



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

Following Jesus in all we think, do and say

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Re: Advent Giving Calendar

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a school community, St. Mary of the Angels is very proud of its achievements in supporting those less fortunate than us, whether the need is local, national or further afield.

In his message for this World Day of the Poor Pope Francis tells us *'Now is a good time to recover the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world. Until we revive our sense of responsibility for our neighbour and for every person, grave economic, financial and political crises will continue.'*

Inspired by this message, we are asking each child at St Mary of the Angels to take part in our **'Caritas Advent Calendar'**. Advent is a special season in the Church's year when we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ. However, for many people facing food poverty, Christmas can be a difficult time. The Caritas Food Collective are a new project working to tackle food poverty in the Diocese of Westminster. This year, we are using our *'Advent Giving Calendar'* to help use this season as a time when we think of those who might be struggling, and do our bit to help them in the run up to Christmas.

Each class will be assigned an item that the foodbank require from our *'Advent Giving Calendar.'* We then ask that each pupil brings in their item. You can find your item and date to bring your donation on the back of this letter. Each item will then be put together and donated to **Westbourne Park Pantry**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Hough & The Mini Vinnie Team

A better world can be built as a result of your efforts, your desire to change and your generosity.

Pope Francis.

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Advent Giving Calendar 2023

<i>Class</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Date to be brought in</i>
<i>Ducklings</i>	<i>Tea or Coffee</i>	<i>4/12/23</i>
<i>Robins</i>	<i>Tinned Puddings/Jam</i>	<i>4/12/23</i>
<i>Goldfinches</i>	<i>Tinned fruit/vegetables</i>	<i>5/12/23</i>
<i>Hummingbirds</i>	<i>Tinned meals (spaghetti, chicken or veg curries, chilli)</i>	<i>5/12/23</i>
<i>Kingfishers</i>	<i>Tinned Sauces/tinned fish</i>	<i>5/12/23</i>
<i>Kestrels</i>	<i>Long life juice or long life milk</i>	<i>7/12/23</i>
<i>Swallows</i>	<i>Cereal</i>	<i>7/12/23</i>
<i>Hérons</i>	<i>Rice/Pasta</i>	<i>8/12/23</i>
<i>Swans</i>	<i>Biscuits</i>	<i>8/12/23</i>
<i>School Staff</i>	<i>Toiletries</i>	<i>6/12/23</i>

