



Our Lady's Catholic High School



Thursday, 7 April 2022

The theme for next week is Believing without seeing. (John 20: 19-29)

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe. (John 20:29)

The risen Christ appears before the Disciples and their desperation turns to joy. They have a new-found gift. The gift of the Holy Spirit. Thomas is not there. He missed the meeting. He does not see the wounds of Christ and he is doubtful about their story. However, Thomas is brave enough to admit that he doesn't believe. Christ appears again, for his sake, and Thomas immediately believes and proclaims his faith. But what about us? We have not seen Jesus Christ in real life. Can we believe *without seeing*? *'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe'* is the teaching of the Gospel. Rest assured that the Spirit of God is with us. We are called to accept this truth – without seeing. This is the meaning of faith.

Dear Lord

We pray for faith, that although we cannot see you in person, we can believe. Thank you for giving us your Holy Spirit, that we may be changed by your love.

Amen



EASTER MESSAGE FROM MR RANSON

For my Easter message I am drawn to the Vatican News website and a lovely reflection therein:

We need to remember Easter in our Good Fridays: Easter reminds us that every Good Friday in our lives will have an Easter Sunday, and that Jesus will let us share the power of his Resurrection. Each time we display our love of others, we share in the Resurrection. Each time we face a betrayal of trust and, with God's grace, forgive the betrayer, we share in the Resurrection of Jesus. Each time we fail in our attempts to ward off temptations – but keep on trying to overcome them – we share in the Resurrection. Each time we continue to hope – even when our hope seems unanswered – we share in the power of Jesus' Resurrection. In short, the message of Easter is that nothing can destroy us – not pain, sin, rejection, betrayal or death – because Christ has conquered all these, and we, too, can conquer them if we put our Faith and trust in Him.

This message is a very important statement of hope and belief, especially in the very uncertain times faced by us all but particularly by those in poverty in our country and those in conflict zones are round the world. We ask our Lord to help us keep faith with them.

I wish for you all a very happy and blessed Easter

TABLE TENNIS NEWS

Over the past two weeks, an Under 13 and an Under 16 girls' table tennis team have been competing in a Preston Schools tournament at Broughton High School. Despite not having much experience in table tennis, the Under 13 team did amazingly well winning most of their matches to finish second overall behind Broughton A team. The Under 16 team also performed well but came up against some tough opposition. However, they never gave up and had some very closely contested matches. They finished a very respectable fourth in their league. Congratulations goes to Meera Patel, Charlotte Potts, Isabelle Potts, Charlotte Walker, Millie Lonergan, Nikita Fraser, Beth Moir, Mariyah Mal and Lucy Brown.

FOOTBALL NEWS

The **Year 8** football team faced Archbishop Temple in the quarter final of the Preston District Cup competition on Thursday, 31 March. Our Lady's had previously beaten the opponents in their league fixture at the start of the year and were going into the tie with a lot of confidence following their comprehensive win in the last round against Corpus Christi Catholic High School. However, the game didn't start the way the team anticipated. It was even and quite scrappy. The long grass and heavy surface presented difficult conditions for fluent passing; players from both teams were losing control of the ball and taking too many touches. Our Lady's gradually became more dominant, and the pressure eventually resulted in a goal being scored just before the half time whistle. 1-0 at the break. However, the visitors pulled a goal back early in the second half through a great free kick. The game became quite open with both teams driving forward where possible, but the quality of Our Lady's centre forwards proved too much for the visitors. Lee Reed slotted an accurate shot past the keeper and in the last few minutes, Joshua Barritt added another to make the final score 3-1 to Our Lady's. They now proceed to the semi-final where they will face the winner of Broughton vs Fulwood.

The **Year 11** football team faced Broughton in the quarter final of the Preston District Cup competition on Wednesday 30th March. The game started in quite good spirits, and it was evident that both teams knew each other very well. It was also very even, with both teams struggling to maintain possession and create clear cut chances. Our Lady's took the lead through a bullet header from Reuben Gibbs. A huge roar from players and fans followed. However, this seemed to wake the visitors up who scored two goals in quick succession to make it 1-2 at half-time. The second half was unique. Broughton scored an early goal to make it 1-3 before Ethan Dalton produced a tidy finish from a superb cross from Luke Smith. 2-3 with 10 minutes to go. Then, a coming together between two players saw Jack Dickinson go down injured. The game was stopped and eventually abandoned whilst Jack was treated. Players were sent home. Nevertheless, it was agreed that the remaining 10 minutes could be played on Friday, 1 April at Ashton High School with the winners playing Eden Boys immediately after. Ethan Fox scored a goal to make the tie level at 3-3. The comeback looked like it was going to happen when Dominic Richmond nearly took it round the Broughton goalkeeper, but he managed to claw it from his path. The tie was to be decided by penalties and unfortunately Broughton were clinical, only missing one. The Broughton goalkeeper was the man of the match, saving two penalties to win the game for the opposition.

SCIENCE IN THE NEWS

If you can tell your science teacher the answers to the questions you can earn a point.

By 2030 new gas boilers will no longer be sold. One replacement solution for heating and hot water is a heat pump. Read the article and find out a bit more about different types of test pump

Question 1: What power rating of heat pump will be required for the average home in the UK?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-57159056>

Podcast

Butterflies have evolved over millions of years and the colours on their wings have a number of purposes. Listen to the podcast to find out about them and how one butterfly's transparent wing is interesting scientists looking at human eye implants.

Question 2: What does the colour red on a butterfly's wing signify to predators?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0bfzt00>

Video

Every year we throw away millions of tons of electronic waste such as old computers, mobile phones, televisions etc. Watch the video to see how the Royal Mint is recovering some precious metals from this waste.

Question 3: Which metal is currently being recovered from electronic waste?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-60796417>



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Home Research

Ammonia (NH₃) is an important raw material in the manufacture of fertilisers, but how is it made? Have a look at the link below to find out and then answer the following question.

Question 4: What is the name of the process that is used today to manufacture ammonia?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z234tyc/revision/1>

SECONDARY TEACHER TRAINING INFORMATION EVENT

Have you thought about becoming a teacher?

Where: Our Lady's Catholic High School, St Anthony's Drive, Fulwood, Preston PR2 3SQ

When: Friday, 6 May 2022 (2.30-4.00pm)

- Do you have a degree?
- Are you looking for a change of career?
- Are you working as a Teaching Assistant in a secondary school?
- Are you interested in secondary school teaching (ages 11-16)?

If so, then the Catholic Teaching Alliance invites you to attend this **free, face-to-face, no obligation, information event**.

Book your place by email or phone - CTAschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk or **01772 326931**



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Dates to remember

Monday, 25 April – school opens

Monday, 2 May – School closed for May Day

Friday, 27 May – School closes for half-term

Monday, 6 June – School opens

Thursday, 21 July – School closes for the Summer Holidays at 12.45 pm