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HAPPY 2020! “THE YEAR OF THE GOD WHO SPEAKS”



-  **2020 is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini** – Pope Benedict XVI’s Apostolic Exhortation on ‘The Word of the Lord’ and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome’s death. These dates have inspired the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales to dedicate 2020 as a year of focus on the Bible and ‘The God Who Speaks’. We will be constantly referring back to this theme in our assemblies and in the prayer life of the college.
-  **Christmas carol service-** We ended last term and year with a beautiful and reflective Advent service of carols and readings led by Canon Alan in Dock Head Church on the 20th December. (see pictures below)
-  **Christmas charity hamper appeal-** students generously donated several hundred items of non-perishable food and drinks and together with a local charity a number of “goody bags” and large hampers were distributed to local needy pensioners. In addition, several large hampers were given to unemployed families. (see pictures below)
-  **Senior Citizens party** on the 20th of December over eighty of our local senior citizens were treated to an evening of fine food, drink, free raffle prizes, good chat and a chance to have a dance or two and to watch a student led production of “Peter Pan”. See pictures below.
-  **8S raised £102** towards the party by running a cake stall on the 13th of December
-  **Evelina Children’s Hospital-Natasha Joseph of 8S** helped to organise (with the help of Ms Nottage) a St Michael’s Christmas raffle to raise money for Evelina children’s hospital in London and raised **£103.22**
-  **House Competition-Christmas doors-** Each tutor group decorated their classroom doors with a Christmas theme dedicated to their house Saint. The overall winners were Bosco and 7BC! (see pictures below)
-  **Gideon’s bibles were presented to year 7 students** on the 11th of December. We would like to thank the Gideon association for their continued support.
-  **The Inaugural Faith in Action group** took part in their first guided reflection day with Mr. Kelly on 03/12/2019 in the school chapel (see pictures below)

 **Christian unity week-** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity involves Christian communities across the world and from almost every denomination. The week of prayer starts on the 18th of January and finishes on the 25th of January. Please remember Christian unity in your prayers.

Reflective poem- a recipe for a Happy New Year

Take twelve whole months, clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate, and jealousy. Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Now cut each month in to twenty-eight, thirty, thirty-one different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once. Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients.

Mix well into each day one part of faith, one part of patience, one part of courage, and one part of work.

Add to each day one part of hope, faithfulness, generosity, and kindness. Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation, and one good deed. Season the whole with a dash of Christian spirit, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, and a cupful of good humour.

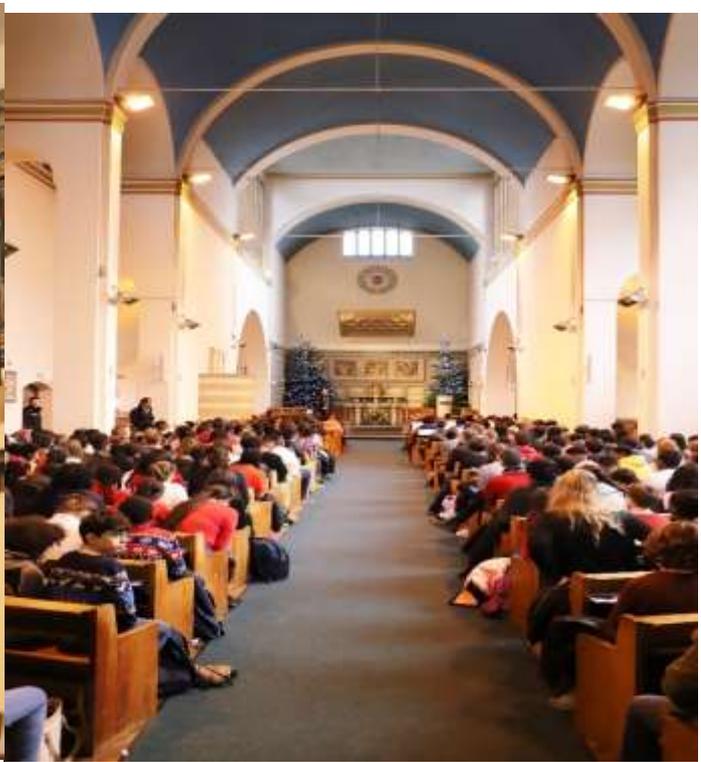
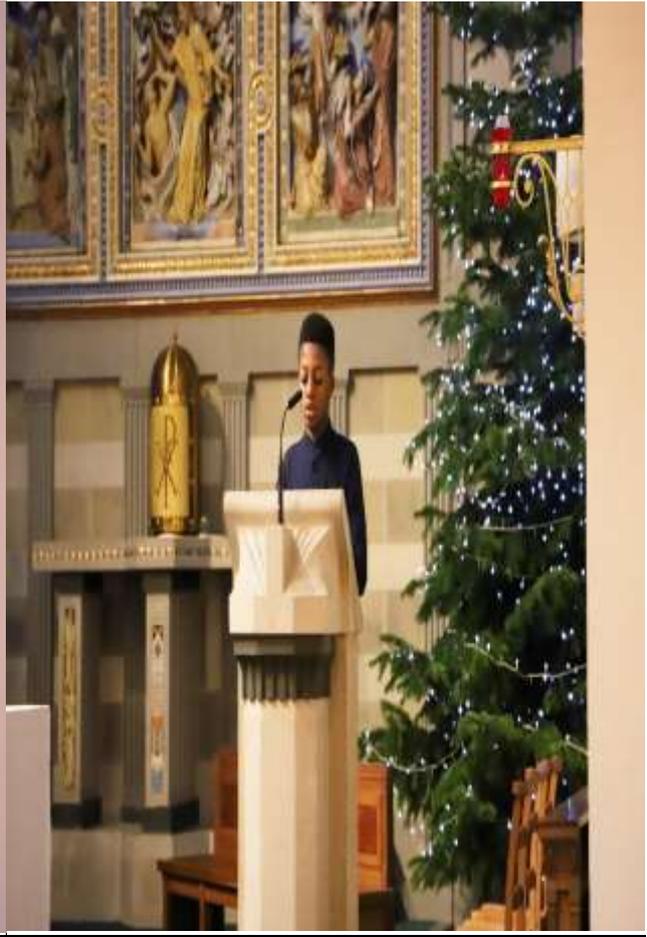
Pour all of this into a vessel of love. Cook thoroughly over radiant joy, garnish with a smile, and serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness.

