


## Chaplaincy Bulletin – Issue 48


### Bringing students to the fullness of life through education

Wishing you all a safe, restful and relaxing summer holiday!





**Lord God**, Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy, in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort, knowing that nothing can separate us from your love,  
**Amen**


 **We continue to thank** the large numbers of teaching staff who came into school to work with small groups of year 10 and 12 students and the premises and administration staff for their work and for those staff who volunteered to come into the college 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.


 **Farewell to Mr O'Sullivan and Mr B. Kelly.** We offer a big thank you for Mr O'Sullivan's twenty-eight years of dedicated service to the College and RE department and to the pastoral and spiritual life of the school. He also edited the chaplaincy bulletin for the last three years and Ms X. Hagan will be the new editor! We wish him a happy retirement! We also thank Mr B. Kelly for his contribution to the RE department over the past three years-especially his sterling work with the 2faith in action group and wish him well in his new post.


 **We welcome Mrs L. Philips and Ms G. Stanley,** to their new posts in the RE department and wish them every success in our college.

 **Congratulations to Ms Montes,** who gave birth to a baby girl on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. Her name is Angharad Ludivine Mercy Montes! Ms Montes is currently on maternity leave.

 **Friday Morning Mass** – we would like to thank Father Keith in particular for his tremendous support of our Friday Masses, we would also like to thank Father Mark for his support too. The voluntary Mass will hopefully continue again in September.

 **CAFOD's first ever national assembly** took place at 10am on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June. Some of our students and others from all over the country logged on to look at how we can come together to create #summetofhope. They heard how the lives of others around the world are being impacted by coronavirus and were inspired about how HOPE can change lives.

 **House activities-** the house activities have continued and have included the school's first ever virtual sports day which run from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July until the 10<sup>th</sup> of July

 **Retreats next academic year-**We hope to be able to run external retreats and internal retreats in the new academic year, starting with a residential year 10 retreat at St Vincent's in Kent

# Some photographic chaplaincy highlights of the academic year 2019-20!

It was a shorter school year for most-but it was busy!

## Year 7 welcome Mass September 2019





**Southwark Foodbank appeal October 2019**



**Year 10 retreat at St Vincent's Whitstable -6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> November 2019**





**Year 7 retreat in school-5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019**



**Year 12 Core RE students work on Catholic Social Teaching-December 2019**

**Option for the poor and vulnerable**

A main difference between the two is how they forage. Sheep are grazers: they ramble slowly eating short plants close to the ground. Goats are browsers: they look for leaves, twigs, vines, and shrubs.

for example at St. Michael's we...  
 Raise money for the poor through house contests  
 Apply the teachings of RUAH  
 Respect  
 Understanding  
 Affection  
 Humor

St Michael's Harvest day 2019

"Here in your midst I feel completely at home, for me, living means being here with you."  
 -Dani Bozor

**Rights & Responsibilities**

Human Dignity & Rights can be removed & taken away from freedom & responsibility are lost

Rights is fundamental to EVERY human

Human Dignity

For us to stand before the judgement seat of God, so then each of us will give an account of our lives.

EVERY PERSON HAS FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO LIFE & RIGHT TO MORE THINGS REQUIRED FOR HUMAN DIGNITY

But let each one tend his own work, and then this he shall be able to be in peace, and not his neighbor. For each will have to leave his own land.



**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-December 2019**





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 18<sup>th</sup> of December and was thoroughly enjoyed by local pensioners and by all the volunteers who helped!***



**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



## 2020-THE YEAR OF THE WORD-“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 constantly referred back to this theme in our assemblies and in the prayer life of the college. In 2020 we explored scripture as a community. We are particularly focused on taking messages we learn and relating them to society and how we can put this into action to help others. Eryc Sroka in year 7 and Laura Bujauskaite in year 8 won the year of the word slide template competition.

