

## Message from the Head

It has been a glorious and positive start to the final term of this year. Our year 11 students have been joining sixth form taster lessons to help them make the best choices for next year and to aid their transition into the final stage of their St. Joseph's journey. Mr. Simpson has begun the first steps for students to start or restart their Duke of Edinburgh awards, we wish you all the greatest success. Mr Rudd and Mr Burns are looking forward to the year 7 and year 8 interhouse basketball competitions which are beginning shortly, I am well informed that they are a particularly talented cohort and it will be a well fought out series of matches. Mrs Roddie and Mrs Erskine have returned following maternity leave and their students have been happy to see them. Can I please remind parents that on particularly hot and sunny days to ensure their child has a water bottle and, if needed, to apply sun cream before school. Take care and stay safe, Mr Mitchell.

### This week's book recommendation:



#### Game changer by Neal Shusterman

Ash is used to taking hits for his high school football team - but then those hits start pushing him through a succession of universes almost-but-not-really like his own. As small shifts in reality become significant shifts in Ash's own identity, he starts to question the world he thought he knew, as well as the ones he finds himself catapulted into.

For better or worse, the one thing Ash knows is that he's got to find a way to put everything back.

### Special features this edition:



In addition to our regular favourites, in this edition we have brand new special features including:

- 'Deacon's Corner' by our very own Deacon Kevin,
- FA vase mania
- Zoology antics
- Sixth Form bridging taster sessions and much ,much more!

### Quote for the Week:



"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."  
- St. Catherine of Siena

### SAFEGUARDING:

Safeguarding Leads in school are: Mr Price Deputy Headteacher and Mrs Lewis-Dale Deputy Headteacher. Also your child's Head of House as first point of contact.

### This Week in



8/7/1913 – Emily Davison became the emblem of the Suffragettes as she became the first woman to die for women's right to vote. Her funeral was a huge event, with 5000 Suffragettes leading the procession throughout the streets of London. The Suffragettes will be studied by year 8 students this half term!

15/7/1215 – King John signed the Magna Carta. He agreed to 63 clauses dealing with grievances from his barons and in doing so, gave the first example of new royal power, one that is restrained by the law. Students in year have studied the Magna Carta and debated whether John was a bad King or simply an unlucky one!

Summer 1521 – This summer marks 500 years since the conquest of the Aztecs by Hernán Cortés and the Spanish. A cataclysmic event for the Aztecs, whose resources were plundered and people killed – never before had an entire continent been taken over. It led to a huge shift in the balance of world History and Cortés' invasion of the Aztecs has been studied as part of year 8 History!



# Welcome to our new regular feature: Deacon's Corner



## NEW FEATURE:

Our school community is blessed to have the support of amazing parish clergy. People who dedicate their lives to providing us with spiritual guidance, pastoral care and help us all to journey further along our own spiritual paths. One of these amazing people is Deacon Kevin, based in the parishes of Jarrow who this week is launching our new regular feature 'Deacon's Corner' to update you with what is going on in the parishes, help us to reflect and give us exciting spiritual food for thought! Enjoy and thank you Kevin.



Hi. I'm Kevin and I am a Deacon based in the churches of Jarrow, what I hope is that this can be a space where we can reconnect, the church and yourself. If you have any thoughts or ideas that we can look at in this space, please let me know.

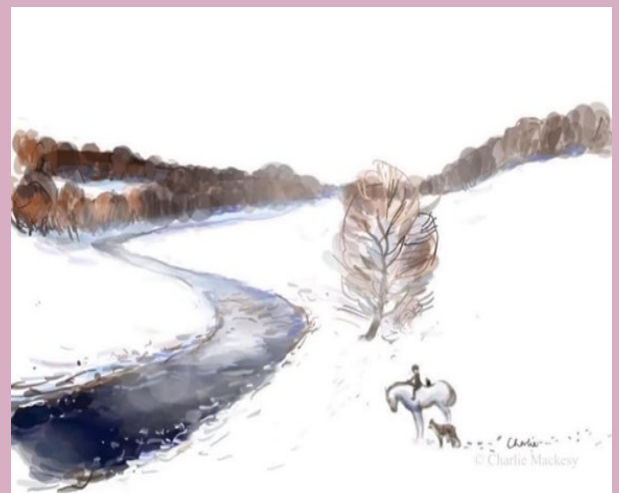
We have all been affected physically, mentally, spiritually through this past pandemic year.

