



Holy Family Secondary School

Carol Service

9th December 2021 - 7:30pm



Opening Reflection: Read by Melodie Aremu - 5th Year

A Christmas Reflection

The Christmas story is very simple: it tells of a birth, the birth of a first child to poor parents with an uncertain future. So, what is it about the story that holds such appeal, that has allowed so many other stories and traditions to grow up around it? Why does it have such a place in our hearts?

Perhaps it has to do with the way it taps into our deepest longings, those things we desire that can help us cope with just about anything: love and trust.

There is so much generous love in the story, and with it a sense of wonder that God could be so intimately involved with something so simple. Shepherds are amazed, wise men are humbled and a young woman treasures all these things in her heart.

In the midst of the love, we are all invited, just like the people in the story to trust God is here and cares deeply as each of us deals with the joys and sorrows, the hopes and disappointments of everyday.

This story affirms that we all have a value and a unique dignity that lifts us up and empowers us to move beyond ourselves and to take the risk of reaching out to others, always trusting that God is present in the simple stuff



River by Joni Mitchell

Performed by Lourdes Cazorla-Cahill (6th Year)



The First Nowell

Performed by Isabelle Wijnands and Aoife Martin (2nd Year)



Mary Did You Know

Chamber Choir



Reflection: Read by Anna Lumingkit - 5th Year

All are welcome.
It's a good word, welcome.
A word of warmth, acceptance, forgiveness and joy.
All are welcome at the birthplace of Jesus.
The child not old enough to know,
But young enough to be amazed.
All of us, young and old
Weak and strong
Wounded and healed
Joyful and sad
Every age, gender and race
All of creation
All are welcome at the birthplace of Jesus.



Last Christmas

Performed by Ella Cullen and Ruby Maher (1st Year)



E La Luna Bussó by Loredana Bert

Performed by Annachiara Bottiglieri accompanied by Melodie Aremu (5th Year)



Reading: Read by Ms. Áine Ní Fhátharta

Oíche Nollaig

Le coinnle na n-aingeal tá an spéir amuigh breactha,
Tá fiacail an tseaca sa ghaoith on gcnoc,
Adaigh an tine is téir chun an leapan,
Luifidh Mac Dé ins an tigh seo anocht

Fágaig' an doras ar leathadh ina coinne,
An mhaighdean a thiocfaidh is a naí ar a hucht,
Deonaigh scíth an bhóthair a ligint, a Mhuire,
Luíodh Mac Dé ins an tigh seo anocht.

Bhí soils ear lasadh I dtigh sin na haiochta,
Cóiriú gan caoile, bia aguis deoch,
Do cheannaithe olla, do cheannaithe síoda,
Ach luífidh Mac Dé ins an tigh seo anocht



 **This Christmas by Picture This**

Chamber Choir



Final Reflection: Read by Chloe Martin - 4th Year

Present for Christmas

Here I am again wondering what present to buy for Christmas and forgetting that the best present I can give is simply to **BE PRESENT**.

Present to the family who share life with me

To the friends who bring joy to my life

To the sick whose pain brings heaviness to my heart

To the lonely ones who long for a visit or a word or a gesture of kindness.

Present also, if only in prayer to the ones I don't get along with.

The ones who annoy me

Those I have quarrelled with during the year.

Present from the busyness of life with the gentleness of Christ child this Christmas.

Present by phone, text, email, card or visit.

Present to Jesus the child who is always present to me.

 **All I Want for Christmas**

Performed by Fiona Vargas

HFSS CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE 2021

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