



1<sup>st</sup> December 2011

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all parents who supported our many fixtures, both mid-week and on the weekend. The promotion of sport and healthy living, along with many other extra-curricular activities complemented by a rigorous academic programme, is such an important aspect of life at Ratcliffe College. Mr Gilchrist will, therefore, shortly contact all parents to explain the importance of representing the School and ensuring availability. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sunday was particularly busy, with a trip to the Food Technology Exhibition at the NEC in Birmingham and Year 10 Drama rehearsals for our Christmas production of 'Ernie's Incredible Illucinations' and 'Beauty and the Beast'. Performances take place on Saturday 3rd December at 7.30pm, Monday 5th December at 5.00pm and Tuesday 6th December at 7.30pm. Tickets: £7 for adults and £1 for students and concessions, available from the School Reception Office. Unfortunately, the CCF were unable to hold on to the booking for the DCCT last weekend due to other priority users. However, they will be going to the Nottingham indoor climbing wall this Sunday.

Boarding Community enjoyed a lovely evening Advent Mass, followed by a delicious Advent Dinner. The Church and Refectory looked especially beautiful, thanks to the tremendous efforts of our Parents' Association who decorated them in festive splendour as we prepare for Christmas.

Further trips this week have included a Year 12 Geographers' field trip, and the Junior School Choir's superb performance, with nearly 1000 other children, at the Young Voices Concert, Birmingham LG Arena (a full report appears later in this Newsletter).

I would like to thank our Head of Modern Languages, Mrs Cushing, and her staff for organising and hosting the inaugural Inter-Schools' Language Challenge on Monday. The event saw Sixth Form linguists from around the County participating in a most enjoyable set of challenges, with the opportunity to meet with various businessmen and women with a vested interest in effective global communication. A great event, enjoyed by all.

This morning, Junior School children participated in the annual Reconciliation Service, as part of our Advent preparations, and tomorrow will be the turn of Senior School students. I shall be travelling to Russia this evening, to make two presentations at educational conferences held over the weekend, with a focus on Boarding, and shall return on Monday. Please contact Mrs Clayfield in my absence should the need arise.

I am mentioning here for a final time the Christmas Eve Carols at 6.00pm in the Chapel followed by our inaugural first Mass of Christmas, to which ALL families are most welcome, it would be very

helpful to know how many guests we should expect. **Please reply to this e-mail to confirm if you wish to attend and, if so, how many will be in your party.** This will assist in our catering arrangements.

With warmest wishes,

Yours sincerely,

**Gareth P. Lloyd,**

Headmaster.

## Parent Notices



*Pictured above: Gareth Lloyd receiving two Christmas trees, delivered to Ratcliffe College and donated by Mr Jordan Lee (Birstall Garden Centre). Also pictured is Wilson Lee, Year 3.*

I would like to thank Mr Lee for donating the two lovely Christmas trees that we now have in our School Chapel. We receive a lot of parental support in many ways throughout the year and this is yet another valuable donation. Mr Lee has also offered to make a donation to the School's charitable Foundation by splitting a 10% discount for every Christmas tree or decoration sold to Ratcliffe parents during December (discount vouchers are available from the Main School Reception).

Dear Parents,

### **The Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

I am writing to you about the forthcoming 'Immac' events at Ratcliffe College. The 'Immac' is the celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception which falls annually on 8<sup>th</sup> December. This feast celebrates the teaching of the Catholic Church that Mary, the Mother of God, was conceived without sin.

The School Chapel is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception and the School is under the patronage of the Virgin Mary. The feast day is, therefore, very special to us at Ratcliffe and it is celebrated by the whole School community in a variety of ways.

