



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 2 July 2021

Our theme next week is: In Weakness I am Strong. When I am weak that I am strong. (CORINTHIANS 12:10)

St Paul has many afflictions in his life. He is frustrated by them and probably angry. However, Paul's weaknesses are not a problem for God. Paul soon realises that his human limitations force him to be more realistic about himself and more trusting in God. He does the best he can with what he has, and with God's grace Paul does amazing things! It is when we accept that our weaknesses are in fact our strengths, that we are liberated from them, and we can use them to help others.

Dear Lord

When I see my weakness, help me to trust you. May I, like Paul, embrace my weakness so that you can be my strength. May you work through my weakness to change me. May I look away from myself and to the wonders of your amazing love.

Amen.

COVID INFORMATION

Please find attached with this Newsletter two information items related to Covid. One from the Director of Public Health, Dr Sakthi Karunanithi and the other an isolation checklist.

REMINDER - MONDAY, 5 JULY – YEAR 8 AND 9 PUPILS

Following the recent government update regarding Covid restrictions and due to the increase in numbers of positive cases in Preston, the Year 6 Induction Day on Monday, 5 July has been cancelled. Newsletter 31 informed parents that pupils in Years 8 and 9 would remain home on that day. This is no longer the case, and all pupils should be present in school on that day.

SCIENCE IN THE NEWS

Looking to the future could you avoid the rush hour traffic with this, a prototype flying car. It has completed a 35-minute flight between international airports in Nitra and Bratislava, Slovakia.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-57651843>

Chinese researchers have unveiled an ancient skull that could belong to a completely new species of human. We have all seen the adverts for tracking your family tree online, but this takes it to another level and could be a common ancestor to thousands of people.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-57432104>

PRACTICALS FROM HOME

Try this yourself using biology (proteins) and chemistry (neutralisation between the calcium carbonate and acidic vinegar) and then challenge a friend or family member to have a go. Watch them struggle to squash an egg whole into a bottle.

AMENDED SCHOOL HOLIDAY PATTERN

As the additional Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee is during the May half-term holiday schools have been granted an additional day's leave to be taken during the next academic year. Please find attached an amended Term Dates information document for 2021-2022 and see that school will close on **Thursday, 16 December at 12.45 pm.**

Dates to remember

Thursday, 8 July – Sports Day

Friday, 16 July – School closes for summer at 12.45 pm

Thursday, 2 September – Year 7 and 11 pupils return to school

Friday, 3 September – all pupils return to school

Friday, 8 October – INSET day

Friday, 22 October – School closes for half-term

Thursday, 16 December – School closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm