



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 6 December 2019

The Prayer Theme for next week is PREPARE THE WAY (Matthew 3: 1-12)

Monday, 9 December, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord... (Matthew 3:3, Isaiah 40)

John the Baptist lived in the wilderness. The people went to him, to hear the Word of God and to be baptised, as Isaiah had foretold. John told the people to get ready for someone far greater than himself. '...the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals.' Thankfully, we don't need to trek into the wilderness. We can hear the word of God right here, in this place. Let us prepare ourselves!

Dear Lord

Help us, as a community, to listen and respond to the message of God; to love, to bring hope and joy, to give our hearts. In this way, we can prepare ourselves for the one who is to come.

Amen

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Christmas lunch will take place on Thursday, 12 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 dessert 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 that day the pasta bar will be closed but the deli bar and kiosk will be open as usual.

UNDER 14 BADMINTON

The under 14 boys' badminton team travelled to Archbishop Temple School on Wednesday, 27 November for the final of the Preston district competition with the winner going on to represent the district in the county finals in December. Unfortunately, Our Lady's came away as runners-up after a valiant performance from all 4 boys. Second place within the district is a fantastic result for the school. Members of the team included Tiarnan Hayes, Luke Smith, Reuben Gibbs and Luca McDonald-Romero.

YEAR 9 RUGBY

Monday, 25 November saw the second round of games for the Year 9 rugby team at Preston Grasshoppers. The team played two very competitive games against Ashton Community Science College and Archbishop Temple School. The first game against Ashton was very physical with excellent rucking and counter rucking by both teams. Ashton were the more effective team at breaking through our defences and won the game 5 tries to 2. The second game against Archbishop Temple was much closer with both teams scoring 4 tries until in the dying minutes an Archbishop player bumbled his way over the line to snatch victory with nothing left on the clock. The team were disappointed to lose but are looking forward to their third round of games in another 3 weeks.

UNDER 14 BASKETBALL

The under 14 basketball team travelled to Garstang Academy on Wednesday, 27 November for their second game of their Lancashire Cup campaign. They knew they would be in for a tough match as Garstang have a strong setup with their school running the local club, Garstang Giants out of their sports hall. Injury and illness had reduced numbers in the Our Lady's team however they had made some excellent progress from their previous game. The end result was 47-15 to Garstang but the team was very proud of their performance.

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL

This week saw the start of the Preston Schools' Year 7 league which takes place at Corpus Christi over 3 consecutive weeks. Our Lady's fielded 2 teams and were confident in their abilities after beating Priory Technology College convincingly in previous weeks. Both teams played 3 games each and ended the evening with good results. The A team won 2 games and drew 1, while the B team won 1 drew 1 and lost 1. The players are already looking forward to their next round of games.

TRAINING 2000 OPEN DAYS

Training 2000 are holding two open days in February 2020 for Year 11 pupils. There will be tours of their state-of-the-art facilities and the opportunity to speak to industry professionals about your future plans.

Wednesday, 5 February 4.00 pm - 8.00 pm

Thursday, 6 February 4.00 pm – 8.00 pm

For more information call 01254 54659 or email info@t2000.co.uk

ASPIRING ENGINEERS CLUB

Training 2000 are running an Aspiring Engineers Club, for Year 10 and 11 pupils, starting in February 2020. You could learn turning, milling, fitting, CNC machining, fabrication and welding and electrical engineering

To find out more and book your place call 01254 54659 or email info@t2000.co.uk

Dates to remember

Thursday, 12 December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday, 19 December – School closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm

Monday, 6 January – School opens for the Spring Term

Friday, 14 February – School closes for half term

Monday, 24 February – INSET day pupils at home

Tuesday, 25 February – school opens

Friday, 3 April – School closes for the Easter holidays at 12.45 pm

Monday, 20 April – school opens for the Summer Term