



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 20 March 2020

The theme for next week is Healing. (John 9: The Healing of the Blind Man)

The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being.
Pope John Paul II

God doesn't choose the obvious people to be His followers. If we are looking for a leader, we might choose the most educated, the best speaker or even the best looking! We tend to look at appearances, but God only looks at the heart. The blind man in the Gospel is homeless and downbeat but Jesus chooses him. The blind man now sees the light both physically and spiritually. In our baptism we have been chosen by God and healed by His love. We only need to know it, even if we don't understand it! "I only know I was blind and now I can see". You may think that you are an unlikely choice, but in your healing, you have been chosen for greatness.

Dear Lord

You invite all who are burdened to come to You.

Allow your healing hand to heal me.

**Touch my soul with Your compassion for others,
that I may serve You with all my strength.**

Amen.

And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently. And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal. And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

(Kitty O'Meara)

COVID 19

Please check our website for useful information. We are uploading any updates that we receive on a regular basis.

COFFEE MORNING – FAITH IN ACTION AWARDS

Well done to our Year 7 pupils who did a fantastic job helping at North Preston Evangelical Church this week. The church community run a coffee morning every week for elderly people who visit from the local care homes. The pupils are part of our Faith in Action Award Scheme in school and are working towards their Bronze Award focusing on love and service. Other pupils from the group will visit the church on a rota basis over the coming weeks.

POSTPONMENT OF SPORTING FIXTURES

We are sorry to have to confirm that all sporting tournaments and events between district schools and beyond have had to be suspended due to the current COVID 19 virus. We will consider the situation again after Easter. We are of course very sad that this is necessary but hope that parents and pupils understand that there is a greater need in place to which we must all respond as positively as possible.

TABLE TENNIS SUCCESS

The group of Year 8 and 11 boys competed in the second round of fixtures a held, once again, at Eden Boys' School on Monday, 16 March. They played matches against Christ the King and Eden Boys' and once again, managed to win them all. Congratulations go to the following pupils: Max Hodson, Harry Wignall, Max Botes, Jeegar Udani, Leighton Hewitt, Will Murray, Ben Walker and Charlie Kay.