

The Maximilian

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Reflection - Canon Victor Darlington

Beloved Friends, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish you and your family and friends a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

There is no other way to end this year than with the Collect of Christmas Day – Vigil Mass:

O God, who gladden us year by year as we wait in hope for our redemption, grant that, just as we joyfully welcome your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer, we may also merit to face him confidently when he comes again as our judge. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Canon Victor Darlington

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Christmas Card Competition 2023



We are delighted to announce that the winner of this year's Christmas card competition is from The Holy Cross School.

Amber Leahy Y9 was awarded first place.

Judges were impressed by the simplicity and effectiveness of the design which embodied the theme O Little Town of Bethlehem.



Firm Foundations app: New feature – Leadership modules

The publishers of the Firm Foundations app have made available five modules about leadership of Catholic schools. These are now available (at no additional cost) to school leaders at every school in the Archdiocese of Southwark. The licence covers up to five leaders at each primary school and up to eight leaders at secondary schools. School leaders should have received their site specific licence codes and instructions by letter.

Please remind all governors that there are over 30 different training modules available for governors via the Firm Foundations app. Remember that the more modules completed by governors will make it more likely that the Diocesan Trustees will continue to permit us to renew the licence fee with the app providers. Please contact patrickharrison@rcaos.org.uk if you need any further information or to update the list of governors who need logins.

Courses & Events

For Governors – Catholic Life and Mission in the Catholic Schools Inspection Framework

Tuesday 16th January 2024 5.30pm-7pm

Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

CSI – What Governors Need to Know

Tuesday 23rd January 2024 5.30pm-7pm

Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

Considering Becoming a Foundation Governor or Foundation Director? Your Questions Answered

Thursday 25th January 2024, 5pm-6pm

Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

Being a Foundation Governor – What You Need to Know

Tuesday 30th January 2024 5.30-7pm or

Thursday 1st February 2024 4-5.30pm

Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

Considering Becoming a Foundation Governor or Foundation Director? Your Questions Answered

Tuesday 6th February 2024 4-5pm

Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

Chairs of Governors Drop in – 1

Wednesday 7th February 2024 4-5pm

Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

Chairs of Governors Drop in – 2

Thursday 8th February 2024 5-6pm

Free, Zoom

[Book](#)

[This page](#) contains the dates and links to book onto the next series of sessions on Considering becoming a Foundation Governor or Foundation Director. This page also contains 2 A4 posters that can be used to encourage practising Catholics to become foundation governors or directors.