At the Headmaster's Assembly on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December, Mrs Clayfield will address the School about the significance of the forthcoming celebrations. There is a School Mass on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The celebrations in the Senior School consist of a series of meals and dances for all students. The dates, times and venues are in the school calendar but as a reminder they are:

<b>Years 7, 8 &amp; 9</b> - Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Refectory/Theatre	7.00-10.00pm
<b>Years 10 &amp; 11</b> - Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Old Library/Refectory/Theatre	7.00-10.30pm
<b>Years 12 &amp; 13</b> - Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Refectory/Sixth Form Centre	7.00-11.00pm

Please make a careful note of the starting and finishing times and make transport arrangements to deliver and collect your sons and daughters accordingly. Students will be dismissed, under supervision, to the main car park at the end of each evening.

It is important to remember that this is a School Feast and therefore our celebrations are more formal than usual. Whilst, of course, this offers the students the chance to enjoy themselves at the end of a long and busy term, the point also needs to be made that we expect everyone to be on their best behaviour. We want all who are involved in the celebrations, both students and staff, to be able to enjoy themselves.

To help the process to run as smoothly as possible, I should like to take this opportunity to remind you of some of our expectations. Dress is formal; we expect students to dress sensibly to mark this occasion appropriately. **Please note that no student has permission to leave School early to prepare for these events.** Likewise, we would ask that any ostentatious behaviour does not occur. The watchwords for the whole celebration are 'taste' and 'decency'. Any efforts which you can make to reinforce this message would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any further questions, please contact the relevant Head of Year.

Yours sincerely,



Jon Reddin,  
Second Deputy Head.

Dear Parents,

### **End of Christmas Term Arrangements**

In order to enhance the safety of students at the end of term and to facilitate a safer and more effective flow of traffic through the school campus, we are again this year making a slight change of timing to the forthcoming end of term arrangements. In recent years we have operated a staggered end to the school day for the various sections of the school, which has worked well. We believe safety was further enhanced last year when we ended the school day slightly earlier on the last day of this particular term, so that the departure arrangements largely operated before it got dark.

The following arrangements will therefore operate on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December:

Nursery School and Year 1	School will end at <b>3.00pm</b> . There will be no after school care, so all Nursery and Year 1 children must be collected at 3.00pm.
Junior Department (Years 2-6)	School will end at <b>3.15pm</b> .
Senior School	School will end at <b>3.50pm</b> ; buses leave at <b>4.00pm</b> .

We appreciate that there are parents who have children in different parts of the school. Arrangements will be made to look after any children who need to wait for older siblings who are in the Senior School. These children will be supervised until the appropriate time in the Newman Hall in the Junior Department, from where they should be collected.

**The parking area outside the front of the main school building will continue to be reserved for parents of boarders only.** This area is the nearest to the boarding houses and this arrangement helps those parents who have to pack their cars with their child's belongings, which can often be substantial!

We will, of course, continue to monitor these arrangements carefully, but these particular end of term times will only operate in the autumn term, because this is the only term when it is dark at the end of the school day.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

**Jon Reddin**

Second Deputy Head.

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THE YEAR 10 DRAMA GROUP PRESENTS:

# *Beauty and the Beast*

AND

# Ernie's Incredible Illucinations

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 7.30PM

MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER, 5.00PM

& TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER, 7.30PM

## TICKETS

**Come and join us!**

**£7 for adults**

**£1 for concessions,  
school students &  
children**

**Tickets available from  
Main**

**School Reception**

**Tel: 01509 817000**

All proceeds from ticket sales help to fund future drama productions, equipment and training.

*Beauty and the Beast* is a classic story with a modern twist. Set during the French Renaissance, robots, pantomime cows and squabbling sisters all make an appearance! A show not to be missed!

*Ernie* is a highly imaginative boy, whose thoughts and illusions come magically to life! Granny fighting in a boxing match, James Bond in the library...what next?!

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## Senior School News

### Congratulations to our Senior School students:

#### Monitors

Following a recent review of Year 12, the following students have been appointed as Monitors and were presented with badges and ties:

Thomas Allen	Killian Kirkpatrick	Amelia Selby
Javin Choi	Arai Kwok	Edison Wong
George Cooper	Ken Li	Walter Yell
Demi Leigh Chamberlain	James Monk	
Francesca Hayes	Holly Powell	

Following a review of Year 13, the following students have been appointed as **Prefects** and were also presented with ties and badges:

- William Bainbridge
- Hollie Markham
- Georgina Kerridge
- James Perfect

Jacob Bird, Year 10, was presented with his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award certificate and badge.

