



Christmas in Italy

Hello everybody, We are the students of the high school “Giosuè Carducci” in Cassino.

We will speak of the traditions of Christmas in Italy

One of the most important figures of Christmas is Santa Claus, he is St. Nicholas of Myra, the patron saint of children who brings presents on the night of 5 and 6 December

A main element of Christmas is certainly the crib that was set up for the first time in 1223 by St. Francis of Assisi and subsequently it developed mainly in Naples

One of the most traditional musical instruments of Cassino during the Christmas season is the ‘zampogna’ similar to a bagpipe, a wind instrument used by shepherds right from antiquities.

Ever-present on the typical Christmas tables there are dishes such as lasagne, eel, tortellini soup and pig's trotter

No less important are the typical sweets: pandoro, panettone, nougat and struffoli

Christmas

Christmas I do not want to dive
in a tangle of streets
I'm so tired
on the shoulders
let me so
as something laid
in the corner
and forgot
Here you get nothing
that the good hot
I'm with the four
Smoke somersaults
hearth

Giuseppe Ungaretti

Not only for the northern European tradition but also in Italy the Christmas market has become the symbol of Christmas. In these markets you can purchase crafts to give as gifts to friends and family. Typical is the Christmas market which takes place in Cassino.