

**St Joseph's
Pudsey**

Travelling Crib

2016 Diary

Could you offer Mary and Joseph a room for the night?

This journey symbolises Mary and Joseph's difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before the birth of Jesus.

The idea behind the diary is so as many people as possible can join in the journey, even if you are unable to have the crib in your home.

We have 2 cribs that are travelling around the parish during Advent.

All diary entries will be posted in this diary.



Keep coming back to see what has been happening on its travels.

27 November 2016

We feel very privileged to host the first travelling crib in 2016. Our children set the crib up together and then Mollyrose read the Nativity story to us. We lit the candle along with Mollyrose's first holy communion candle. The children sang a couple of carols to finish our prayers.

We wish all the families that host the travelling crib after us a happy advent and Christmas.'

The Young Family



27 November 2016

Alex was very excited to have the Travelling Crib to stay in his house. Reading the story, lighting the candle and saying the prayer was a lovely way to start the Advent season. We feel blessed.

Alex, Trish and Brian Hayes



28 November 2016

Matthew and I collected the crib on the way home. Once home Matthew immediately set the crib up beautifully, lit the candle and we all sang the song. We all took time to contemplate the true meaning of Christmas before saying the prayer. Matthew read the Nativity Story to us.

It is always a joyous occasion to host the travelling crib and marks the beginning of this year's Christmas celebrations.

Helen, Giles and Matthew Hart

28 November 2016

First we set up the crib and mummy lit the candle. Then we asked each other, what Christmas meant to us. And then said the candle song and prayer. We each read a page of the story. Then we drew baby Jesus.

Roisin, Daisy, Violet, Bernadette, Dave & Lola Langridge

29 November 2016

Christmas seems like a long way off in the Wilson house!

It was good to have a chance to think about Mary & Joseph's journey near the start. We thought about how far they had to travel and about other people who have long and difficult journeys like refugees. We enjoyed lighting the candle, singing the song and hearing Ryan read the story so beautifully.

It felt special to spend some time like this.

Thank you

Liam, Ryan, Pauline & Jon Wilson

29 November 2016

The crib was kindly dropped-off at our house. When the children returned from school they were eager to set it out and have a play with the figurines. We lit the candle and we liked the vanilla smell and attempted to sing the song. We read the story and diary entries and said some prayers. Stephanie (5) wanted, then, to sing 'Jingle Bells'. God bless all families hosting the crib this year.

from: Eve, Joseph, Justina, Mary, Alice and Stephanie Holden

30 November 2016

I picked up the crib during school run and when back home later we opened the crib. Agnès helped me set it up. I lit the candle, sang and said the prayer. Gary read the story. We all reflected on what Christmas is all about, especially after such a difficult year after losing my mum and my godfather. Thank you God for having helped us through this.

Lalia, Gary & Agnès Double



30 November 2016

We joyfully welcomed Baby Jesus at our home. After a busy day it was wonderful to gather together and spend some peaceful time singing carols, reading the Nativity Story and setting up the crib. We hope that this Christmas there will be a welcoming place for everyone and we all will be able to share this magical time with the ones we love.

Merry Christmas from the Drobnik family
;-)



1 December 2016

“Today it is my birthday. It was nice to have it on my birthday”

Abigail and the Farmer Family



1 December 2016

The girls woke up very excited today knowing we were having the crib. I collected it after the school run and placed it in the living room, daring not to open it before the girls came home. As soon as they were home they set up the crib and acted out the nativity. We waited til Dad came home before lighting the candle and singing the song. Dad read the prayer and we talked about what Christmas meant for all of us. It was a rare quiet time for all the family.

Sarah, Thomas, Lila and Lucy Mathews

2 December 2016

Maeve and Shay really enjoyed setting it up and were able to tell their parents the nativity story, we said the prayer and sang some hymns then went to the school disco for a boogie. It was a lovely evening.

Happy Christmas everyone and God bless
The Godfrey family



2 December 2016

We picked up the crib from the Mathews family. The children were very excited to have the crib overnight.

Daisy and Sam set up the crib. We sang the song and I lit the candle. We then said the prayer. We then read the story and took some time out to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

Happy Advent and Christmas to everyone

Simon, Natasha, Daisy & Sam Stasiak

3 December 2016

After mass we set out the crib. We lit the candle and Daniel said the prayer. Mummy read the nativity story and we thought about the true meaning of Christmas and how lucky we are. We love having the crib it makes us feel Christmassy!

Kate, Stephen, Daniel, Thomas and Oliver Kelly



3 December 2016

We were blessed to be able to home the crib for two days, enabling us to do the Nativity three times. Each time our little girl (2 ½ yrs) was particularly fascinated by the Baby Jesus; at first no-one was allowed to enter the stable apart from him. It was touching to see her holding him for the next day, putting him in her doll's buggy for a while.