And as the changes for the future start to happen, we naturally look back and perhaps question how we coped and wonder what the future will hold for us.

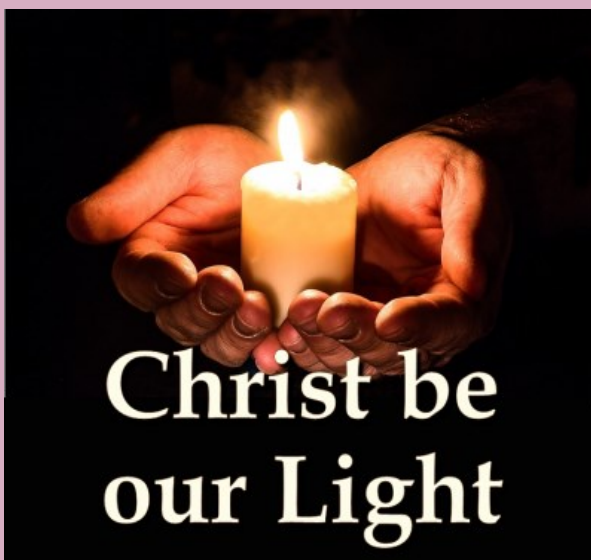
Let's not focus just on the negative, we all know how hard it's been, let's take time to realise how well we have done though it all.

Change can be difficult and if we don't let fear take hold, it can be a real positive in our lives.

As we start to reflect and wonder how we are going to deal with the changes that have and are happening around us, I would say Don't be too quick to leave God out of the equation.



*"One day you'll look back and realise how hard it was, and just how well you did."*



Lord, may we never forget your faithfulness, renew your life within us, so that, united with you, we may live in the new land you are giving us, may we find the new freedom you promise us.

Have mercy in our darkness, and be our light.

Have mercy in our weakness, and be our strength.

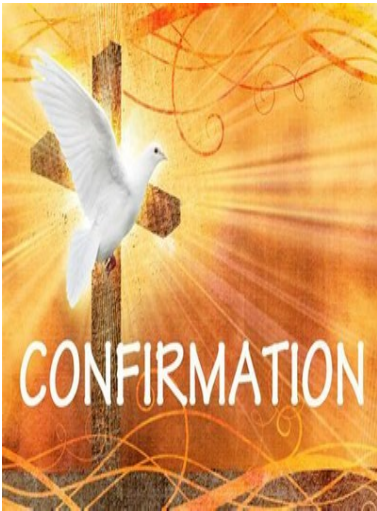
Have mercy in our loneliness, and be our friend.

Have mercy on our longing, and be truth to us.

Let us live what we have understood from the Gospels, even if it is only very little, but let's realize it fully.

Amen.

# St. Joseph's Ethos page



## Confirmation programme coming very soon!

Are you interested in being confirmed? Are you in years 8-13 and would like to take part in the amazing sacrament of confirmation? Are you from the catholic parishes of Jarrow? If so, please get in contact with either Mr. Young or Chaplain Adam for further details of the new confirmation programme that will be starting very soon.

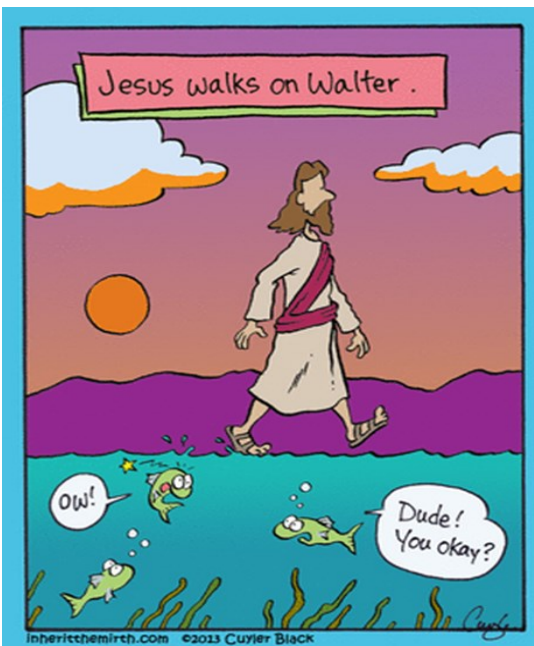
There will be an information event and information for parents/carers and confirmation candidates. If you would like more information please email

[YoungA@stjosephs.uk.net](mailto:YoungA@stjosephs.uk.net) for further details!