Joey Higham, Year 9, has been selected for the Derbyshire District U15 Cricket squad. This follows a season where he topped the batting averages for his club, Long Whatton, who were the Leicestershire U13 league and district champions, and county runners-up.

## Junior School News

**Congratulations to our Junior School pupils!**

Certificates of Merit were awarded at Junior Assembly to:

<b>YEAR 3</b>	
Xabier Zanotti-Baranano	1 <sup>st</sup> certificate
<b>YEAR 5</b>	
Liyah Pinsent-Heskey	1 <sup>st</sup> certificate
Sharmel Yapa	1st certificate
Priyam Ghelani	2 <sup>nd</sup> certificate
<b>YEAR 6</b>	
Eve Baxter	1st certificate
Olivia Carpenter	1 <sup>st</sup> certificate
Joseph Chapman	1 <sup>st</sup> certificate
Elliot Fawdington	1 <sup>st</sup> certificate
Paul Hayes	1 <sup>st</sup> certificate
Mollie Page	1 <sup>st</sup> certificate
Owen Sommerville	1 <sup>st</sup> certificate
Evie Wood	1 <sup>st</sup> certificate

Harry Best, Year 5. received the Player of the Week trophy at Syston Rugby Club.

Eve Baxter, Year 6, has received a medal for taking part in the Lutterworth Rotary Santa Fun Run.

Xavier Henderson, Year 3 and his team mates from Syston U8's rugby appeared in the Leicester Mercury for helping to raise funds for the Movember campaign.



### **Year 5 Beaumanor Hall Trip**

What excitement occurred when the two Year 5 classes were evacuated to Beaumanor Hall on 23rd November for two nights. During their visit, they were kept extremely busy with a variety of activities and stayed in warm cabins, which they even managed to keep clean! Everyone agreed that the enormous portions of food were delicious - with seconds on offer, definitely no rationing at tea time!

A visit to the air raid shelter was a must and the two classes learned much about how people coped during bombing raids during the Blitz. It helped them to understand how dangerous, frightening and very uncomfortable life was for children. They were also fascinated to learn that Beaumanor Hall had played an important role as a 'Y station' during the war, intercepting German messages. Year 5 then had the opportunity to listen to coded radio messages and try to decode them. Some of the other exciting activities they participated in were: a spy hunt, simulated fire fighting, using stirrup pumps, working as a team to defuse an imaginary bomb and bandaging severely injured casualties, which was much needed after the bomb disposal! A cup of hot chocolate was a welcome end to the busy days before everyone climbed into their bunks for a good night's sleep!

The accompanying staff thought that the children were a pleasure to escort on their evacuation and hope they will have learnt much about World War 2, as well as, working together to look after each other.

**Mrs Etty and Mrs Farrar, Year 5 Class Teachers**

## Junior Choir at the Young Voices Concert, 29<sup>th</sup> November



After months of practising their singing and dance moves, 47 children from the Junior Choir accompanied Mrs Markham, Mrs Rigby and Mr McCall to the Young Voices Concert at the Birmingham LG Arena. The afternoon was spent practising with the other schools and the band. After a much needed packed tea, we returned to the arena excited for the concert to begin. Thankfully, once we put up our school banner, the parents were able to spot us in a crowd of Young Voices t-shirts and Santa hats! We were lucky to have seats right at the front with a brilliant view of the stage. As the music started and the lights came up, it was a very special feeling. To hear 5,000 children singing together in a professional concert venue is amazing. We performed with a live band, the dance group 'Urban Strides' and the amazing 'High Kings' band, who have performed for President Obama this year! It was a fantastic experience for the children to take part in such an event, and they all joined in with great enthusiasm and enjoyment. As always, their behaviour was a credit to the School and thanks must go to Mrs Markham (from Mrs Rigby!) for all of the weeks of preparation she has put into the choir practices.

