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YR 10 PARENTS' EVENING

3:30pm
Thursday 2 February 2017



Message from the Head Teacher

We were so impressed by the RAF Roadshow that came in for Yr 8 and Yr 9 last week that we invited them back for Yr 7 this week! Their presentation was fun, fascinating and full of science. I was so proud of our Yr 7 students - their behaviour was outstanding and their enthusiasm and energy was brilliant. The presenters, who visit hundreds of schools, were very impressed with our young men. Again I must share my gratitude to Mr Bhana for organising this.

Yr 11 students continue to work hard preparing themselves for the summer examinations. Attendance at the intervention sessions after school is excellent. Teachers provide these extra opportunities because they care and I am extremely grateful for the time they give. Yesterday and today we have started a series of "multiple-mock" examinations after school for selected students for English and Maths. I'm

sure that this strategy will be effective and again I'm grateful for all the extra marking staff are taking on.

Next Thursday we have our Yr 10 Parents' Evening. We successfully experimented last week at the Yr 11 Parents' Evening with five minute egg timers to help staff and parents keep to the schedule. As it was successful, we will use this strategy again next week. Boys are prone to be "last minute merchants" so it's crucial that we work in partnership to ensure that they achieve their very best throughout their GCSE studies. We normally have very high attendance figures for Parents' Evenings as parents and carers work together with the school for the benefit of their sons. If you haven't seen an appointment sheet, please do contact the school.

Mr N Fisher



Fred's Prayer for the Week

God be in my head, and in my understanding.
God be in my eyes, and in my looking.
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking.
God be in my heart, and in my thinking.
God be at my end, and in my departing.
Amen

God bless, Fred (Chaplain)

Parents' Evening Dates 2017

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YR 9 PARENTS' EVENING

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Thursday 23 February 2017

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YR 8 PARENTS' EVENING

3:30pm
Thursday 9 March 2017

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YR 7 PARENTS' EVENING

3:30pm
Thursday 23 March 2017



Right2Read continues to be an area the school focusses on. In Form Time every day, boys will read, along with their Form Tutors, and the concentration and commitment to their reading is genuinely impressive. This week, Mr Fripps (who is currently reading 'The Moth', a collection of true short stories edited by Catherine Burns) and his Form 8L are pictured in the Right2Read time. As part of the partnership between school and home it's very helpful if parents and carers are also involved with reading - do you know what your son is reading?

Next week Mr Martin will be announcing Reading Champions and they will be presented certificates in assemblies next week. The winners will then be entered into a draw and the winner will win a Book Token. Watch this space....

Mr N Fisher



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Monday

Sausage and Mash with Yorkshire Pudding
with Onion Gravy

Quorn Sausage served with Mashed Potatoes
and Yorkshire Pudding

Seasonal Vegetables

Blueberry Muffin served with Custard

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Tuesday

Chicken and Bacon Pie with Roast Potatoes
Cheese and Mushroom Pie

Seasonal Vegetables

Apple and Pear Crumble served with Custard

E

Wednesday

Sweet Chilli Chicken and Egg Fried Rice
Vegetable Stir Fry

Seasonal Vegetables

Chocolate Cake served with Chocolate Sauce

S



Thursday

Chunky Beef and Vegetable Casserole
served with Potatoes

Thai Green Curry
Vegetable Chow Mein

Seasonal Vegetables

Jaffa Cake

Friday

Fish and Chips

Southern Style Chicken and Potato Wedges
Cheesy Pasta Bake

Baked Beans

Pain au Raisin

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A wide selection of
Hot Snacks, Rolls and Sandwiches

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News from St John Fisher, Bexley

Our next film evening will be on Wednesday 15th Feb when we will show an inspirational movie on St John Baptist de La Salle, the 17th century French priest who reluctantly became involved in educating poor children. His story is one of God's Providence, of great charity and perseverance, and of a genuine application of the Gospel to daily life in the classroom.

His writings are educational classics, and his meditations continue to inspire Catholic educators around the world. There will be a stall selling home-made crafts and light refreshments served.

This month we have another social evening on the Camino de Compostela:

- Friday 27 January

An illustrated presentation on The Camino and his own 4 different walking pilgrimages to Santiago by Tim Bowman.

All events will be held in St John Fisher Bexley Church Hall, admission free, bar open, and all are welcome. Arrivals from 7pm for 7:30pm start.

Our Lady's Film group is pleased to show

St John Baptist de La Salle

Wed 15th Feb 2017; 7pm for 7.30 pm start



Inspirational movie on the 17th century French priest who reluctantly became involved in educating poor children. In the process, he founded an order known today as the de La Salle Christian Brothers.

