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Message from the Head Teacher

Fred's Prayer for the Week

God of light and truth, there is so much we don't understand. Open our hearts and minds to learn the lessons you wish to teach us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen
Amen

God bless, Fred (Chaplain)

Planning for success!

Success is usually the result of planning – even if you win the lottery you have to buy a ticket first!

On Wednesday evening we had our Post-16 event where many local Sixth Form providers came to encourage our great students to join them. The number of families who came to this event was wonderful – apologies to those we could not find seats for. Our students are aspirational and this event further encourages them to plan for future success.

to one of our partner school's Headteacher, Mrs Doran-Hannon, who has given of her own time and expertise to help review my plans.

As the school becomes even more popular we have had to reflect on how students move around the school site. At times our "one-way-system" has been put under pressure so from Monday we are trialling a new system that has been explained to all students this week in Assemblies.



Mr N Fisher

As a school we constantly reflect and plan for further improvements. I am particularly grateful



Assistant Head Teacher Mr McGonnell speaking to students and parents at the start of the evening



Families in the Science Area meeting with the thirteen Sixth Form providers who were present

Lifelong Learning

As a passionate proponent of lifelong learning, I am always looking for something new that will move my professional and personal study forwards. A little over two years ago, I enrolled with Liverpool Hope University to embark on their CCRS course - the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies. This is perhaps an unusual choice for a maths teacher, but it is, of course, an excellent choice for any Catholic educator.

Through the study of modules such as 'New Testament', 'World Faiths', and 'Person of Christ', this course has enabled me to deepen my knowledge and understanding in Catholic faith and theology.

I am very proud to have received this qualification with distinction, and I thank Mr Fisher for providing me with the opportunity for continuous study.

Mrs Turner
Assistant Head Teacher



Science Club

Our first science club was a great success !

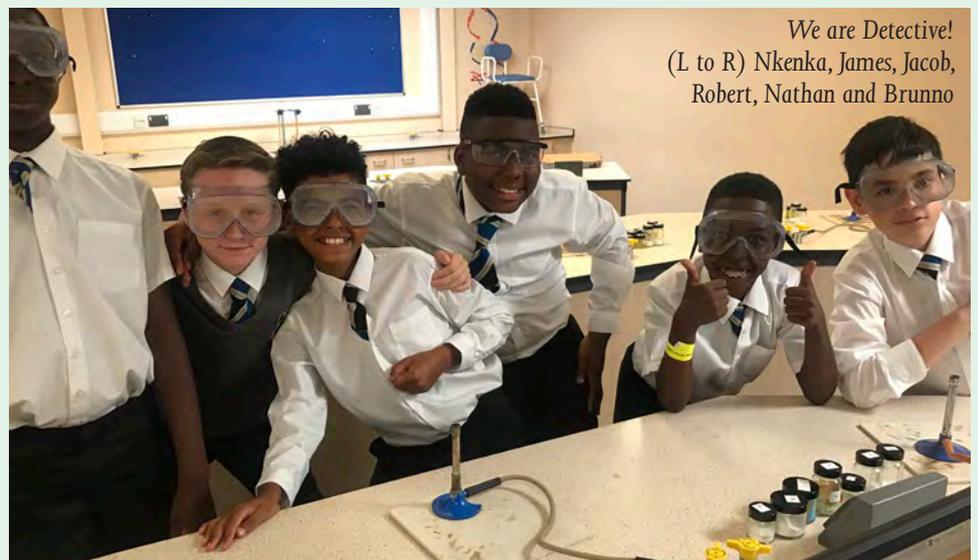
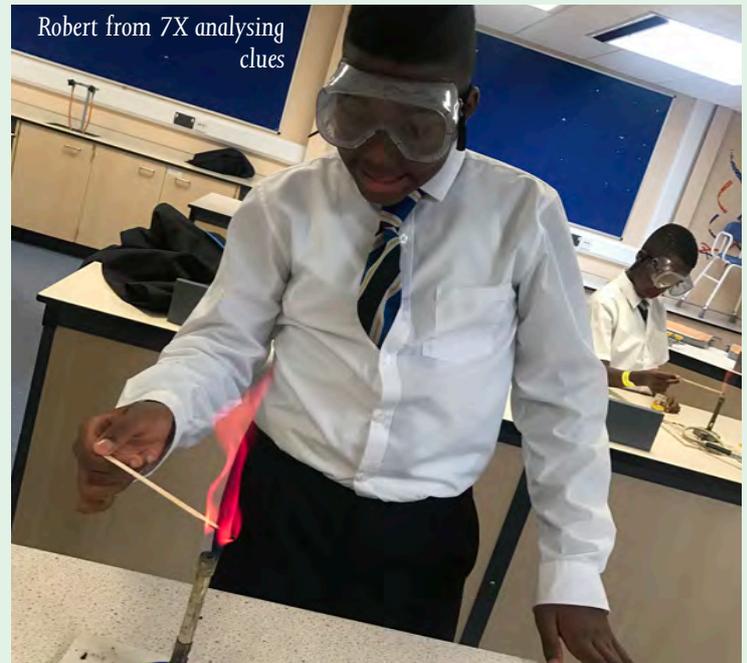
This week the boys were called in to the science club as detectives. They were given a briefing from the lead detective (myself), who informed them that a robbery had taken place. Although the criminal had managed to escape, they had left traces of unknown compounds at the crime scene.

