

## Chaplaincy Bulletin – Issue 18

Living and learning together as a Catholic community in Christ:

religion, reason and kindness are at the heart of our ethos through education.



- Advent wreath Advent is the period of time before Christmas where for 4 Sundays in a row we light a candle on our wreath. In St. Michael's we have our own advent wreath that we will light daily in assembly and pray for the needs our community, our world and our own needs this advent.
- Advent Crib we have our crib up in a prominent position in our foyer area. The figures are all new and this is a lovely way to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas.
- Year 8- CJM A number of musicians along with the year 8 choir worked with Jo Boyce and Andrew Moss from CJM music for a full day which culminated in the whole of year 8 celebrating mass together in the Most Holy Trinity Church, Dockhead. Students contributed to the Mass through readings, music and the offertory. Live music was also included. (see back for pictures)
- Mercy Day A number of our students were invited to The Sisters of Mercy convent in Bermondsey to participate and celebrate in a special day to acknowledge the conclusion of the year of Mercy. The sisters spoke to the students and had displayed their works of Mercy from around the world. It was a very colourful informative and eye opening experience to see the work currently being carried out by the sisters of Mercy.
- New Testament and Psalms It has been a tradition for many years that the Gideon Society come in to St. Michael's once a year. This has been a lovely tradition and Bob Cuckney and his wife Janet led the assembly on the 7<sup>th</sup> December with year 7 and gave out these beautiful pocket sized New Testament and Psalms for the students to keep and use.
- Friday Morning Mass As always, Mass is celebrated at 8am in our chapel every Friday morning. Many thanks to who have led the last two Friday Masses.
- Lightfever Once a month we hold a special prayer time in the chapel. Students and staff are invited to come and pray and light a candle in front of "The Blessed Sacrament" (Jesus). The next Lightfever is the 16<sup>th</sup> of December. All staff and students are welcome. 12.30 1.15pm
- Advent Senior Citizen hampers we asking all students to bring in non-perishable food items for our annual senior citizen's hamper appeal. Items should be worth between £1 and £2 and should be brought in on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Students can wear their own clothes on this da

## CJM RE and Music event Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November





## Year 7 internal Retreat





Mercy day 21<sup>st</sup> October











