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Message from the Head Teacher

Happy New Year!

The wonderful thing about a new year is that it brings yet another opportunity to improve. Not everyone would necessarily agree about what happiness is, but most would agree that our happiness is something we can influence. I'm reasonably sure I would find some happiness if I won the lottery (It's a risk I'm willing to take...) but I would increase the chance of winning by actually buying a lottery ticket.

I have reminded students in assembly this week that there is little to be gained worrying about the past but there is much to gain by deciding to improve the future. If you want to be successful, and therefore happy, you have to put the effort in. Great musicians are great because they continue to practice and even high ability students have to revise for exams.

Have you discussed your son's Attitude to Learning Grades from last term? If they were not straight "1"'s does he understand why? Were there any "3"'s or "4"'s? If your son has the right attitude to learning he will achieve his

very best... and it will be a Happy New Year!

Next week is the first of our Parents' Evenings for Yr 11 students on Thursday 17 January 2019 from 3:00pm onwards. Attendance can help you to understand more clearly how your son is doing and what he can do to help his chances of success. We have extremely high levels of attendance, usually well over 90% for each year group, I am grateful for the high numbers of Yr 11 students who have already booked their places. Have you ensured that your son has arranged appointments with his teachers? We are keen to work closely with you to give your son the best possible chance of success.

Shortly after the Yr 11s have had their Parents' Evening, Yr 10 students will be given their sheets to fix appointments so please do note the list of dates and check that your son is making arrangements to meet with all his teachers.

Mr N Fisher



Fred's Prayer for the Week

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our heart by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, through Christ our Lord.
Amen

God bless, Fred (Chaplain)

Parents' Evenings 2019 All start from 3:00pm

Yr 11
Thursday 17 January '19

Yr 10
Thursday 31 January '19

Yr 9
Thursday 14 February '19

Yr 8
Thursday 7 March '19

Yr 7
Thursday 21 March '19



menu four

week commencing
14.01.19



Monday

Lincolnshire sausage, mashed potatoes,
Yorkshire pudding and onion gravy

Vegetarian sausage, mashed potatoes, Yorkshire
pudding and onion gravy

Seasonal vegetables

Apple cake

Tuesday



Moroccan chicken,
filled flat breads and salad

Chickpea and lentil cous cous

Seasonal vegetables

Steamed syrup pudding

Wednesday

Healthy Beef stew with herb scones
and mashed potatoes

Grilled cheese and vegetable quesadilla

Seasonal vegetables

Banana cake

Thursday

Peppered chicken pasta bake

Beef and onion pasties and potatoes

Chicken and pepperoni 'paella'

Seasonal vegetables

Friday

Plain sponge with chocolate topping

Traditional fish and chips

Sweet chilli chicken wraps and potato wedges

Vegetarian grilled ciabatta

Iced croissants

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

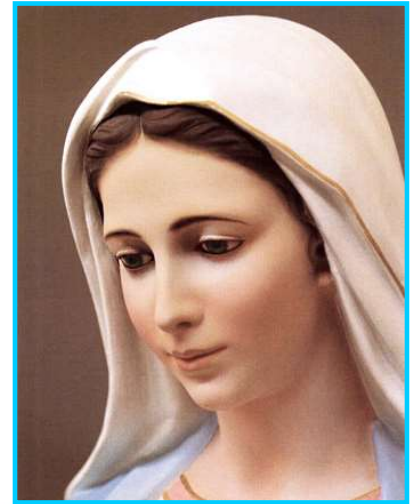
Film & Camino Evenings

at

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Admission Free - All Welcome

2019

dates

7:00 PM
arrivals

7:30 PM
start times

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

Wed 23-Jan
Christian
Unity Octave



St Thomas Becket: Recently appointed, Thomas the new Archbishop of Canterbury takes his duties seriously and his devotion to God soon brings him into direct conflict with the State and his lifelong friend, Henry II, King of England, leading to his assassination & martyrdom in 1170.

Sat 2-Feb

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St Ignatius of Loyola & Camino Ignaciano (part 1): illustrated *presentation* by Tim Bowman on the life of St Ignatius, the founder of the Jesuits, in the context of the Camino Ignaciano and his own walking pilgrimage from Bayonne in France to Ignatius' cave at Manresa near Barcelona, Spain.

Sat 23-Feb



St Ignatius of Loyola (part 2): movie on St Ignatius. As a brash, hot-headed soldier in a time of political upheaval in Spain in the 1500's, the young Ignatius went from a life of brutal violence and debauchery, to become one of the greatest saints in the history of the Catholic Church.

Wed 13-Mar

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St Philip Neri (part 1): movie on the famous "Third Apostle of Rome" and leader of youth in the 16th century. One of the most popular saints of all time, known for his great charity, deep prayer life, and tremendous humour and founder of the religious congregation, the Oratory.