It was lovely to have so many of our parents there to support us and share the experience with us. There were certainly a lot of very tired children at the end of the evening, but to be part of such an amazing experience is well worth a few sleepy eyes the next day! Well done to all the children involved. If you have access to the internet you may like to look on Youtube for the Young Voices 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011, Birmingham concert - Pop Medley, as Ratcliffe children feature quite heavily right from the start of the clip!



**Mrs Rigby and Mrs Markham**  
Head of Junior School and Junior School Music Co-ordinator

## **Sports**

### **Senior School**

#### **Rugby**

##### **U15s**

The U15s played against a physical Lawrence Sheriff side. The visitors started the game well, starving Ratcliffe of possession and leading at the break 12-3. Ratcliffe rallied at the start of the second-half, courtesy of an Eddie Waller drop-goal and the forwards securing more balls. A well-worked try by Alex Jarvis got Ratcliffe back into the game, but a further try for the visitors and another from Eddie Waller meant the final score was a 17-15 defeat. Man of the Match went to Dick Wong who had a tremendous game, turning the ball over on a number of occasions; a special mention also goes to Alex Jarvis for his first try of the season.

## **U14s**

The U14s suffered only their third defeat of the season. A closely contested first-half saw Ratcliffe enter the second-half 5-0 down. An early try by Billy Savoury from a quick tap penalty saw Ratcliffe edge ahead. However, Lawrence Sherriff fought back and despite a fine individual try by Declan McCauley, Ratcliffe eventually lost 27-12. Men of the Match were Adam Park and Charlie Pickering for their excellent tackling and support play.

## **U13s**

The U13s were defeated by a very strong Lawrence Sheriff outfit that have beaten everyone this year. They proved excellent in every department and gave our boys something to aspire to. All team members deserve a special mention for sticking together and learning some valuable lessons.

## **U12s**

Man of Match, Matthew Ward, showed the way with lots of strong tackles. Others defended well but several mistakes when in possession of the ball led to scores from the opposition. Final score was 27-0 with Ratcliffe strong in attack but just failing to make it over the line.

Simon Gray

**Boys' Sports Captain**

## **Hockey**

### **1<sup>st</sup>**

Despite being under pressure for most of the last quarter, a fine defensive display allowed the 1<sup>st</sup> XI to hold on to defeat Oundle 3-2. Goals from Elli Thomas, Anna Thorley and Claudia Mills had given the side a comfortable lead but Oundle's strong finish, along with Ratcliffe's continuing injury woes and lack of cover on the 'bench' led to a tense finish.

### **2<sup>nd</sup>**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI put up a brave fight, with the defence, notably goalkeeper Sorcha Grant, putting in a fine display. After a difficult first-half, the second period was much more even but Oundle deserved their 2-0 victory. Players of the Match were Sorcha Grant and Caitlin Sheehy

## **U15A**

On the back of a strong performance last week, Ratcliffe backed it up with another, this time converting it into a 3-0 win. The girls were fast out of the blocks and soon had the lead from a well-rehearsed corner routine which India Walker skilfully finished. During the rest of the first-half, Ratcliffe camped in Oundle's half and it was only a matter of time before the second goal; this time it came from a goal mouth scramble in which the ball finally came to Angharad Lloyd at the top of the D and she made no mistake with a calm finish. Ratcliffe pressed again at the start of the second-half and were rewarded when Sophie Riley found herself in space and finished well

to make the score 3-0. Ratcliffe tired towards the end and were able to play out the last 10 minutes and gain a well-deserved win. Player of the Match was Phoebe Merriman.

### **U15B**

The U15B team gave a very encouraging display in a 1-0 win on a windy afternoon. Ratcliffe had most of the play throughout the whole game but couldn't turn that dominance into goals. The only goal came mid-way through the first-half: some excellent build-up play by Martha Gray and Jenna Culpin set up Niamh Philpott to score the only goal. Player of the Match goes to Lois Jones for her excellent work rate and determination.

