



# Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 10 November

2017

Our Prayer theme next week is **Vigilance**

As we come towards the last few weeks of the Church year, the Gospel message is encouraging a sense of urgency to make sure that we are doing the right thing. The right thing is listening and being ready for the Lord's call. We know what God expects of us - but sometimes we put off behaving the right way for another time. However, we must be vigilant because we don't know at what point the Lord is going to call on us. Are you ready for the call to the Lord's feast? If not, when will you be?



**Lord, make us ever-ready for your call. Let us put into action the mission you have given to each and every one of us - to be your followers. Amen.**

## ITALY TRIP REPORT

After an early get up, the anticipation for the up-and-coming four days was unbearable. Having gone through security and boarded the plane, we realised we weren't dreaming even though it was around six in the morning. We arrived in Italy and boarded the coach; some regretting not bringing sun glasses as it was very warm. We arrived at the olive grove and were taken through the process of making extra virgin olive oil, helping us understand the impact of climate on the types of crop that can be grown. To top it off we were able to sample some of the produce made in the farm's restaurant in a three course meal, including fresh mozzarella and of course, pizza! After a full day of traveling, touring and eating we reached the hotel and were able to rest our weary legs and get some sleep before an exciting day ahead of us going to see a volcano. Even though it was extremely cloudy and the views masked, there was a sense of awe as we climbed to the top of Mount Vesuvius as one of the 15 most dangerous volcanoes in the world. After a tour and a walk we made our way to Pompeii and embarked on our adventure around the excavated city which was once covered in 25ft of ash. Our tour guide Alessandro gave us the experience of a life time as we explored the ancient gymnasiums, amphitheatre and houses, learning about the history of the city and the events of the 24th October 79AD. In the evening, a quiz organised by none other than Dennis brought out the competitive edge in some and, of course, Mr Bagnoli's team won. The next day a bus tour around the Amalfi coast was to come and many a picture opportunity to be had. The beautiful views and towns moulded into the landscape were spectacular and nothing like any of us had seen before! After a boat ride and a bit of free time in two of the town centres, we made our way back to the hostel for the final night, which included an evening walk into Sorrento's main piazza. The last day in Italy had arrived and we made a final trip into the centre of Sorrento for a bit of free time, stretching our legs before the coach ride to the airport. Overall the trip was an experience to cherish and one never to be forgotten.

## FOOTBALL NEWS – YEAR 11 BOYS

The Year 11 football team ended the half term with a fantastic win over Corpus Christi CHS. As this was the final league game of the season and both teams had not lost, there was a great deal of hype about the game before kick-off. Consequently, the first half was a very cagey affair with both teams playing well and creating chances but neither took the lead. It was 0-0 at half time. However, the team were playing well and they were told as much during the interval. It was great to see that they came out the stronger team in the second half and took the lead through a very composed finish from David Marley. Our Lady's added to their lead through a tremendous individual goal from Nathan Noblet. At 2-0, Our Lady's never looked like they were going to concede and nearly added a third goal. However the game finished 2-0 which meant they finished top of their half of the league. Another league final!! Well done!

### **FOOTBALL NEWS – YEAR 8 BOYS**

The Year 8 football team were one game away from playing in the league final. They played Archbishop Temple on Monday the 6th of November. Our Lady's started well and in the first few minutes Yasin Rezaei had a fantastic opportunity to make it 1-0 but unfortunately he missed the target. After that, both teams had chances but Archbishop started to build momentum and were countering very quickly. The team found it hard to track their opposite number and conceded 3 goals in a very short amount of time. Despite playing some really good football, they just couldn't find the net. Billy Griffiths hit the post and other chances were missed. At half time the score was 4-0 to Archbishop. The team were quite dejected at half time but again they played some great football in the second half and could have scored at least two goals. Unfortunately Archbishop scored two more towards the end of the game. The better team won on the day but there were a lot of positives to be taken from the game!

### **VOLUNTEERING SUCCESS**

Congratulations to Nathan Noblet who recently won the Preston Volunteer Award 2017 and is now nominated for the Lancashire Finals in November. Nathan volunteers at Sir Tom Finney Football Academy and recently was invited to be amongst a group of people who met Prince Harry when he visited the Football Academy on Monday, 23 October. Good luck in the Lancashire Finals Nathan!

### **ANIMAL CARE SPONSORED WALK**

A huge congratulations to all the pupils who took part in the Animal Care Sponsored Walk last half term. They were walking to raise money for the ongoing costs associated with keeping animals in school. 31 OLCHS pupils took part - alongside 8 parents, 7 siblings, 5 staff members and 9 dogs! The walk was 10km - starting at UCLan Sports Arena and finishing at The Pavillion Café at Avenham Park. The group raised a total of £1,126.00 between them - well done!

### **NHS CAREERS**

There is an event on Friday, 20 April for pupils who are considering a career in the NHS. This will take place at Royal Preston Hospital in the Health Academy Centre 1, from 3.00 pm until 7.00 pm. For more information please contact [Brittany.Mollart@lthtr.nhs.uk](mailto:Brittany.Mollart@lthtr.nhs.uk)

### **LEYLAND TRUCKS APPRENTICESHIPS**

Further information is available for any pupils who may be interested in an apprenticeship with Leyland Trucks. Please follow this link:

<https://www.lancashirebusinessview.co.uk/leyland-trucks-prestons-college-train-24-apprentices-99119/>

### **COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS**

Newman College – Thursday, 23 November 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm.

Myerscough College - Saturday 11 November, 9.45am to 12.30pm

#### **Dates to remember**

Thursday, 16 November – GCSE Certificate Evening

Friday, 17 November – Year 8-11 Certificate Presentation Morning, school closes at 12.45 pm

Thursday, 23 November – Year 11 Parent/Carers' Evening 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm

Tuesday, 5 December – CAFOD Advent Service, St Anthony's church at 7.00 pm

Thursday, 14 December - Christmas Lunch

Thursday, 21 December – School closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm

Monday, 8 January – School opens

Thursday, 11 January – Year 10 Parent/Carers' evening from 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm

Thursday, 25 January - Year 8 Parent/Carers' evening from 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm

Friday, 9 February – School closes for half-term

Monday, 19 February – INSET day

Tuesday, 20 February – School opens

Thursday, 1 March - Year 9 Parent/Carers' evening from 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm

Thursday, 15 March - Year 7 Parent/Carers' evening from 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm