



# Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 7 December 2018

Our prayer theme next week: **Mission**

This is now the second week of Advent and we now focus on love. This week our prayer theme is mission. In our Gospel reading we hear about John the Baptist. It says:

“A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.”

John was fulfilling his mission by preparing people for Jesus coming. How are we preparing for the coming of Jesus this Christmas? What is our mission?

**Lord, help us to love like you love us. Help us to know and understand our mission and our value in the world. Help us to find our purpose and live it with love.**

**Amen.**

## **CHEESE AND WINE EVENING**

Thank to those families who supported our Cheese and Wine event. We had a lovely evening and managed to raise £137 which was donated to the Rosemere Cancer Unit. Our donation will go directly towards the appeal for funds to refurbish the Rosemere Ward at Royal Preston Hospital.

## **ART NEWS – OLCHS ARTISTS AT LOCAL GALLERY**

Two of our Year 11 OLCHS artists have been selected to represent the school as part of the Harris Open Exhibition. Connor Fitzgerald has submitted his 3-dimensional sculpture “The Ocean fights back” and Molly Swindell has submitted her sequinned “Merman”. Please, if you have the time and are in the town centre, go along to the exhibition to support our pupils and to enjoy the annual celebration of local artistic talent. The exhibition features work from both amateur and professional artists.

The opening for the exhibition’s Public Preview is: Friday, 7 December from 5.30pm with doors opening at 6pm. All exhibitors, family and friends are welcome. The exhibition dates are: 8 December – 20 January 2019 and admission is FREE!

## **Harris Museum and Gallery opening times:**

Usual opening hours:

- Monday 11am-5pm
- Tuesday to Saturday 10am-5pm
- Sunday 11am-4pm

*The Gallery may be closed over the festive period – please check the Harris Museum website for details.*

## **MOBILE COMMUNICATION DEVICES**

Please bear in mind our practice with regard to communication devices when considering Christmas gifts for your child. Any device which can be used to receive or send any form of communication must not be switched on and must be kept in bags during the school day. This includes iWatches. The process below will be followed when confiscating mobile communication devices:

- The Finance Office will text parents to inform them of the confiscation, log the confiscation in the file and deposit the device in the strong room until it is collected.
- Devices will be returned to either:
  - the pupil on the following day after 3.30 pm at reception, upon receipt of a signed note from a parent/carer;
  - in person to a parent/carer who calls into reception after 3.30 pm on the day of confiscation.

### **YEAR 7 TAKE A BREAK**

An update on the Year 7 social media initiative:

As part of the Advent Amnesty there will be a session for parents on Online and Social Media Safety. This will be in the Training Centre on Wednesday, 12 December from 4.30-6.00 pm. This is open to all Year 7 parents/carers.

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Christmas lunch will take place on Thursday, 13 December. The price is £2.30 and includes roast turkey, mashed Potatoes, roast potatoes, pigs in blankets, stuffing balls, sprouts, carrots and swede, roasted parsnips and gravy. There is the option to add a desert of chocolate sponge and custard, Christmas fruit loaf or mince pie and cream and the price would be £3.00. There will be a vegetarian option available and it is possible to add a drink for 45p extra at the point of sale. On the day the pasta bar will be closed but the deli bar and kiosk will be open as usual.

### **ANIMAL CARE SPONSORED WALK**

On Saturday, 10 November 25 pupils, 8 parents, 4 dogs and 6 members of our staff walked 10km together from UCLan Sports Arena to Avenham Park, raising £496.50 between them! This money will be used to help continue to fund the Animal Care provision. Well done to all involved.

### **YEAR 9 RUGBY**

The team travelled to Preston Grasshoppers for their second round of games in the Preston Schools' Rugby Competition. Unfortunately, there was only Ashton CSC that were present on the day and therefore the team played a single extended game against them. Ashton began quickly and scored two quick tries after finding space on the wings after our backs had been pulled into a ruck. Our Lady's began to play some good Rugby after a while, with Leo Fletcher and Mikko Robinson trying very hard to outwit their opponents with some good changes of direction. Excellent tackling from Keegan Fowler and Max Whalley prevented Ashton from extending their lead but we could not quite force ourselves over their try line to create a score. Ashton scored a third try in the second half and the game finished 15-0 to Ashton.

### **FOOTBALL MATCH REPORT**

Unfortunately, the Year 10 football team were knocked out of the English Schools' competition. They travelled to Alder Grange High School in Rossendale on Thursday, 29 November. It was a very even game throughout with Our Lady's starting the better of the two teams. They had more possession and played good football. They created some chances but they were only half chances and did not punish the home side. This allowed the home team to get into the game and their captain produced two fantastic strikes to make it 2-0 at half time. The second half continued in this fashion, Our Lady's started the better of the two teams and restricted the home side in many ways. They managed to pull a goal back through Joseph Collins but it was too little, too late. The game finished 2-1 to the home side. The team must now focus their attention on the Preston Cup later in the year where they hope to emulate last year's magnificent achievement.

#### **Dates to remember**

Thursday, 13 December – Christmas Lunch

Friday, 21 December – school closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm

Monday, 7 January 2019 – school opens

Thursday, 17 January – Year 10 Parent/Carers' evening

Thursday, 31 January - Year 8 Parent/Carers' evening

Friday, 15 February 2019 – school closes for half-term

Tuesday, 26 February 2018 – school opens

Thursday, 7 March - Year 9 Parent/Carers' evening

Thursday, 21 March - Year 7 Parent/Carers' evening