



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 5 April 2019

Our prayer theme next week: 5th Sunday of Lent

In this week's Gospel, we hear the account of the woman caught in adultery, a group of men ready to stone her to death. We then hear the famous line: "Let him who is without sin throw the first stone."
None of us are perfect, but God's mercy makes us worthy of His love, we just need to accept it.

Prayer: Lord, help us to go and sin no more, just as you asked the woman in the Gospel. Help us to know your love for us, help us to share it with others so that we do not judge, but only treat others with compassion and kindness.

Amen.

MESSAGE FROM MR RANSON

Easter recognizes the resurrection of Jesus. This most important Christian festival, despite the great suffering, is the one celebrated with the greatest joy. Without Easter there would be no Christianity. Without Jesus' suffering, his execution and subsequent resurrection there would be no Christianity. It is through this selfless action that salvation is given to all of humankind.

As we look at our country and our world we must ask, 'are we really working together as one in the way that God planned for us'? If our family, our school, our city, our country falls short of God's plan for 'One World', then it must be for each of us to take responsibility, heal division and bring people together in a spirit of love and kinship across all races, cultures and peoples.

Have a blessed and holy Easter season.

DANCE COMPETITION

On Friday 29 March, 19 pupils took part in a dance competition at Ashton Community Science College where the theme this year was diversity. The pupils had worked in 3 groups choreographing and rehearsing their own dances to a high standard. I am pleased to say our Year 7 group came third in the competition and received a medal each. Pupils involved were;

A Thousand Years

Lucia Williams, Katie Preece, Amy Peacock, Aimee Martin, Abi Bennett, Georgia Fitzer, Molly McMurray and Ellie Wright.

Medley

Evie Coupe, Aimee Froggatt, Grace Wignall, Paige Dixon, Roksana Komander and Isaac Craig.

Medley

Tessa Feeney, Hannah Walker, Amalia Vlachopoulos and Emma Murray.

200 CLUB WINNERS - MARCH 2019 DRAW

Number	Name	Amount
15	E Howarth	£30.00
126	Mr K Siekanski	£30.00
157	D & C Smithson	£30.00

TEACHER TRAINING AFTERNOON TEA EVENT

Do you have (or are soon to be awarded) a degree? Are you interested in a career in teaching (primary or secondary or post 16)? If you can answer yes to both of these questions then the Catholic Teaching Alliance invites you to attend a free, no obligation, information event in the Training Centre at Our Lady's Catholic High School.

- Date: Friday 3 May
- Time: 2.30pm – 4.00pm.

If you are interested, we would encourage you to come in and have a chat with us about the exciting opportunities available for teacher training in your local Catholic schools. Please contact our ITT director Mr Adrian Gormally on CTAschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk or 01772 326931 to book your place.

CHILD EMPLOYMENT

Please could all parents be advised that no child under 13 years of age is allowed to work. Pupils over that age can only work under certain conditions which are checked by LCC. If any pupil is thinking of working parents should read the information on the LCC website about child employment by following the link

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/keeping-children-safe/children-in-employment-and-entertainment/child-employment/> Or contact the department by email childlicensing@lancashire.gov.uk or telephone 01772-531799

FOOTBALL NEWS

The Year 10 football team progress to the next round of the Preston Cup. They played Eden Boys' on Monday, the 1 April. It was a comfortable game for the team who dominated possession throughout and played some great football in parts. Our Lady's took the lead early on, but the visitors pulled one back through a misunderstanding between the Our Lady's players. Our Lady's created numerous chances but missed wildly on many occasions. When they did hit the target, they were met with fine saves from the Eden goalkeeper. They did manage to score another and it remained 2-1 for the majority of the game. Our Lady's, however, sealed the win with a counter attack in the last minute of the game to make the final result 3-1. They will play either Fulwood Academy or Archbishop Temple High School in the next round.

Unfortunately, the Year 7 football team lost in the first round of the Preston Cup against Archbishop Temple High School on Thursday, 29 March. Despite going a goal behind, Our Lady's were the better team in the first half and worked tirelessly as a team. They were winning 3-1 at half time and were ecstatic. Unfortunately, their opponents came out strongly in the second half and scored within five minutes of the restart. It was an edgy second half with both sides creating chances but it was Archbishop Temple who scored the next goal to level the game. Either team looked like they could go on to win the game but with five minutes to go, Archbishop Temple were awarded a dubious penalty. They scored to make it 4-3. It was a cruel blow which flattened the team. A further two goals were scored in quick succession to make it 6-3 to Archbishop Temple. Despite a late wonder goal from Leighton Hewitt, Our Lady's suffered their first Cup exit. The game finished 6-4 which was very difficult to take considering the amount of positives within the game. Without question, they are a very talented and hardworking squad who are looking forward to the challenge of 11 a-side football next year.

Dates to remember

Tuesday, 23 April – School opens for the Summer Term

Wednesday, 1 May – Year 7 Normandy Trip

Monday, 6 May – School closed for May Day

Friday, 24 May – School closes for half-term at 3.30 pm

Monday, 3 June – School opens

Tuesday, 16 July – Whole School Mass

Friday, 19 July – School closes for the end of term

Tuesday, 3 September – School opens for Year 7 pupils

Wednesday, 4 September – school opens for all pupils