## Chaplain Adam's 'Thought for the Week'



### The "cheeky" Jesus



Who was this man, this rebel called Jesus? He chose uneducated, ignorant, daft fisherman to be his students. He chose untouchable people like Mary of Magdala to be part of his clique. He even chose a murderer like Saul to eventually lead his movement for a new world order! Madness!

Well, was this man called Jesus crazy? Yes, he was. He was crazy in love with the broken. He was crazy in love with the outcast. He was crazy in love with those who made bad choices, like St. Paul (a murderer) and still chose him for his purpose. AND he is crazy in love with you.

We all make mistakes. In fact, the Gospel's tell us that when making mistakes we ought to pick ourselves up, correct ourselves, and start over again.

It is not about focusing on our failings rather, it's about trying harder next time. It is about moving forward while learning from our past decisions and making better moral choices, next time, based on Gospel values. This is what this "cheeky" man called Jesus taught/did and we are called to do the same.

God bless. Adam.



### Football Fever—Vocations Spotlight - From Footballer to Priest

As the nation embraces football fever, I want to share with you this week a vocation story that has really inspired me. This is the story of Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck.

Fr. Chase was an American football (soccer) player who was really successful, made millions, lived a luxury lifestyle but constantly felt empty. However, one day his emptiness was filled when God called him to the priesthood and today he has never looked back serving as an American diocesan priest, and claims he has never been so happy. To watch his story follow this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RR9AvbO6a6g>

If you feel that God may be calling you to serve him through a religious vocation of some kind, don't hesitate to contact Mr. Young, Chaplain Adam, Deacon Kevin or any of the clergy in the parishes of Hebburn and Jarrow for further details.



# "Footballs coming home" - The FA Vase comes to St. Joseph's



As football fever sweeps the nation, we were blessed with a visit by the FA Vase won by our very own local team Hebburn Town at Wembley earlier this term.

Students and staff were delighted to be able to celebrate this amazing victory and hold this hallowed trophy!





# Sixth Form students interviewed by the BBC

**BBC**  
RADIO



St Joseph's Sixth Form students were given the opportunity to take part in a BBC Radio four interview about what it means to be Northern. The series was hosted by Ian Hislop and aims to see if the four old Anglo-Saxon regions still hold regional identities and a sense of belonging. The students who took part were Erin McAlindon, Ben De Jong and Joseph McCance who visited Jarrow Hall and were interviewed in the Anglo-Saxon village. They were grilled on how much they knew about Bede and the regional kings, what culture means in the North and the how strong the feeling is for a regional assembly.

They were an absolute credit to themselves and the school, eloquent in their responses and had a range of well-supported opinions. The broadcast will be aired in August as one of a four-part series.

The students had this to say about the experience: "I found the interview with BBC and Ian Hislop very interesting and enriching as it allowed to voice my opinion on how I feel northern identity is very important to me" "It was a fun and interactive experience discussing the culture and history of the North" "The experience allowed me to gain an insight into journalism and was therefore valuable as this is the career I want to progress to"

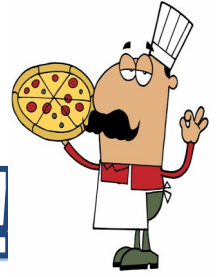






# Y12 Sports Leaders

## have a kayaking good time!



Here at St. Joseph's, we are passionate about offering our students a diverse range of extra-curricular opportunities to enrich their lives, enhance their skills and give them memories to last a life time. Over half-term our fantastic PE department took their Year 12 sports leaders to Chester-Le-Street riverside to lead a day of kayaking on the river wear. Students were amazing and had great fun enhancing their kayaking and leadership skills. Afterwards, they learned to cook pizza from scratch camping style and got to enjoy the fruits of their labours whilst also enjoying the beautiful sunshine.