The boys were instructed to carry out flame tests in order to identify these unknown compounds.

As a result of their hard work, we have discovered that the unknown traces were that of 'Copper' and 'Lithium'. This discovery has helped to uncover a number of new leads! Our investigation will continue in science club next week...



Miss Manning-Johnson
Science Teacher





menu three

week commencing
24.09.18



Monday

Steak pie with mashed potatoes and gravy
Cheese and potato pie
Seasonal vegetables

Chocolate brownie

Tuesday



Spicy beef madras with vegetable rice
Chicken Balti slices
Vegetable curry with rice
Seasonal vegetables

Apple pie

Wednesday



Beef Lasagne, garlic bread and salad
Grilled tomato and vegetable fusilli
Seasonal vegetables

Strawberry jam cake

Thursday

Baked chicken ratatouille with potatoes or rice
Vegetarian ratatouille with potatoes or rice

Seasonal vegetables

Chocolate chip muffin

Friday

Traditional fish and chips
Cajun chicken with potato wedges
Macaroni Cheese

Iced croissants

A selection of sandwiches and baguettes are available and
Breakfast Club open from 7:50am - 8:20am daily.

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OUR LADY'S FILM EVENINGS

Our next film evening will be on Wed 24th October when we will show the 1st of a 2-part movie on Pope Paul VI, the soon-to-be canonized leader in the Church as a priest, Bishop, Cardinal and Pope through one of the most difficult periods in the Church's history - from the Fascist regime and World War II to the terrorist attacks of the 1960s and 1970s. Second part (including a recap) on Wed 7th Nov. Watch either or both parts.

The film will be shown in St John Fisher Bexley Church Hall, admission free, sub-titles, bar open, charity stall, & members of AIC and SVP on hand. All welcome. Arrivals from 7 pm for 7:30 pm start.

Our Lady's Film group is pleased to show



BI Pope Paul VI

Weds 24th Oct & 7th Nov 2018; 7 pm for 7.30 pm starts; 2-part movie – watch either or both parts (part 2 will feature a recap)



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FREE ADMISSION

SUB-TITLES

NOTE EARLY START

LATECOMERS WELCOME



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Admission Free - All Welcome

