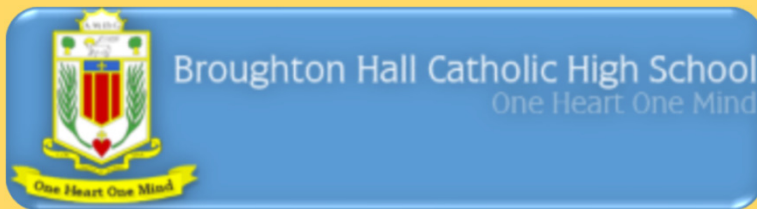


# We Begin Our Prayer With The Sign Of The Cross

Leader: Let us remember that we are in the presence of God

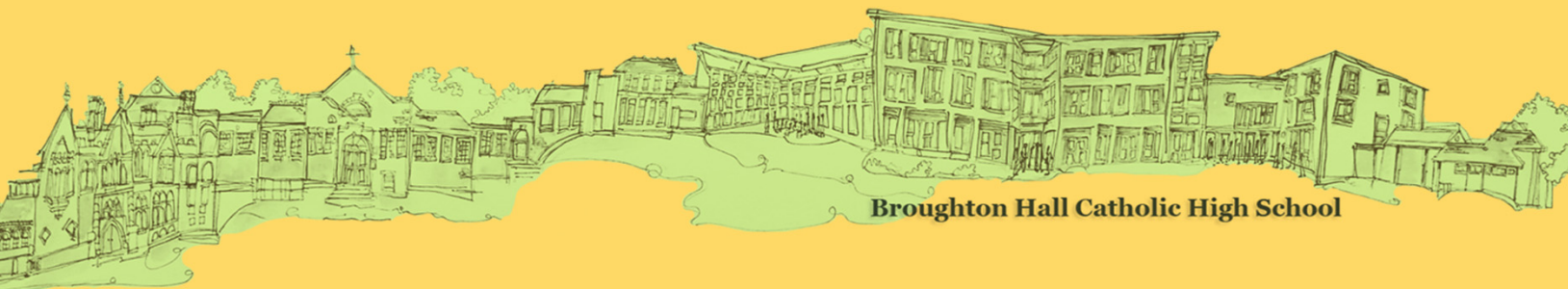
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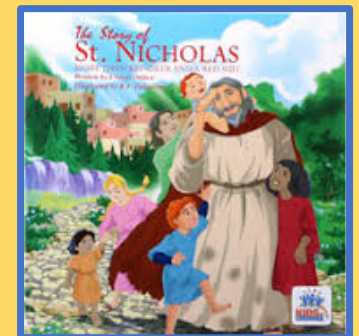
*Prayer & Liturgy*

*St. Nicholas*

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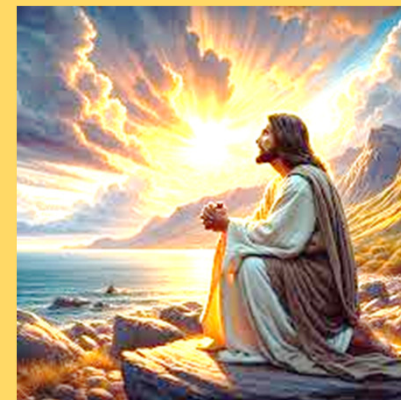
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*As we gather*

*Let us Pray*



Dear God,

**May our hearts be filled with Peace and Love,** Each day, help us to learn.  
Remind us, 'Mercy is your way', compassion for the world.  
**You have shown us how to live, one heart, one mind, together.**  
For Christ, His hands and feet we'll be. Your servants Lord Forever.

Amen.



## St. Nicholas of Myra



What did St. Nicholas say?

Every year at Christmas, children await Santa Claus. When they get older, they think he is just make believe. But Santa Claus really lived—long, long ago. His generosity is based on a saint who was a great gift-giver.

The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to copy God's giving, by grace, through faith, and this is not of ourselves.



When this verse says God does not change like shifting shadows it means that God is always certain and reliable, and trustworthy. We might change our minds from one day to the next but what God promises is certain and true.

**When St. Nicholas said these words, he was quoting from the bible, where it says: Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.**

(The book of James Chapter 1 Verse 17).





## St. Nicholas of Myra

Nicholas died around 343 in Myra, Lycia (modern day Turkey). He is the patron saint of children and sailors/voyagers. The day of his death, December 6, is his feast day and is widely celebrated throughout Europe still today.



Nicholas was born to a wealthy family in what is today Turkey in the latter part of the third century. When he grew up, he became the Bishop of Myra—a city in Asia Minor.

That really is all we know for certain about Nicholas. All the rest is legend. But legend is based on memory. The Church has collected many legends about Nicholas because many people had wonderful memories of his gift giving.







## St. Nicholas of Myra



A favourite legend about Nicholas has to do with his gifts to three sisters. At that time, a woman had to have a dowry if she wanted to get married. Her husband would use the money to build their home or start a business. These three sisters had no dowry. So their father was going to force them into a bad life.

**A Dowry is an amount of money set aside for Marriage**

Hearing about this, Nicholas filled three bags with gold coins. He threw these bags over the back of a lovely silver donkey. With the donkey, Nicholas stole through the deserted streets of Myra one starry night. When they came to the sisters' home, Nicholas tossed the three money sacks through the open window. How happy he must have been when he heard later that the three young women all married good men!





## St. Nicholas of Myra

*kindness and generosity*



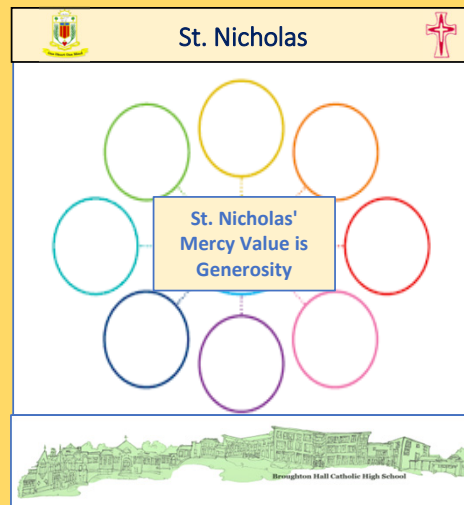
What can we learn from St. Nicholas?

What can we do to follow his inspirational work and when would be best to arrange an activity?

Discuss as a form and record your ideas on the mind cloud provided



**Generosity**  
**To be generous to all  
in our  
'One Community'**



# *Sister Catherine McAuley's Intercessions*

May the God of Mercy bless and protect us all  
*All: Amen*

May the God of Peace comfort us in times of trial  
*All: Amen*

May the God of Love shine forth in our lives  
*All: Amen*



*We finish our prayer with the sign of the cross*