# Zoology Antics: Interviewing Zookeepers



On Thursday 17th June, Mr. Salkild organised a fantastic treat for his Zoology Academy students, namely having their own personal tour of South Lakes Safari zoo in the lake district and being able to have an interactive interview with a professional zookeeper. Mr. Salkild arranged for Senior Zoo Keeper Adam who has worked at South Lakes Safari for two years and has previously worked in Africa protecting elephants and Rhinos from poachers to lead students on a virtual personal tour of the zoo and give the opportunities to meet some of their majestic animals and ask any questions they wanted. Zookeeper Adam commented on how proud he was of our students, how impressed he was by their interest and passion for conservation and how amazing their knowledge and their questions were. Adam told the students how education is the most powerful tool in protecting endangered species like the Rhinos that they have at the zoo.



Students then got to see the most beautiful baby rhino, who was only 5 months old and named Innikum, which translates as 'born into trouble' due to being born during COVID lockdown. He explained that the best way to protect these animals is to 'touch the hearts of people and feed their minds' i.e. if people fall in love with these animals they will want to do everything they can to protect them.

Adam also taught students about the fantastic work the zoo is doing in not only protecting these beautiful animals in the zoo but in order to help protect them overseas. He said that South Lake Safari Zoo is training dogs to be anti-poacher sniffer dogs that can be used to eradicate poachers from natural parks in Africa so as to protect these animals in their natural habitats and avoid their extinction.



Students also asked about how they too can begin working in a zoo and looking after these beautiful animals. Adam gave students the following tips: work hard at school, pursue the things you are passionate about. He also said that you have to be strong to look after such large animals but also he said you have to be an animal and a people lover. He said that a lot of people find that part of the job strange but one of the biggest parts of his job is to educate young people and visitors to the zoo from babies and infants through to the elderly about how these animals live and thrive and therefore communication skills are essential. Students challenged him with some very deep questions from "what is your favourite type of dinosaur" through to "do you feel like some of these animals are your pets" to "how do jellyfish get oxygen"? He was massively impressed by their knowledge and passion. A massive thank you, once again, to Mr. Salkild for offering our students yet another amazing cultural and inspiring opportunity for their future careers.







# Staff get musical saying goodbye to the class of 2021!



Always keen to get involved and to get creative, the teachers and staff of St. Joseph's had a brilliant time making a lasting and unmissable tribute to our amazing class of 2021. Staff dressed up to sing and dance along to 'Shotgun' as a final farewell to such an amazing and talented group of students who will always remain a part of the St. Joseph's family wherever their future may take them. We hope you enjoy a selection of some of our staff's dancing below!





# Meet your staff

SPOTLIGHT

Over the past few editions we have been meeting some of the staff who work tirelessly hard to make St. Joseph's Catholic Academy the amazing place that it truly is.

This week we meet one of our incredible Geography teachers, Mr. Jobe who explains this week about his passion for Geography, his passion for teaching and his passion for St. Joseph's.



## What do you teach and why did you choose this subject?

I am a teacher of Geography. For me, geography is the most important subject there is. It offers students the chance to answer many of the 'why' questions from earlier in their childhood and tackles some of the most challenging and up to date issues that society faces. One term students might be learning about how earthquakes happen and the next about why people choose to live where they do. Geography also gives me the opportunity to showcase some of the amazing places and opportunities students can take in in our region.

## What is your favourite thing about teaching?

My favourite thing about teaching is undoubtedly the students. In a normal day I will speak to hundreds of different students with unique interests and perspectives on the world. It is incredibly rewarding and humbling to know that I have the potential to make a difference to the future lives of the school's students by helping them to understand the world around them.

## Outside of teaching, what are your hobbies?

Alongside a deep, undying and often painful love for Newcastle United, outside of school I have a number of interests including; running, cycling, rock climbing and hill walking. During the first lockdown I completed my first virtual ultra-marathon and have done multiple cycling events in the region including stages of the Tour of Britain and a Newcastle to Aberdeen charity ride. I am a strong believer that endurance events give you the chance to push yourself to the limits and achieve things which you didn't realise you could.



