



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 26 March 2021

The theme after the Easter Break is Faith. (JOHN 20: 24 – 29) 'Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe' (John 20:29)

Thomas only doubted the risen Jesus because he was not with the other disciples when Jesus appeared to them. He was not willing to simply go along with the crowd. He wanted to believe in Jesus for himself. In order to believe, he needed to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and we need that too. So, what can we do? We should pray about faith and ask God to fill us with His Spirit so we may believe, without seeing. Think about faith as something that is active and alive, that we can nurture in the way we live, through our actions, words and prayer. We may doubt, but if we care about what we believe in, we will, in time, come to know God.

**Dear God,
Create in me a pure heart and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Help me to know your Word and to grow in faith each day.
Thank You that nothing can separate me from the love of God.
Amen.**

MESSAGE FROM MR RANSON

I have felt very proud of our school community during this academic year but especially through the lockdown and re-opening months of this spring term. I believe that the way in which we have worked together has placed our pupils in as strong a position as we could have hoped for in terms of continuity of education and wellness of mind. Some pupils and families have of course struggled, and we have tried hard to support them. We all very much look forward to the time when we may return to our full extracurricular provision, no longer wear face coverings and no longer need our one-way system. The great positive is that we have all of our pupils back in school and we are able to teach and learn and care for our pupils and for each other.

Pope Francis speaks of love on many occasions and Easter time reminds us of the greatest sacrifice of all when Jesus gave his life for us on the cross. In his encyclical, *Amoris Laetitia* he tells us:

Here hope comes most fully into its own, for it embraces the certainty of life after death. Each person, with all his or her failings, is called to the fullness of life in heaven. There, fully transformed by Christ's resurrection, every weakness, darkness and infirmity will pass away. There the person's true being will shine forth in all its goodness and beauty. This realisation helps us, amid the aggravations of this present life, to see each person from a supernatural perspective, in the light of hope, and await the fullness that he or she will receive in the heavenly kingdom, even if it is not yet visible.

Let hope shine eternal and have a very happy and blessed Easter

EX-PUPIL IN NORTHERN IRELAND NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM SELECTION

Dion Charles (Our Lady's 2007-2012) has achieved another of his career targets by being selected for the Northern Ireland national football team ahead of World Cup 2022 qualifying games, playing against Italy and Bulgaria this week. Dion is currently playing professional football with Accrington Stanley who are in League 1 of the EFL. He is currently having his most prolific season scoring 18 in 39 games for Accrington and is thrilled to be called up to the full national squad for the first time having represented at under-21 level previously. Dion shone at every level of school football, often scoring large numbers of goals in many games and going on to represent the Preston Schools' district team on many occasions. We wish Dion the best of luck with the national team.

EASTER CAKE COMPETITION

Over the Easter holidays if you want to, google a recipe and have a go at making a Mona de Pasqua. You can decorate it with chocolate eggs or in the traditional way. Click on the link below to find out about the Mona de

Pasqua cake. To enter the competition send a photo of your creation to Mrs Crossley, ecr@olchs.lancs.sch.uk
Prizes are available. Below are some photos for inspiration.

https://www.barcelona.cat/culturapopular/en/noticia/entwenty-things-you-didnt-know-about-the-mona-de-pasqua_491374



ST ANTHONY'S CAR PARK

We have received a message from St Anthony's that unfortunately yesterday there was a 'near miss' on the carpark and the parent and child involved were extremely shaken. Please would all parents remember that this is not a thoroughfare or a drop of point for Our Lady's pupils. Thank you for your support.

SCIENCE NEWS

A volcano in Iceland has erupted after lying dormant for around 800 years. The news says the fissure is about 500-700 metres long (1,640-2,300ft) at Fagradalsfjall on Reykjanes peninsula. The last eruption there was some 800 years ago. Click below to find out more:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-56465393>

We are stewards of our planet and as such are responsible for looking after all of God's creatures. Unfortunately, we are damaging their habitats and hunting them. The ivory trade, loss of vital habitat and a deeper understanding of elephant biology have all combined to reveal a previously underestimated threat to Africa's elephants. Click below to find out more about the danger currently faced by our largest land mammal.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-56510593>

CARTESIAN DIVER

This week's practical from home investigates the compressibility of liquids and gasses and the effect of pressure and density.

Dates to remember

Monday, 12 April - School opens for the Summer term
Monday, 3 May – May Day school closed
Friday, 28 May – School closes for half-term at 3.30 pm
Monday, 7 June – School opens
Friday, 16 July – School closes for summer at 12.45 pm