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**World youth day @home event in Liverpool January 31<sup>st</sup>-February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020**



**GCSE RE Conference at St John Bosco College Battersea 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

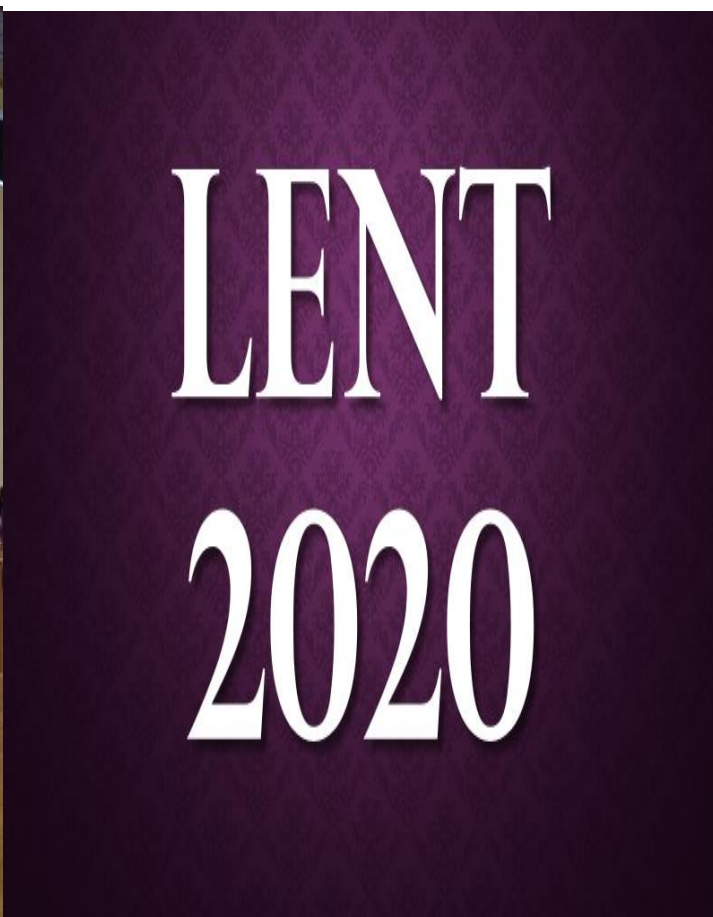




**The year 7 “faith in action” group are raising awareness of fair trade by promoting fair trade fortnight – February 2020**



**Lenten reconciliation services for year 7,8 and 10 (before lockdown)**





House activities throughout the year academic year 2019-20-many of these have raised a considerable amount of money for charity.

Soap run October 2019



Inter-House Dance Competition November 21<sup>st</sup>







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





**SSLP competition- two St Michael's students win!** Two of our students came in 1<sup>st</sup> Place between 15 competing schools involved with the SSLP in two out of the three competitions held. Bake Off: Olivia Salgueiro Year 8BC (St Michael's Catholic College): £25 Waterstones e-voucher Poetry: Ethan Kluska Year 7S (St Michael's Catholic College): £25 Waterstones e-voucher. The House competitions continued remotely and these included poems about lockdown, a toilet roll challenge, NHS tribute poster competition, bake off and an Art Easter competition. There has also been a poetry by heart competition, time capsule and architecture challenges



Freedom in captivity  
 The exquisite choices that there can be  
 And the miraculous ideas that we can make  
 And the inventions that we can create  
 The time when our imagination can go wild  
 And we can yet again feel like a child.  
 Now we can take our invention and make it a memory  
 A memory so unique it can be our treasury.

Corona made its mark  
 No-one can go to the park  
 Isolation is different but enjoyable  
 Due to it we make things we now call incredible  
 The sun starts singing its bright sounding song  
 As most pollution is gone so we live on

In another challenge, students (and staff) who wanted to enter were asked to create their own mini city from net templates

We had entries from each house with the winner being Charlotte Barnes!



Vicuna  
 Charlotte Barnes  
 Year 12



Prayers in the chapel during Advent and Lent



Here is a great biblical reflection from St Paul Chapter 8, which is a reminder that nothing whatsoever can ever divide us from God's love for us.

**TODAY'S PROMISE:** CL

**-Romans 8:38,39(KJV)-**

**For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.** CL