## What is your favourite thing about working at St Joseph's?

My favourite thing about working at St Joseph's is the sense of community among all of the staff and the students. Despite all of the huge challenges that students and staff have had to face in the last year the way I have been made to feel welcome and part of the community has been completely overwhelming. It is great to be part of a school where everybody cares so much about each other and the wider community.

*Thank you so much Mr. Jobe for your fantastic and informative answers.*



**SPOT  
LIGHT**

# Subject Spotlight

Welcome to our new regular feature called 'Subject Spotlight'.

In each edition teachers from different subjects will give you a snapshot of what it is like to study their subject at GCSE/A-Level in order to give you a flavour of what you pick for your options in Y9 and for Sixth Form. This week's spotlight is on A-Level Law—an absolutely fantastic department here at St. Joseph's led by the incredibly talented and inspirational Mr. Mather.



## **STUDY LAW, LEARN ABOUT LIFE!**

Do you want to learn about murder, how to sue someone, what happens in a court and whether you legally need to pay back the money you've borrowed from your parents?

**Yes! Then Law is the subject for you!**

Law is fascinating; a constantly changing subject that shapes and impacts our everyday lives. Students from St. Joseph's have gone on to study Law at Cambridge, Durham, Newcastle, Northumbria and Sheffield Universities, to name just a few. I am extremely proud that Law students from here are now having an impact in the wider legal field in their roles as solicitors, barristers and legal executives, as well as in many other careers where they use the skills learnt in Law every day, as the skills gained from A Level Law are transferable across many subjects as well as being needed for further study, the workplace and life generally. All you need to study Law at A Level is a keen and active mind with the capacity for independent thinking.

In Law, students study the English Legal System, learning about the basic foundations upon which the system is built such as juries, the courts, bail, suing someone and how laws are made. Following that, Criminal Law, including murder, manslaughter and GBH is studied along with Tort Law (negligence, nuisance and trespass) and Human Rights Law (police powers, defamation, confidentiality and public order). The course really does have something for everyone and gives students a real insight into the impact law has on our everyday lives.

If you require any more information, please email Mr. Mather – [mathers@stjosephs.uk.net](mailto:mathers@stjosephs.uk.net) or come and see me in D111.





# AWESOME ART

## 6th FORM BRIDGING SESSION FOR A LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY KENSUKE KIOKE INSPIRED PORTRAITS

Y11 students who took part in the recent photography bridging sessions had the opportunity to create some collaged portraits altering the identity of teaching staff in the Art Department. The portraits were inspired by the Japanese photographer Kensuke Kioke (right). The department were pleased with their new identities which explored the themes of comedy, gender and disguise.



June 2021 Y11 Photographers work



### *'Where are they now'*

**Andrew Aredhel Aquebne Byass** at 6th form 2016/2017

Hello, long time no see! I came out as a trans man after leaving St Joseph's so, you might not recognise my first name haha, but I'm very glad to have this opportunity to share what I've been doing.

I first did a foundation art course at Newcastle College, and then have moved on to doing my BA Hons in Illustration. I'm almost finished my second year, going into my third and final year in September.

I've been doing a lot over this course, learning a lot of new things. I'm currently thinking my specialties will be in Publishing/Narrative Illustration and Character design/Character Focused Illustration.


I'm currently working on my own children's picture book, which I wrote and designed all myself. Before I started it I designed characters in a previous module and produced a narrative illustration to communicate these characters. This is probably the piece of artwork I am most proud of right now in my journey on this illustration course.





### Poem of the week:

## Celebrate



Celebrate a new life  
each and every day  
put the past behind you  
clear your mind, make way.  
There are lessons to learn  
memories to hold  
the future waits  
beckoning so bold.  
To stand in one place  
not dealing with fear  
life goes stale  
nothing to cheer.  
Start each day  
open heart, open mind.  
Make life a challenge  
not just a grind.