Wed 20-Mar

St Philip Neri (part 2): featuring recap of part 1.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

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

Day	Year Groups	BBC SCHOOL REPORT CLUB	Time	Room
Thursday	Yr 7	Creating the News! Miss Cox	2:30 - 3:15pm	En6

Day	Year Groups	DEBATING CLUB	Time	Room
Thursday	KS3	Practice debating skills Miss Ransome	2:30 - 3:15pm	En4

Day	Year Groups	DRAMA CLUB	Time	Room
Wednesday	All year groups - just turn up!	Express yourself! Ms Bridgland	2:30 - 3:15pm	Iona Theatre



Day	Year Groups	ENGLISH	Time	Room
Thursday	KS3	Writing Club Mr Dennis	2:30 - 3:15pm	En3

Day	Year Groups	HISTORY	Time	Room
Tuesday	Open to all GCSE History students	History Skills Master Class Mrs Loveday-Jones	2:30 - 3pm	Hi1

Day	Year Groups	COMPUTER SCIENCE	Time	Room
Wednesday	KS3	Computer Science Club Mr Bowden	2:30 - 3:30pm	CS2
Thursday	KS4	Computer Science Club Mr Williams	2:30 - 3:30pm	CS1

Day	Year Groups	MUSIC CLUBS	Time	Room
Thursday	All years	Choir Boys Mr Watson	2:30 - 3:05pm	Mu2
	Yr 7-8	Keyboard Club Mr Watson	3:05 - 3:35pm	Mu3 / Keyboard Room
Friday	KS3	Keyboard Club Mr Watson	2:30 - 3:15pm	Mu3 / Keyboard Room
	Yr 8-9	Music Tech Club	2:30 - 3:45pm	Mu1

Day	Year Groups	PE CLUBS
Tuesday	Yr 7, Yr 8, Yr 9	Rugby Training - Field Mr Eldridge, Fred Umney 2:45 - 3:45pm
Wednesday	All years	Basketball - Sports Hall Mr Virgo 2:45 - 3:45pm
Thursday	Yr 10	Football - Mr Eldridge 2:45 - 3:45pm
Friday	All years	Youth Club - Sports Hall Mr Creighton 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	Film Club Mr Shoebridge Mr Egan	2:30 - 3:40pm	RE1 
Thursday	Yr 9, Yr 10	KS4 GCSE Homework and Revision Club Mr Shoebridge Mr Olowofoyeku	2:30 - 3:15pm	RE1 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

Day	Year Groups	SCIENCE	Time	Room
Wednesday	Yr 7	Science Club Miss Manning-Johnson	2:45 - 3:45pm	SC7



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



Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 20th January 2019 - The Second 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 20th January 2019 - The Wedding-Feast at Cana (John 2:1-11)

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." Jesus said, "Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water," and they filled them to the brim. "Draw some out now," he told them, "and take it to the steward." They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, "People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now." This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.



3 Reflect

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

Year C is the year of Luke's gospel, but we start with this reading from John which recounts the symbolic beginning of Jesus' ministry. It is full of riches. After the first reading from Isaiah it is impossible not to see this 'sign' (as John calls it) as a sign of that final wedding-feast of God and his people. Furthermore, in Jewish thought, water represents the Law: in an arid land water is the sign of life and is precious – just so, the Law of God is precious and gives life. Jesus transforms this water of the Law into the wine of the New Covenant – and in such generous quantities: over one hundred gallons of wine! Then there is Mary's part: Jesus says his Hour has not yet come (and the reader knows that the Hour of Jesus will be the moment of his exaltation at the Cross and Resurrection), but Mary's confident plea is a reminder to us of the power of her intercession. She will be mentioned no more in this gospel till she is present at the Cross, sharing the passion of her Son and joined to the Beloved Disciple to form the first Christian community.

Why did Jesus choose to do this as his first miracle?

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 20th January 2019



First Reading: *The Wedding-Feast of the Lord*

Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent; about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

The marriage relationship is perhaps the most intimate of the personal relationships we know, designed to become ever deeper and more absorbing. Even the relationship of mother to child cannot equal it. So in the Bible the relationship of the Lord to his people is likened to the relationship in marriage. But, like many human marriage relationships, it went through bad patches. Israel was so persistently unfaithful to the Lord that eventually it seemed that the Lord abandoned her to those with whom she had 'prostituted' herself. This could not be permanent; Israel could not go on being called 'Abandoned' and 'Forsaken'; the past would be forgotten. After the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, Isaiah prophesies the final wedding in terms of the unalloyed joy of a freshly wedded couple. So in the gospels, Jesus uses the figure of the final wedding-feast, and the image of himself as the bridegroom in the joy of the festival. The Lord always gives us another chance, an unalloyed welcome to his feast.

What does it mean to liken our relationship with God to the relationship between a couple in marriage?

Second Reading: *Gifts of the Spirit*

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

At the beginning of each year the Church gives us some six Sundays of readings from Paul's first letter to that troubled community, the Corinthians. Corinth was a thriving port-town of southern Greece, with a very varied community, rich and poor, academics and dockers. There were no clear human leaders in the Church community, and reliance on the Spirit for guidance in the problems of living as Christians did not always seem to provide a solution. The readings on these three Sundays show Paul trying to help. Yes, the Spirit is at work in the community in many different ways. There are many different gifts, all necessary for this varied community. The trouble seems to have been that each person valued their own contribution so much that the gifts of others seemed insignificant. Paul's stress on the variety of ways in which the Spirit works to build up a community gives us the occasion to reflect on the variety of gifts which the Spirit has poured out on our own Christian community, and on every individual member of it. I can rejoice in gifts which God has given to me, but only if simultaneously I think of all the gifts which others have and I lack.

What gifts do we need in a Christian community for its full flourishing under God? How do we help all in the community realise the diversity of gifts?

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