

Chaplaincy Bulletin – Issue 6



CAFOD – As part of the year 12 general RE session, the students were invited to sign a petition that was being sent to the Prime Minister and other world leaders. In his recent letter, *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis calls on all of us to care for the world's poorest people, for future generations and for the earth, our common home. Inspired by his words, we join with Catholics worldwide, as part of the Global Catholic Climate Movement, and call on our Prime Minister and on other world leaders to take urgent action to prevent climate change pushing people deeper into poverty. St. Michael's College was the very first school to sign this petition.

26 year 8 students met with Cleo and Michael from CAFOD and learnt about the topic of Climate change. The session started with lots of information and then with a board game similar to snakes and ladders. The group split in to five teams and have been sent away to create a fun informative video on Climate change. This exciting film project for schools called Close-up on Climate runs until July 24th 2015. Two videos have been created so far.

 **Morning Prayer** – Cleo has sent out an end of summer term PowerPoint that can be used in tutor time for morning prayer. Please let her know how these are received and if there is anything else she can do to support you.

 **Friday Mass** – The voluntary Mass will continue in September and is at 8am every Friday. Tutors and their tutor groups will once again be asked to occasionally help with the Mass and we will start with Year 10 in the autumn term and work our way down to year 7. Many thanks for your continued support with this.

 **Oxfam** – Cleo and the RE. Dept. are putting together a proposal for the Global citizenship project with OXFAM. We hope to begin this in September.

 **Assemblies** – College will be closing at 1pm on Friday 17th July after the end of year assemblies. These will run as follows...

Period one – Year 10

Period Two – Year 8

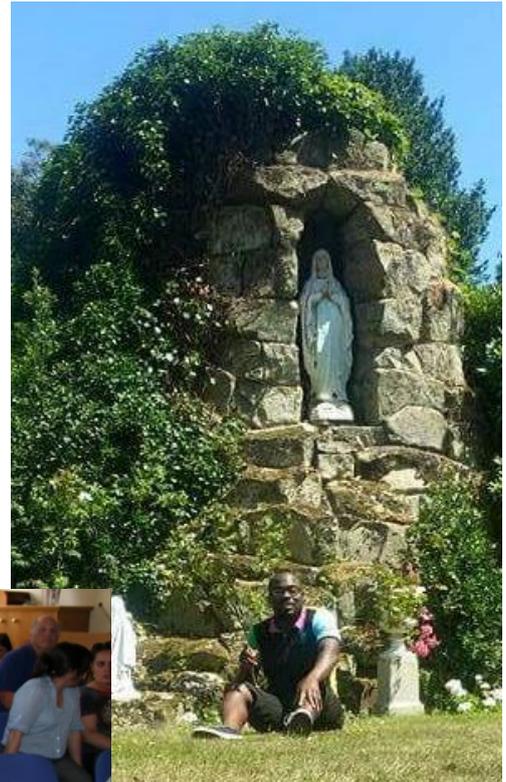
Period Three – Year 7

Period 4a – Year 9

 **Website** – The college website is being updated and as always, there will be a section on spirituality. This will also include an archive of Chaplaincy Bulletins and current news items connected to the spiritual life of our college. Please check regularly for updates.

Annual Staff retreat - Domus Mariae Conference centre - Chigwell

This year our annual staff retreat took part at the Domus Mariae Centre in Chigwell and was led by Sr. Judith Russi. This was an amazing opportunity for some inspiring input and the chance to let those words sink in whilst enjoying the beautiful surroundings.



Staff reflections...

"It was great that Sr. Judith involved staff in the talks. She was very entertaining as well as inspiring. The journey was not too long and it was a lovely setting. I was very satisfied."

"Even as a non-Catholic, I felt that Sr. Judith's words were relevant and felt enlightened. I felt very supported by what she had to say and it was lovely to have some reflection/alone time. The retreat was fantastic"

"Sr. Judith was fabulous, funny and approachable. I liked that the day was peaceful and the location was beautiful. I can't think of anything that would have made it any better."

"I thoroughly enjoyed the staff retreat and felt re-energised and inspired. I felt that this day was very inclusive and was very encouraged by Sr. Judith's words."