2018

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

date	arrivals	film starts	film
Wed 24-Jan Christian Unity Octave	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	The Shroud of Turin & St Augustine of Hippo: definitive documentaries on The Shroud & on the preeminent doctor and great saint of the Church (as scholarly background to April & May's movie)
Wed 21-Feb	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	BI John Henry Newman: documentary on life and places in England where he lived and worked
Wed 21-Mar	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	BI Miguel Pro: movie on famous Jesuit executed in Mexico for the crime of being a Catholic Priest
Wed 25-Apr	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	St Augustine of Hippo (part 1): movie on a great doctor of the Church - watch either or both parts
Wed 9-May	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	St Augustine of Hippo (part 2): movie on a great doctor of Church - will feature a recap of part 1
Wed 13-Jun	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	BI Francis Xavier Seelos & St Kateri Tekakwitha: documentaries on the Redemptorist missionary and the Native American Christian Mohawk Indian
Wed 18-Jul	6:45 PM	7:00 PM	St Joan of Arc: movie on the heroine of France NOTE EARLY START BUT LATECOMERS WELCOME
No film evening during August			
Wed 12-Sep	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	St Vincent de Paul: movie on advisor to French royalty & one of greatest humanitarians in history
Wed 24-Oct	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	BI Pope Paul VI (part 1): movie on life of pope from 1963 to 1978 - watch either or both parts
Wed 7-Nov	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	BI Pope Paul VI (part 2): movie on life of pope from 1963 to 1978 - will feature a recap of part 1
Wed 5-Dec	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	St Dominic: movie on life of the selfless founder of Order of Preachers aka the Dominican Order

LIFT SHARE

Do you know of anyone who would like to come to these events, but needs a lift? Are you in a position to give a lift to others?

If so, please contact Helen, our Lift Share Coordinator on 07532-124040

helenmrees2@live.co.uk

HELP WANTED

Could you: serve as a deputy when Tim is unavailable; replace Tim at the end of this year's programme; or arrive early to help set up the film evenings food & books?

If so, please contact Tim via timjpbowman@gmail.com

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

Day	Year Groups	ART CLUB	Time	Room
Wednesday	All welcome	Come and Create!	2:30 - 3:30pm	Ar2
Day	Year Groups	BBC SCHOOL REPORT CLUB	Time	Room
Thursday	All welcome	Creating the News! Mr Dennis, Miss Cox	2:30 - 3:15pm	Ar2
Day	Year Groups	DEBATING CLUB	Time	Room
Thursday	Yr9, Yr10	Practice debating skills Miss Ransome	2:30 - 3:15pm	En4
Day	Year Groups	ENGLISH CLUB	Time	Room
Thursday	All welcome	Writing Club Ms Keevey	2:30 - 3:15pm	En3
Last Friday of month	G & T	Book Club	2:30 - 3:30pm	En3
Day	Year Groups	HISTORY	Time	Room
Tuesday	Open to all GCSE History students	History Skills Master Class RLS	2:30 - 3pm	Hi1
Day	Year Groups	IT	Time	Room
Wednesday	KS4	Computer Science Club Mr Williams	2:30 - 3:30pm	IT1
Thursday	KS3	Computer Science Club Mr Williams	2:30 - 3:30pm	IT1
Day	Year Groups	MUSIC CLUBS	Time	Room
Wednesday	Yr 7-10	Guitar Club Mr King	2:35 - 3:35pm	Music Office
	Yr 7-8	Keyboard Club Mr Watson	2:35 - 3:35pm	Mu2
Thursday	All years	Choir Boys Mr Watson	2:35 - 3:05pm	Mu1
	Yr 7-9	Drum Club Mr Watson	3 - 4pm	All Practice Rooms
Friday	KS3	Music Tech Club Mr Watson &	2:35 - 4:30pm	Mu2
	All years book with Mr Watson	Band Practice Mr King	2:35 - 4:30pm	All Practice Rooms
	Yr 7-9 Yr 8-9	Mix Clubs Music Technology	2:30 - 3pm 2:35 - 3pm	

Day	Year Groups	PE CLUBS
Monday	Yr 7, Yr 8, Yr 9	Indoor Tennis Mr Creighton
Tuesday	Yr 7, Yr 8, Yr 9	Rugby Training - Field Team managers 2:45 - 3:45pm
Wednesday	All years	Basketball - Sports Hall WVO 2:45 - 3:45pm
Thursday	Yr7, Yr8	Fitness - Fitness Suite REE 2:45 - 3:45pm
Friday	All years	Youth Club - Sports Hall RCN 2:45 - 3:45pm