## Puzzle Corner

Each week you will find a new Numeracy puzzle.  
The solutions will be provided in the next newsletter.

### Tricky Customer

Charlie wants to buy a new house  
but he doesn't like house numbers  
that are divisible by 3 or by 5.

If all the houses numbered between  
100 and 150 inclusive are for sale,  
how many houses can he choose from?

#### Last week's answer

Reverse ages  
Brian will be 25



### Riddles to entertain

Last week's answers are: 1. are you asleep? 2. your age 3.  
a barber 4. a bank 5. a darkness

This week's riddles to tease your brain:

1. Kate's mother has three children: Snap, Crack and \_\_\_\_\_ ?
2. There is only 1 word in the dictionary spelt wrong. What is it?
3. Liam was 11 the day before yesterday, next year he'll be 14. How is this possible?
4. I make a loud sound when I'm changing. When I do change, I get bigger but weigh less. What am I?
5. What goes away as soon as you speak about it?



## Sixth Form Core RE



RELIGION AND CULTURE IN THE DIGITAL AGE



Last week in Sixth Form Core RE some of our students including Lucy, Fallon, Jayden and Fatima ran their core RE social action project raising awareness and funding for Cancer Research UK. The girls organised a raffle for both staff and students in Sixth Form and raised a whopping £106 for this amazing cause.

This week Poppy, Demi, Ramona, Joseph and Grace have pitched and organised a non-uniform/colours day for the school in support of Alzheimer's Research, a charity very close to their heart. Students were tasked with making a great difference to society and these groups certainly have excelled in the challenge.

For the final module of the Year 12 CORE RE Laudato Si silver award course that they are studying, students are undertaking a project in Digital Religion/Digital Ethics. Students have been tasked with creating a digital expression of worship to fuse religion with 21st Century technology. So far some groups have developed 'Minecraft parables' in order to evangelise through computer games, developed a 'Saints-go' app which is based on Pokémon go however students have to go round catching Saints and finding out interesting facts about them instead of Pokémon as well as fun informative religious games and even religious music videos. Here at St. Joseph's, every sixth former gets to enjoy a session of CORE RE per week to enrich their studies, develop themselves spiritually and build skills and faith for life.





# KS3 House Football Competition

This fortnight we have also held our termly house football competition in Years 7 and 8.

Despite the competition being fierce and at times nail-biting, Dunstan were victorious in both the Year 7 competition and Year 8 competitions for both the boys and girls. Well done and you never know we may see some of you in the Euros 2028!!!



## St Joseph's PE Extra Curricular Timetable: Summer Term

Week 1	Tuesday - Year 9	Wednesday - Year 8	Thursday - Year 7
After school 3:00 – 4:00	<u>Football</u> Field Mr Burns	<u>Volleyball</u> Sports Hall Miss Berry	<u>Football</u> Field Mr Burns
		<u>Basketball</u> MUGA/Sports Hall Mr Rudd	<u>Basketball</u> MUGA/Sports Hall Mr Rudd
		<u>Trampolining</u> Sports Hall Mrs Lumb	<u>Dodgeball</u> Sports Hall Miss Berry
Week 2	Tuesday - Year 9	Wednesday - Year 8	Thursday - Year 7
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			<u>Dodgeball</u> Sports Hall Miss Berry
Active Lunch			
12:20 - 12:50	<u>Year 9 - Table Tennis</u> Main Hall Mr Burns	<u>Girls Futsal</u> Sports Hall Academy Leaders	<u>Year 8 - Girls Futsal</u> Sports Hall Miss Berry
			<u>Year 7 - Just Dance</u> Main Hall Mrs Lumb
			<u>Ultimate Frisbee</u> Field Mr Rudd (Friday WEEK 2 ONLY)



## The Football Our Father

Our father,  
Who art in Wembley,  
Southgate be thy name.

Thy cup will come,  
Kane's work be done,  
In Wembley as it is in Europe  
Take this day our daily penalty.  
And forgive us our offside trespasses,  
As we forgive those who bet against us.  
And lead us not into under-achievement.

But deliver us the title.  
For footballs coming home.  
This history and the glory.  
Forever and ever.  
'Our'-men.