Helen, Richard & Maia Doherty

4 December 2016

Continued:

There are many candles in our home currently, for the Advent wreath and our regular prayer candle, to have another one is lovely, particularly enjoying the beauty and truth of the last line as we sang. We are now looking forward to seeing in St Nicholas Day on Tuesday. Advent is such a special time and there are so many treasures to share with our children.

God Bless everyone, Happy Advent and a blessed Christmastide !

Helen, Richard & Maia Doherty

4 December 2016

We had a very fun and holy time.

Merry Christmas

Sebastian Griffiths (Yr3)

5 December 2016

Enjoyed sharing the crib experience with friends.

Clare, Christine & Linda

6 December 2016

We all sat down and sang a song. Then we said a lovely prayer about what Christmas is all about. All of us listened to the Christmas story and finished off by saying what Christmas means to us. We had a lovely holy time with the travelling crib.

From The Langan Family

written by Olivia Langan, year 3.

6 December 2016

Aidan enjoyed playing with and interacting with the Christmas Story. Mary rode the donkey and Joseph rode the cow. I'm not sure what role the fire engine played in Bethlehem, but for us it was important in rescuing the angel from the roof so he could visit the baby Jesus too.

Andy, Laura & Aidan Wastall

8 December 2016

Jack, Rowan and Macie were so excited to host the travelling crib again. Macie unpacked the crib straight away and started to set everything up where it needed to be. Macie sang the song to us all, Rowan read the prayer for us and then Jack then read the Nativity Story. Whilst Jack was reading the book Rowan and Macie used the figures to act out the story. Macie then sang We 3 Kings.

It was such an amazing thing to be able to stop and focus on this at the end of a very busy day and to focus on the reason why we celebrate Christmas.

Happy Christmas!

Love from Jack, Rowan, Macie, Paul and Gemma

8 December 2016



8 December 2016



9 December 2016

Thank you for letting us share in this journey. We enjoyed lighting the candle and setting out the figures.

William and Edward Third

10 December 2016

We enjoyed hosting the travelling crib and having the prayer and song to sing. We shared the story and it was good to remember the true meaning of Christmas. It's a lovely idea to help children understand the meaning of Christmas.

Thank you from the Whiting family.
(Philip, Moira, Hannah & Joseph)

11 December 2016

Luke enjoyed reading the Nativity while we listened in the dark with the Christmas tree and candle for light. Caitlin thought the candle was to sing happy birthday so we all sang happy birthday to Jesus at the end.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Denise, James, Luke, Aaron & Caitlin Robson

12 December 2016

Philippa and Zack loved listening to the story of the Nativity. We lit the candle and sang the song to candlelight. After, we said the prayer together. Philippa asked about Mary, Joseph and Jesus.
Merry Christmas everyone.

Beckie, James, Philippa and Zack Crabtree

14 December 2016

John and I sang the candle song together and then I explained how Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem and about baby Jesus being born.

The Travelling Crib is a lovely way to explain to little ones what Christmas is really about.

We wish everyone a very Happy and Holy Christmas.

Love from

Catherine, Gary, John, Tom & Anna
O'Leary-Steele

15 December 2016

We set up the stable, lit the candle a few times (Charlotte kept blowing it out.) and me and Ciaran took it in turns to read the book. We all sang the song and Charlotte wanted to sing Happy Birthday to Jesus, so we did.

From, Beth, Ciaran, Charlotte, Catherine

16 December 2016

After a lovely day decorating our new house for Christmas, it was nice to sit down as a family and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and all the blessings we have as a family. Olivia enjoyed identifying the characters from the Nativity in the crib.

Merry Christmas all from the Massies.

Stephen, Justine, Olivia and Amelia

17 December 2016

We lit the candle and sat by the stable reading the book as a family. We had a peaceful time learning about the Nativity.

Happy Christmas!

The Cullen family, Niamh, Mia and Patrick

18 December 2016

We enjoyed setting up the crib. We read the story of the nativity and said our prayers.

Madeleine Winks and family

20 December 2016

We unpacked the crib and said the prayer.
Then me and Dom sang the song. After, I
read the story and my dad read the prayer.

The Bowers

21 December 2016

We set out the crib and we took photos with our friends. We were so happy that baby Jesus was with us. At night we lit the candle, put it in front of the crib, then we said our night prayer.

Also we read the Nativity book.

Merry Christmas!

The Jose family
(Siby, Maneesha, Chris, Andre and Noah)

22 December 2016

First we set up then lit the candle. We all took it in turns to read the Nativity. Oscar like putting all of the characters in the stable. Then we sang the song and said our prayer.

Merry Christmas!

The Scott family

24 December 2016

First we set up the crib. After that, we lit the candle and sang the candle rhyme. Once we had sung, we thought about what Christmas means to us. We then said a prayer and read the Nativity story.

Thank you

Eleanor and Michael Rock

The End

**Thank you for
being part of the
Travelling Crib
journey.**