 1836 but only after Fr Peter had been clubbed to death by a local tribal chief!

(There is a particularly gruesome statue of this event in the church which bears his name).





Catholic Foundation Stones:- Session 2 God's Revelation

Revelation is the word used to describe how God communicates with us and makes himself known to the world. At the heart of this revelation is the Son of God, Jesus Christ. We believe that God tells us about himself through Sacred Scripture and sacred tradition.

Things to think about:

- How do you respond to the statement: 'Every human being is searching for meaning?'
- What do you think when you hear the word 'God'?
- What do you know about God, either personally or from others?

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Secret Sacraments—Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, formally known as Confession, is one of the seven Sacraments of the Church. It is the sacrament of forgiveness, where a priest will listen to your worries, the times when you have treated others badly, the things that you have done which you now Regret and the sins which continue to unsettle you. He will then bestow God's forgiveness on you. Reconciliation is a sacrament of healing, it heals relationships, between you and others and between you and God.

The priest can absolve you of your sins and everything he hears during the sacrament is completely confidential. There is **nothing** that can compel a priest to reveal what is said.

- STAR
- SHEPHERDS
- ANGELS
- PEACE
- GOLD
- BETHLEHEM
- JESUS
- FRANKINCENSE
- JOY
- CANDLE
- NATIVITY
- CHRISTMAS
- WREATH
- LOVE
- WISEMEN
- MESSIAH
- MYRRH
- ADVENT
- HOPE



Advent Word Search

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**God of preparation,
we await Your coming to our world.
Help us to use our time wisely
to prepare for You with an open
heart, a willing mind and a joyful
soul.
Help us to open our eyes to see as
You see.
To notice the lost and the lonely,
the hungry and the scared
so that when You come,
they will recognise You,
because they have seen You in us.
Amen**