



St. Mary of the Angels

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Dear Parents,

Last year on Christmas Eve, here in the parish, we celebrated for the first time a family Mass at 5.00pm. This Mass proved to be a huge success, with over 40 children and their families present in a church packed to the rafters. It was such a delight to see the church so full, and to see the children, all dressed up in their Nativity costumes, celebrating the birth of Our Lord.

This year, sadly, due to the Covid-19 pandemic it will not be possible for us to come together in the same way. This year, on Christmas Eve at 5.00pm (starting at 4.30pm with a Christmas Carol Service), we will be live streaming via the Parish Facebook Page www.facebook.com/catholicaldridge the First Mass of Christmas. With only the choir and the Folk Group present in the church it will be possible for us to celebrate Mass with the normal singing of Christmas carols.

I write, therefore, to encourage you, together with your children dressed in their nativity costumes, to join us from the comfort of your own homes in this celebration of the true meaning of Christmas. I also ask, if you are happy to do so, that you take a photograph of your children in their costumes joining in with the Mass which you can email to me at the above email address. Then, with your permission, we can then post these pictures onto our Facebook page. In this way we can show how, despite the difficulties of the present time, we as a Parish and School community can come together as a family of faith to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

With every blessing for a happy Christmas,

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