House competition –Christmas doors dedicated to the House Saints





Christmas Carol Service in Dock Head Church 20th December 2019



Students were very generous with their donations of non-perishable items for the Christmas hampers- another example of our students putting their faith into action



We had our Christmas stable in the foyer area accompanied by related work from some of our year 7 students



8S managed to raise a fantastic **£102.35** for the OAP Christmas Party



Natasha Joseph and some of her friends organised a Christmas raffle to raise money for the Evelina Children's hospital in London



The annual Senior Citizens party was held on the 18th of December and was thoroughly enjoyed by local pensioners and by all the volunteers who helped out!

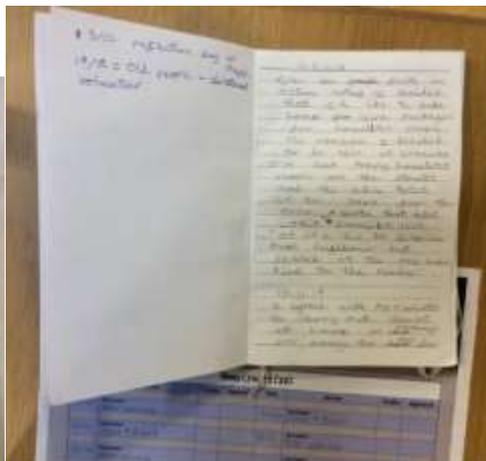
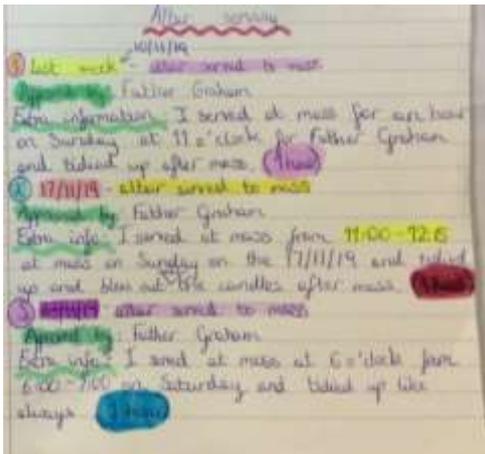


The Inaugural Faith in Action group

took part in their first guided reflection day with Mr. Kelly on **03/12/2019** in the school chapel. They looked at themes of Love and Service and The Kingdom of God, to better aid their journey. In the photos we can see the students lighting a candle to show how they intend to let their light shine in the



The students made posters and collages on Love and the Kingdom of God, as well as writing speeches on what they believe to be the best way to promote Salesian values on earth.



The students also showed of their record cards, showing the service they have already performed for their community, and their journals which allow them to reflect

