

# Chaplaincy Bulletin – Issue 21

Living and learning together as a Catholic community in Christ:  
religion, reason and kindness are at the heart of our ethos through  
Education.



- 🏰 **Ash Wednesday services** – all students received Ashes in preparation for Lent on March the first
- 🏰 **Lenten Reconciliation services** – these services are now completed and every student in the college has now had the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation from one of our local priests to prepare them well for the rest of Lent and for Easter.
- 🏰 **Friday Morning Mass** – As always, Mass is celebrated at 8am in our chapel every Friday morning. Masses were led by 10KN, 11S, 11A, 9JA and 8HU
- 🏰 **Wednesday Word** – As in previous years, the Wednesday Word publication will be distributed to all year seven pupils. We feel that this is an excellent way to connect School, parish and home. Please see the RE department if you would like to see a copy of this.
- 🏰 **Good Samaritan Mass** – We have been invited by Archbishop Peter Smith to the second ‘Good Samaritan’ Mass, which relates to a new initiative of the Diocesan Education Commission and the Catholic Children’s Society. It is the intention to gather pupils and staff from Catholic Secondary Schools across the Diocese together on Tuesday 25th April at 11am at St. George’s Cathedral. The RE department will accompany some students to represent our college at this Mass.
- 🏰 **CAFOD Lenten Fast Day** – We raised £126.83 at lunchtime on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March for this worthy charity.
- 🏰 **£510 was raised for The Mercy International Association** by selling wristbands in support of ending human trafficking.
- 🏰 **Year 8 Retreat** – From Wednesday 7th of June to Friday 9th June, 30 year 8 students will have the opportunity to travel to St. Vincent’s Centre, Whitstable for a residential retreat. The students are given an opportunity to take time out from the routine pressures of everyday life to reflect on themselves, their relationship with others and their relationship with God. The programme includes large and small group work, discussion, prayer, liturgy, communal games, social time and outings to the seaside and bowling.

## Lenten reconciliation services

Every Lent we are encouraged to receive the sacrament of reconciliation and so at St. Michael's we ensure that every single student has that opportunity.

Every Thursday in Lent we have between 5-6 priests in the hall for our reconciliation services. We feel that this is a perfect opportunity to experience God as our merciful Father and receive his forgiveness. Feedback from both students and clergy was very positive.

In the picture below are from left to right-**Sister Catherine from Dockhead Convent, Father Chris from Precious Blood parish, Father John from Vauxhall, Canon Cooley from La Salette parish, Father Victor from Adler Street parish and Father Keith from Poplar parish in East London.**

We have also been supported by **Father Graham from St Peter's and the Guardian Angels, Father Gerard from Vauxhall parish, Father Francis from St Gertrude's, Father John Weatherhill from Archbishop's House and Father Nicholas from St Dominic's Haverstock Hill** and some of the **Fathers from the Franciscan Friars of the renewal in East London.**

We are very grateful for their support over the last 6 weeks.



All students have had the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation as part of their preparation for Easter. Students have also been given the opportunity of receiving a blessing or sharing a prayer.

Students also have the opportunity to go to the college Chapel to pray and reflect on what they have confessed and to find some more quiet time and space with God. Sister Catherine from Dockhead Convent has kindly come into college on each Thursday to sit in the chapel with the students.