### **U14s**

The U14s had an excellent start in their game against Oundle with a goal from Molly Brooks within the first two minutes. Ratcliffe continued to build the pressure and looked like scoring with every attack. Although Oundle tried to score on the break, excellent defending from the whole team kept the ball out of our goal, while Ratcliffe girls kept scoring to give a final score of 5-0. Player of the Match was Captain, Emma Furlong, for her leadership and work rate.

### **U13s**

The Ratcliffe girls played a courageous first-half and it was disappointing that, by the end of it, they were a goal down. They rallied at the start of the second-half and were level after 5 minutes, when Charlotte Hull scored. Unfortunately, Princethorpe came back strongly and scored 3 further goals leaving the final score 4-1. Player of the Match was Charlotte Hull for her decisive attacking play.

### **U12A**

The U12A team played well against an evenly matched Princethorpe side. A very close match resulted in an unfortunate 1-0 defeat for Ratcliffe, for despite a shot hitting the post from Isobel Thomas, Ratcliffe were unable to score the equalising goal. Some excellent saves were made by Olivia Walklett; Player of the Match was Olivia Back who worked tirelessly in mid-field.

### **U12B**

The U12B team worked hard against a strong Princethorpe outfit. All the girls worked extremely hard throughout the game and created a number of scoring opportunities in the third-quarter. Unfortunately, some excellent play between Alex Offer and Natasha Walker wasn't rewarded with a goal. The final score was 2-0 to Princethorpe. Player of the Match was Abi Mayne for displaying great ball skills.

The U12s also played mid-week last week against a strong Dixie Grammar team, losing 4-2 in a close game. Goals from Isobel Thomas and Kate Tyszka resulted in a 2-2 draw at half-time; however, an unfortunate mistake and strong attacking play from Dixie in the second-half meant Ratcliffe were beaten in the last 5 minutes. Player of the Match was Isobel Thomas who played tirelessly through the entire game, with special mention to Olivia Back who captained the team well.

## Netball

The U14 Netball team finished a respectable 4<sup>th</sup> in the Leicestershire county netball tournament. After a tough group stage, Ratcliffe fought their way to runners-up in their group and went on to play Leicester Grammar in the quarter-final, whom they beat 4-3 in a close but exciting game. However, in the semi-final they faced Loughborough High who were a well organised team which Ratcliffe couldn't overcome. Despite the current term being Ratcliffe's hockey season, they thoroughly deserved their 4<sup>th</sup> place finish. Player of the Tournament was Ellie Cooper who remained cool and calm in defence throughout. Special mention must go to Amelia Lallo who showed her versatility in playing a variety of positions. Well done, girls!

Rebecca Pawley  
Girls' Sports Captain

## Junior School

### Swimming Gala Report

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, swimmers from the Junior squad teamed up with members of the Senior squad to make a combined team for a gala against Stoneygate School.

The standard of swimming was high and, in a very close gala, there were some excellent performances from Ratcliffe swimmers. After a noisy and successful gala, the final points were Stoneygate 115, Radcliffe, the winners with 135 points.

The U11 boys' rugby team fought hard against a well organised Brooke Priory team on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. The boys improved as the game went on and got their rewards, in the end, with a fine try, after some good phases of play. Try scorer, Matthew Lindley, was also Man of the Match, with some excellent tackles and determined runs.

Also on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, the U10s were beaten by a powerful Brooke Priory Team. Ratcliffe were six tries to nil down at half-time but the team showed real character and improved tackling and rucking, in the second half, to only concede two more tries. Will Westwood and Billy Hull were Men of the Match for their excellent running and strong tackling.

The U9s, yet again, amazed supporters with their U18-esque style of play and it was Brooke Priory's turn to succumb to a defeat, the final score being 40-15. In a very physical game, countless big hits, and two tries from Connor Foster, kept Brooke Priory at bay. Three tries from the unstoppable Finley Back, coupled with two from the ever agile Tom Page and one try from Owen Lloyd, continued to keep the score line ticking over.