Day	Year Groups	RE	Time	Room
Tuesday	All welcome	KS3 RE homework club Mr Shoebridge	2:30 - 3:30pm	RE1
	All welcome	Boy's Bible Club Mr Olowofoyeku	2:30 - 3:20pm	RE3
Wednesday	New members welcome any time	RE Film Club Mr Shoebridge	2:30 - 3:40pm	RE1
Thursday	Yr 9, Yr 10	KS4 GCSE Homework and Revision Club Mr Shoebridge Mr Barry Mr Olowofoyeku	2:30 - 3:15pm	RE1 RE2 RE3
	Yr 9 (from now until Christmas) Yr 8 Christmas to Easter	After School Enterprise Club (business and enterprise) Mr Barry	After School	RE2
Friday	Yr 11	GCSE Catch Up Sessions (Those who missed various topics in Y10 but not specifically targeted) Mr Barry	After School	RE2



W 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 23rd September 2018 - The Twenty Fifth 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 23rd September 2018 (Mark 9:30-37): The Second Prophecy of the Passion

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, "The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again." But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all." He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, "Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."



3 Reflect

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

Mark gives us three formal prophecies of the Passion, of which this is the second. He uses the triple number frequently to stress the importance and sureness of an event. So Peter denies Jesus three times, and Pilate three times asserts Jesus' innocence. Jesus is shown to be fully aware of the fate that awaits him: he goes into it with his eyes open, and accepts his Father's will; he is, moreover, aware that his Father will not desert him, but will vindicate him by the Resurrection. Again the disciples fail to understand the message: while Jesus had been giving them the message of triumph only through suffering and humiliation, they had been thinking about who would be the greatest. So Jesus sets before them a child as the model. In what way is a child a model? Like adults, children can be selfish and they can be devious and scheming from an early age. However, children are probably more aware than adults that they cannot totally control a situation and trustingly accept that they are dependent on others. The final words that Jesus speaks in today's Gospel suggests that it is this quality of dependence that Jesus proposes: like little children we should be dependent on the will of the Father.

Why does Jesus put forward a child as a role model for us?

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 23rd September 2018



First Reading: *The Good Man Taunted*

The Book of Wisdom 2:12.17-20

The godless say to themselves, "Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true; let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it."

This is one of the few readings we hear on Sundays taken from the Book of Wisdom. This book was written probably at Alexandria, and was written in Greek, so is not included in the Protestant canon of scripture, which includes only the books written in Hebrew. A major theme of the book is the contrast between divine Wisdom and folly. It also includes a wonderful poem to God's Wisdom, by which he created the world, 'the reflection of the eternal light, and the image of his goodness'. In today's reading we are presented with the taunts which those who refuse divine Wisdom make against those who embrace Wisdom. It is remarkable that in Matthew's gospel the taunts of the chief priests, scribes and elders against Jesus as he hangs on the cross use these very same words. This use of scripture is typical of Matthew's irony, and shows just how wrong those taunting Jesus were. The reading, therefore, both prepares us for the prophecy of the passion in the first part of today's gospel reading, and contrasts the boasts of the godless with the wisdom of simplicity represented by the child in the second part of the gospel.

What do we mean when we describe someone as "virtuous"?

Second Reading: *Peace and Prayer*

James 3:16 - 4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly; you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The reading from the Letter of James begins by contrasting quarrelling and ambition, and their evil effects, with the true wisdom which brings peace. Then it goes on to some stern words about prayer which is not answered, 'because you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires'. Is it wrong, then, to ask God for what we want? What about 'Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find'? The problem of unanswered prayers of petition is a difficult one. We do not really believe that we can change God's mind and intentions by praying. Nevertheless, we express to God our needs and desires, although we are well aware that he knows them already. This is what a child does to a loving father, 'Please, please!' We even link arms with our mother, Mary, or even our brother and Saviour, Jesus, to increase the persuasive power. But every prayer of petition, just as a child's prayer to a loving father, contains the hidden text that the Father knows best. The child or the praying Christian can want something desperately, but, for true prayer, the child or Christian submits in obedience to the Father; only in this way is our prayer an expression of trust and affection.

What is the point of petitionary prayer (prayers of request)?

“True prayer submits in obedience to the Father.”

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