ADVENT: This second week of Advent we are asked to ‘Prepare the way of the Lord.’ May you take time this week to prepare your hearts and make way to welcome those who may need a gentle word or a helping hand. ‘Prepare ye the way of the Lord’.

The CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION was so well supported by the community last night! It was amazing to see us fill the gym. Thankyou to the staff who worked very hard with your children to prepare this presentation. Thankyou to the large number of volunteers who made the evening a success. Thankyou to the Thomas Carr College staff for making the facilities available to us and who ensured that we were fully supported for the production. Congratulations to the children who engaged so well in learning their parts and who participated so very well! The acting and singing together have helped us all to place Christ at the centre of our Christmas celebrations.

PLEASE PRAY for Edmund (grandfather of Pola. Yr 2/3 Chris) and Marie (Glenda’s mother) who are seriously ill at this time.

YR 6 GRADUATION: Next Tuesday 9th December our Yr 6 students will celebrate their graduation from primary school with Eucharist and ceremony. This transition is a very important occasion to mark. Staff look forward to gathering here at St Francis with our Yr 6 families. Please arrive by 7.20pm.

SFA CHOIR have been invited to sing Christmas Carols for the local community Tuesday, December 16th at 1pm. We encourage you to attend and offer them your support.

Thursday 11th December 9.00-10.00am
We look forward to the opportunity to thank the many volunteers who have supported the St Francis learning community this year. We are delighted with the number of responses we have received to this function.

END OF YEAR MASS is being celebrated on the last day of term at 9.15am. We farewell many families from our community at the celebration. Join us if you can.

Parish Giving Tree: St James Parish are putting together Christmas Hampers for the needy families in our community. They can only do this successfully through your generosity. Your donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and new toys can be left in the Narthex of the church underneath the St James Giving Tree (preferred) or at school by next Friday 12th December. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

YR 5 PARENTS!!!
THOMAS CARR COLLEGE ENROLMENTS for Year 7, 2016 are being taken now and close at the end of February 2015. Please contact the registrar Ms Lucy Banks on 8734 2409 if you have any questions. An enrolment pack can be obtained at the College, 35 Thomas Carr Drive.

PARISH THANKSGIVING: Information has been sent home today regarding your contributions to the financial support of the parish.

CHILDREN FINISH at 3.30pm on Wednesday 17th December All children should be present for this whole day to allow for a formal ending to our school year.

DATES TO REMEMBER 2015
2nd Feb: First day for all students
Make me a channel of your peace;
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.