



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 2 March 2018

Our Prayer theme next week is **Doing the right thing**

Lent is something that can inspire all of us, regardless of our faith. It is a time of reflection - to look at where our lives are at; a time of redemption - to forgive others and to look for forgiveness for our own wrongdoings; a time of giving - because by giving we receive untold rewards. In short, Lent is a time to remind ourselves to always do the right thing, no matter what. The Gospel this week shows us another side of Jesus - the upset, confrontational Jesus. Upset because people are breaking the commandments in the Temple (they are **not** doing the right thing). He makes things right in a very dramatic way (doing good by any means) but the reality is this: we should always do the right thing, no matter what the cost to ourselves. Be inspired to do the right thing this Lent.



Lord, we turn to you this Lent for the example of how to always do the right thing. Help us to follow and keep the commandments which give us a way to live full and good lives and remind us that sometimes we must make sacrifices to do good for others. Amen

REFUGEE WEEK

June 2018 marks an important milestone for refugee week: 20 years of celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees. This 20 year anniversary will be the theme of Refugee Week 2018 at Our Lady's and we will be inviting students to take part with a choice of 20 ways to stand with refugees and make new and stronger community connections. We have started our planning of this event and in doing so invited our CAFOD student representatives to a preview of the film 'The Human Flow' at Kendal Arts Centre. Over 65 million people around the world have been forced from their homes to escape famine, climate change and war in the greatest human displacement since World War II. Human Flow gives a powerful visual expression to this massive human migration. The documentary elucidates both the staggering scale of the refugee crisis and its profoundly personal human impact. Captured over the course of an eventful year in 23 countries, the film follows a chain of urgent human stories that stretch across the globe in countries including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, France, Greece, Germany, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Mexico and Turkey. Human Flow is a witness to its subjects and their desperate search for safety, shelter and justice: from teeming refugee camps to perilous ocean crossings to barbed-wire borders; from dislocation and disillusionment to courage, endurance and adaptation; from the haunting of lives left behind to the unknown potential of the future. Human Flow comes at a crucial time when tolerance, compassion and trust are needed more than ever. The film left the audience with one question that will define this century; will our global society emerge from fear, isolation and self-interest and choose a path of openness, freedom, and respect for humanity? We at Our Lady's Catholic High School are hoping that through education and understanding, the latter will be the legacy of this century and our students will be a part of the community driving this vision forward.

ARTSMARK PLATINUM AWARD

Our Lady's has achieved the Artsmark Platinum Award, the highest accolade from the Arts Council England, which recognises outstanding levels of creativity across our whole school curriculum. Such was the strength of our application, that Artsmark requested we represent them on a national level. Please follow the link below and enjoy reading this uplifting article about life at Our Lady's, as featured in The Guardian.

<https://www.theguardian.com/artsmark-award/2018/feb/21/school-should-more-than-merely-passing-exams-win-artsmark-platinum-award>

YEAR 11 INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Please note that instrumental lessons for all Year 11 pupils will finish at the Easter break. We are very proud of our pupils' commitment to school life and wish them every continued success in developing their musicianship.

JEREMIAH HORROCKS SPRING LECTURE

The Jeremiah Horrocks Spring Lecture by Dr Robin Catchpole, Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge will take place on Tuesday, 15 May at 6.30 pm in the Darwin Lecture Theatre at UCLAN, Preston. The title of the lecture is 'Comets, Asteroids and Impacts. Should we worry and what can we do?' For more information and to book a place please see:

<https://jhi-springlecture2018.eventbrite.co.uk>

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NETBALL NEWS

The Year 9A team began the league in impressive style winning both of their opening matches. They beat Broughton 6-4 and St. Cecilia's 6-2. A great start to the season girls, well done. The team consisted of Amalia Vlachopoulos, Molly Macuras, Emma Clayton, Emma Murray, Tessa Feeney, Janna Ellbany and Saara Chikh.

BASKETBALL NEWS

Congratulations to the Year 7 Basketball team! They took part in a Preston District tournament at St Cecilia's on Thursday, 22 February. They finished top of their group, level on points with Archbishop Temple. However, ABT scored more baskets in the group games and as a result, they progressed to the final. Hard luck, but very well played boys!

LANCASHIRE APPRENTICESHIP EXPO

This annual event will take place at Preston Guild Hall on Tuesday 13 March from 12 noon until 7.00 pm and gives pupils access to some of the county's top employers all in one place. The event is ideal for school leavers looking for an apprenticeship, giving pupils the chance to speak directly to employers about potential vacancies in their organisation. Pupils will have the opportunity to:

- See if the employer is currently hiring
- Learn how to apply for a role within their organisation
- Ask questions about the industry and sector
- Find out more about Apprenticeship opportunities

ST BERNARD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – FASHION SHOW

Fashion Show and Pop up Show at Lea Social Club, 872 Blackpool Road, Lea from 7.00 pm on Friday 23 March. Clothing is available to try on and buy and is ex-high street fashion at 50% off or more with brands including M&S, Wallis, New Look, Oasis, Topshop and Next. Tickets are £5 in advance or £6 on the night and there will be a charity raffle. For tickets and more information please contact Mrs Mac at St Bernard's – 01772 728153 or bursar@st-bernards.lancs.sch.uk

Dates to remember

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

Thursday, 29 March – School closes for Easter holidays – 12.45 pm

Monday, 16 April – School opens

Tuesday, 1 May – Year 7 Normandy Trip

Monday, 7 May – School closed for May Day

Friday, 25 May – School closes for half-term at 3.30 pm



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