Special mention must go to Man of the Match, Thomas Leite who has improved immensely in the last few weeks and is quickly turning into an accomplished rugby player. This was the best performance so far and all the team can be very proud of how they have conducted themselves this term. Well done!

The U11A girls' hockey team had an outstanding 1-0 win, against Brooke Priory. A fantastic run of passes from the defence, all the way to the attacking D, allowed India Beresford a great opportunity to shoot, and she went on to score a brilliant goal from the top of the D. Forward; movement continued and was often started by Player of the Match, Jenna Pole, who controlled the game from the back.

The Ratcliffe U11B side started strongly against their versatile opposition. Ratcliffe had a few good chances on goal but unfortunately struggled to finish them off. During the second-half, Ratcliffe had 80% of the possession and Emily Grimmett hit the side of the woodwork, with a fantastic shot from just inside the D but, unfortunately, the persistent Ratcliffe side couldn't walk away with a win; however, a final score of 0-0 was no injustice. Player of the Match was awarded to Evie Wood, for her outstanding fast, paced play.

A chilly afternoon could not dampen the high spirits of the Ratcliffe U10 girls' hockey team, as they took part in a tournament at Leicester Grammar school. All of the girls played with determination and excitement. Despite finishing in joint 5<sup>th</sup> position, the girls all worked tremendously hard, encouraged each other and showed some good stick work. Sharmel Yapa scored a powerful goal in the final game, and was awarded Player of the Tournament.

The under 9 girls had a great first game of hockey against Brooke Priory. The girls' behaviour, team spirit and work ethic were complimented on by the opposition staff and the girls were a credit to our school. Although the game finished in a 0-0 draw, the whole team should be very proud of its first ever hockey performance.

Well done to everybody who took part during a very busy afternoon of Junior sport.

### Sporting Fixtures

Date	Opposition	Time	Team	Home/Away (H/A)	Meet Time
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Uppingham	2.45 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Girls Hockey	MOUNTSORRELL	
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Lincoln Minster	10.30 am	1 <sup>st</sup> , U15 & U14 Rugby	H	9.30 AM
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Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Lincoln Minster	11.30 am	U13 & U12 Rugby	H	10.30 AM
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	King's High	10.30 am	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Girls Hockey	A	8.30 AM
Sat Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	King's High	10.30 am	U15 Girls Hockey	H	9.30 AM
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	King's High	11.30 am	U14 Girls Hockey	H	10.30 AM
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	King's High	11.30 am	U13 & U12 Hockey	A	9.30 AM
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Dixie G.S.	4.30 pm	Year 5-13 Boys & Girls Swimming	H	
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Chellaston	4.40 pm	U12 A & B Girls Hockey	H	
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Lancaster Boys	10.15 am	U12, 13 & 14 Rugby	H	9.15 AM
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Derby G.S.	10.30 am	1 <sup>st</sup> & U16 Rugby	H	9.30 AM
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Welbeck	1.30 pm 2.45 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Girls Hockey 2 <sup>nd</sup> Girls Hockey	A A	12.15 PM 1.15 PM
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Oakham	2.00 pm	U15 B Girls Hockey	H	1.00 PM
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	King Henry VIII	10.30 am 11.30 am	U15 A Girls Hockey U14 Girls Hockey	H H	9.30 AM 10.30 AM
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Oakham	1.30 pm 3.00 pm	U 13 B Girls Hockey U13 A Girls Hockey	A H	11.45 AM 2.00 PM

## Spiritual News

O Wisdom,  
O Holy Word of God,  
You govern all creation with your strong, yet tender care.  
Come, and show your people the way to salvation.

## Advent Prayer for Hope in Christ's Coming

All-powerful God,  
help us to look forward in hope  
to the coming of our Saviour.  
May we live as he taught,  
ready to welcome him with burning love and faith.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen

*Liturgy of the Hours, Fridays in Advent*

O Sacred Lord of ancient Israel,  
who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush,  
who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain:  
Come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free

[‘O Antiphons are taken from the Christmas Novena]

**Fr President**