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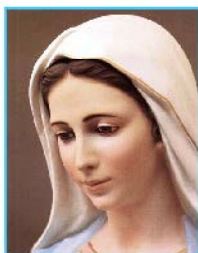
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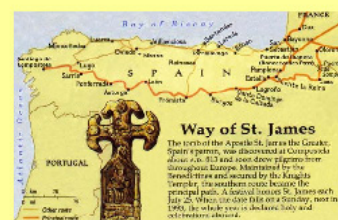
unfortunately for licence reasons the actual title of films cannot be promoted outside of St John Fisher church

date	arrivals	film starts	film
Wed 18-Jan	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	Mother Teresa of Calcutta: movie on missionary who brought hope & love to poorest of poor
Unity Octave			
Wed 15-Feb	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	St John Baptist de La Salle: movie on priest, education reformer, founder & patron of teachers
Wed 15-Mar	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	St Anthony of Padua: movie on beloved miracle worker and most popular saint in Christian history
Wed 19-Apr	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	St Thomas More: movie on his opposition to King Henry VIII's separation from the Catholic Church
Wed 17-May	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	Fátima: movie to celebrate 100 th anniversary of apparitions of Virgin Mary to 3 young shepherds
Wed 14-Jun	6:45 PM	7:00 PM	Pope Pius XII: movie on great yet hidden struggle he waged to save Jews from Nazis during WWII
Wed 19-Jul	6:45 PM	7:00 PM	Abraham: movie on the biblical patriarch of faith
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			<i>No film evening during August</i>
Wed 27-Sep	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	St Padre Pio (part 1): movie on life of the famous stigmatic Italian monk - watch either or both parts
Wed 11-Oct	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	St Padre Pio (part 2): movie on life of the famous stigmatic monk - will feature a recap of part 1
Wed 15-Nov	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	Saints John of the Cross and St John Vianney: movies on Spanish mystic and Carmelite reformer & "Cure d'Ars" - the patron saint of parish priests
Wed 6-Dec	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	"Servant of God" Fr Solanus Casey: documentary on gentle American Capuchin friar and priest known during his lifetime as a wonderworker

Two Parish & Friends Social Evenings on

The Camino de Compostela

Fridays 20th & 27th Jan; 7 pm for 7.30 pm start



Friday 20-January: highly inspirational and entertaining movie about solo pilgrims walking *The Camino* (The Way of St James) - their encounters, struggles, and how they learn to love strangers, not only by sharing their food and drink, but also by sharing each other's hurts from life's trials

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME SPRING TERM

Day	Year Groups	PE CLUBS
Tuesday	Yr7, Y8	Rugby Training HMN FUY
Wednesday	Yr7, Yr8, Yr9, Yr10, Yr11 Yr7 Yr11	Rowing Club REE *Basketball Training/ skills session RCN HMN Football Training (ad hoc) AJN
Thursday	Yr8 Yr10 Yr11	KS3 Basketball team training REE KS4 Basketball team training RDY REE Fitness Suite HMN
Friday	Yr7, Yr8, Yr9,	*Youth Club RCN REE RDY HMN

Day	Year Groups	MUSIC CLUBS	Time	Room
Tuesday	KS3, KS4	Choir Mr Watson Miss Foot	2:35 - 3.15pm	Mu1
	Yr10 Musicians	Rock Band	2:35 - 3.15pm	Large Practice Room
	GCSE Music Students	GCSE Band Rehearsals Student Led	2:35 - 4.00pm	All Practice Rooms
Thursday	Students taking drum lessons only	Drum Practice	2:35 - 3:15pm	All Practice Rooms
TBC	All who play	Woodwind Band	TBC	Mu2

Day	Year Groups	DRAMA CLUB	Time	Room
Thursday	All welcome	Auditions and Play Rehearsals	2:40 - 3:40pm	Mu1

Day	Year Groups	ART CLUB	Time	Room
Wednesday	All welcome	Come and Create!	2:30 - 3:30pm	Ar2

Day	Year Groups	ENGLISH CLUB	Time	Room
2nd Friday of month	All welcome	Writing Club	2:30 - 3:30pm	En3
Last Friday of month	G & T	Book Club	2:30 - 3:30pm	En3


Day	Year Groups	STEM CLUB	Time	Room
Wednesday	All welcome	Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths	2:35 - 3:00pm	Sc1

More on next page!.....

