











## Bringing students to the fullness of life through education




-  **St Paul in his letter to the Romans reminds us that there is nothing that can ever separate from the love of God.** “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
-  **Ms Corcoran- gave thanks to** the large numbers of teaching staff and premises staff who volunteered to come into the college since closure and who continue to do so and for as long as needed to provide provision for students whose parents are key workers in the NHS or whose jobs are necessary in the fight against Covid-19, as well as for a small number of vulnerable students.
-  **Holy week at home pack-**Our Colleagues from St Ursula’s Convent School in Greenwich have generously shared their Holy Week at Home resource pack with us. The RE department made it available to all their classes on Google classroom and it was on the website for all parents to access.
-  **Prayers at home-** Ms Hagan has also been sending weekly prayers for staff and students to use and draw comfort from in these difficult times.
-  **Lenten reconciliation services –** students in year 8, 9 10 and 11 had the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation from one of our local priests. (see pictures below)
-  **Friday Morning Mass –** The most recent Masses (in the first 3 weeks of March) were led by the following tutor groups-9RU, 10RU and 11RU. Father Keith has kindly led these Masses for us, we continue to be very grateful for his support of this important sacrament, and we look forward to the time when we can meet up again for Masses in our own parishes and in our own chapel.
-  **CAFOD Lenten Fast Day –** We raised £142.40 at lunchtime on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March for this worthy charity. This year the theme was “give it up” and CAFOD will use this money to support short- and long-term projects in the world’s poorest countries
-  **Year 8 Retreat workshop -**this took place in our school hall and classrooms on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March. It was a retreat project with an outside company called Protection Approaches with the theme of

the day focusing on diversity and inclusion, including a Refugee Survivor Speaker. The aims were to give students increased empathy towards those who are the victims of identity-based violence and prejudice, particularly refugees and an understanding of the importance of gaining information from multiple sources. Each student also wrote a promise —saying how they will make their school or community a safer, kinder place for all

 **May Devotions**-May Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary refers to special Marian devotions held in the Catholic Church during the month of May honouring the Virgin Mary as "the Queen of May". These services will also be put on hold in the present situation.

 **House competitions**-there was a Table tennis inter-house competition on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March and inter-house rounders competition on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March and we have had the Mazzarello charity week (4<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup>).

 **House competitions-remote at home.** Mr S. Kelly has ensured that all students have been able to take part in various competitions remotely at home and these have included imaginative writing about being in lockdown, a toilet roll challenge, NHS tribute poster competition, Maths challenge, bake off and art competitions with many more to come!

## **Lenten reconciliation services February-March 2020**

**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 in years 8,9 10 and 11 had that opportunity.**

On the first four Thursday's in Lent, we had between 5-7 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.

We are very grateful to **Sister Catherine from Dock head Convent, Father Chris from Precious Blood parish, Father Gerald from Vauxhall, Father Mark from La Salette parish, Father Victor from Adler Street parish and Father Keith from Poplar parish in East London and the Franciscans of the renewal at Canning Town.**

We have also been supported by **Father Graham from St Peter's and the Guardian Angels, Father David Weatherley from St George's Cathedral and Father David O'Malley the Salesian priest co-ordinator.**

We are very grateful for their support over the first four Thursdays in Lent. Unfortunately, the necessary closure of schools over Covid- 19 ensured that we could not offer year 7 and years 12 and 13 a Lenten reconciliation service.



# LENT 2020

2020 THE YEAR OF THE WORD

WELCOME TO YOUR LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE 2020



**The inter-house table tennis competition held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March was well supported and Savio had three wins overall.**

