







## Chaplaincy Bulletin – Issue 30

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



**February 14 – March 31, 2018**

-  **Lent 2018** began on Ash Wednesday (during half term) and is a time of solemn preparation as we recall Jesus 40 days and nights in the wilderness and his death and resurrection. Many Catholics decide to give up something for Lent as a sign of their devotion to the Lord. The Church recommends that we spend time fasting, in prayer and by giving alms-charity work for others.
-  **Lenten Reconciliation Services** — Every Lent we are encouraged to receive the sacrament of reconciliation and so at St. Michael's we ensure that every student has that opportunity. Every Thursday in Lent we have between 6-8 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. Year 11 were the first year group to have their reconciliation service on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February and were followed by year 7 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February.
-  **CAFOD Family Fast Day**- this was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. Students were encouraged to contribute to the two lunchtime collections and we raised £215 which will be sent to CAFOD in their relentless task of trying to help some of the world's poorest and neediest people.
-  **Friday Morning Mass** — As always, Mass is celebrated at 8am in our chapel every Friday morning. Last week's Mass was led by 9GR and this week is the turn of 10CA.
-  **House activities**-There was a Battle of the Ancients History Debate on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February, which was attended by nearly 200 hundred students. Representatives from each house debated the strengths of some of the great empires the world has known. There was also a chess competition which took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February.
-  **Planned House activities**- include house assemblies with the Head of House (week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> February) Mazzarello House have their charity week between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of March. There is a Science rock competition planned for the 16<sup>th</sup> of March.

## **BOSCO CHARITY WEEK**

During Bosco charity week £305.35 was raised by students of St John Bosco some of which (class 7DA) took part in a sponsored silence for a day, during which they communicated via a whiteboard all day, and some others participated in “splat the teacher” and how many sweets in the jar.



## **HOUSE DEBATE**

Congratulations to all the participants in this year’s inaugural History debate. The standard was very high Special praise for Adrian Aninakwa (Savio) raising interesting points about cultural diffusion in Rome, Mattia Rastelli (Rua) for his robust criticism of the other teams whilst representing Greece, Kachi Anyamele (Vicuna) for his bold attempt to spin Ancient Egypt as a pioneering platform for 20th century feminism, Dante Reed (Mazzarello) for considering important issues regarding the Ottoman Empire’s contribution to inclusive societies and Tasnim Ince (Bosco) whose detailed consideration of Aztec culture and criticism of Eurocentrism helped to push Bosco to victory.

## **INTER HOUSE CHESS COMPETITION 22<sup>ND</sup> February 2018**