Day	Year Groups	RE FILM CLUB	Time	Room
Wednesday	All welcome	New! Starts 21st September See Mr Shoebridge	2:30pm	RE1 


Day	Year Groups	CHESS CLUB	Time	Room
Thursday	All welcome	Come and make your move!	2:30 - 3:15pm	Sc1

Day	Year Groups	DEBATE CLUB	Time	Room
Tuesday	Yr7, Yr8, Yr9	Practice your debating skills	2:30 - 3:15pm	En4

Day	Year Groups	RE	Time	Room
Tuesday	All welcome	KS3 RE homework club SSE	2:30 - 3:15pm	RE1
	All welcome	GCSE catch up sessions JFE	2:30 - 3:15pm	RE2
	All welcome	Boy's Bible Club FOU	2:30 - 3:15pm	RE3 

Day	Year Groups	POETRY CLUB	Time	Room
Thursday	All welcome	The "GET DOWN" begins....!	2:35 - 3:30pm	En6 

Day	Year Groups	BBC SCHOOL REPORT	Time	Room
Thursday	All welcome	Become an ace reporter!	2:35 - 3:05pm	En7 

Day	Year Groups	STEP INTO DANCE	Time	Room
Thursday	Yr7, Yr8, Yr9	Create, perform, develop!	2:45 - 3:45pm	Iona Theatre 



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THE WEDNESDAY WORD

The Parish Version

Encountering Christ
Prayerfully preparing for the
Sunday Mass and praying in
particular for our school families



Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 29th January 2017 - The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Relax & Remember

Set aside 10 -15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross † and remain still for a minute of settling silence. **Call to mind the love that God has for you. Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present.** Then read the Gospel, preferably aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.



2 Read

Taken from the Gospel for Sunday 29th January 2011 - The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'



3 Reflect

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

In Matthew's Gospel these eight blessings stand at the head of the Sermon on the Mount, pointing out eight ways in which we can welcome God into our lives. They are ways of living out God's blessing. The first and the last knit them all together with the phrase 'theirs is the kingdom of heaven'. In his Gospel, Luke also begins his Sermon on the Plain with four such blessings – only his blessings focus more on those who are materially poor and in need, whereas Matthew's concentrate on the spiritual attitudes required of the Christian, 'poor in spirit, hunger and thirst for justice'. Jesus came to proclaim the kingship of his Father, and these are ways of living it. For each beatitude, do you know someone who exemplifies the attitude? Which is your own favourite? For most of them there are gospel incidents in which Jesus illustrates how to live out the beatitude, like the entry into Jerusalem on a donkey as the gentle king, or the love he shows in his welcome to sinners, or his bringing peace to those tortured by disease or contempt, or his purity of heart in his single-minded pre-occupation with his Father's will, or finally his acceptance of persecution for what he knew to be right.

Which of these qualities would you like to have more of? Which quality will bring you closest to Jesus?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

4 Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Then thank God for any insight you may have received. Conclude by asking God to bless you with one of the following spiritual gifts to help you act on any resolution you have made: love, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, self control, patience, or joy. Please remember to pray for the Church and particularly our school families. **Then conclude by requesting the prayers of Our Lady & St Joseph.**



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WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS †

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of Sunday 29th January 2017



First Reading: *Blessed by the Lord*

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

Before the Babylonian Exile, Israel tended to equate material prosperity with divine blessing: those who prospered did so because of the Lord's blessing; those who did not must in some way be blameworthy. The Exile put this philosophy in question, and the consequent puzzlement is visible in the Book of Job. These verses from the prophecy of Zephaniah show the new and more satisfying analysis: it is the humble of the Lord who will receive divine blessing, those who seek refuge in the Name or Power of the Lord and recognize their entire dependence on him. The nation of Israel was the plaything of the great powers on either side, dominated first by one, then by the other. Today's reading reflects the spirituality of the powerless Remnant, not giving themselves airs or trusting in their own strength. It is perfectly and consciously exemplified in the people we meet in the Lukan Infancy Narratives, where Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph, Simeon and Anna humbly obey the Law and await the salvation which is to come to them from the Lord. This spirit of humility was not the strong suit of the Corinthians to whom Paul writes in our second reading, but it is partly exemplified in the Beatitudes of the gospel reading.

What, then, is true Christian humility? Is it to say that I am no good at anything, or to recognize my talents and be grateful for them?

Second Reading: *Reversal of Values*

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

“ Christ is for us our wisdom,
our strength, our holiness
and our freedom. ”

The Corinthians seem to have been particularly pleased with themselves, so that Paul mercilessly lavishes his sarcasm on them. In their bravado and their complacency they were happy to rely on their own resources, and expected to be saved by them. Paul repeats to them the lesson of Zephaniah. The public reading of the letter must have embarrassed those at whom it was aimed, and the vigour of Paul's criticism was perhaps the reason why his relationships with this community continued stormy for some time. For us, however, the positive teaching is a treasure: Christ is for us our wisdom, our strength, our holiness and our freedom. Only through Christ can we achieve our ambitions and grow to full human maturity, by participating in the qualities of Christ. Once incorporated into Christ by baptism, we already share in his wisdom, holiness and strength, and even in his freedom, if only we rely on that and not on ourselves. Paul goes on to say that Christ is the Wisdom of God, a teaching which will be elaborated in the later epistles (possibly written not by Paul himself) to the Colossians and Ephesians.

Do I recognise in myself how easy it is to become conceited or part of a clique, excluding others?

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