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Feast of St. Peter
and St. Paul edition

Message from the Head

Another glorious fortnight of weather which has enabled students at social times to use the field within their bubble groups. Basket ball and football galore for all. Year 12 have also been enjoying the luxury of having the sixth form block entirely to themselves. There have been lots of different and varied opportunities in school this week, from mental health ambassadors, basketball and raising money for charity; it is a wonderful variety to enable as many of our students to participate where they feel their strengths and interests lie. This week was also Climate Change Week and students have received small targets to help our planet, from switching off the tap when we clean our teeth to looking after a plant at home, it is all important that we do our bit. Finally, COVID cases have been on the rise in the South Tyneside area, and from Monday students will be required to wear face masks in all indoor social areas, including corridors.

Take care and stay safe, Mr Mitchell.

This week's book recommendation:



Curious incident of the dog in the night-time

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time is a murder mystery novel like no other. The detective, and narrator, is Christopher Boone. Christopher is fifteen and has Asperger's Syndrome. He knows a very great deal about maths and very little about human beings. He loves lists, patterns and the truth. He hates the colours yellow and brown and being touched. He has never gone further than the end of the road on his own, but when he finds a neighbour's dog murdered he sets out on a terrifying journey which will turn his whole world upside down.

This Week in



05/07/1948 – The birth of an institution that has saved countless lives – on this day in history the NHS was born.

01/07/1916—The first day of the Battle of the Somme begins. British Intelligence expected the army to breeze through the battle after heavy shelling and bombardments of enemy installations however it turned out to be one of the most fierce and bloody battles in British history costing the lives of over 20,000 British soldiers on the first day alone.

Students discover what it means to be Jewish



In Year 10 this term students have been immersed in the Jewish religion as part of their GCSE RE course. Students have learned some of the Hebrew language to enrich their knowledge of MFL, students have been exploring the origins, customs and festivals of our Jewish brothers and sisters and have been trying lots of Jewish Kosher food this week such as Matzah (which the Hebrews ate when fleeing slavery in Egypt), grape juice and kosher biscuits and sweets. In the Autumn term students will have the opportunity to meet a real Jewish Rabbi and visit a Newcastle Synagogue too.

Quote for the Week:



“At the end of time only three things will remain; faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love” - **St. Paul.**

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.



30/06/1859—A daredevil stunt man called Jean Gravelet becomes the first man in history to cross Niagra Falls on a tightrope! Dressed in pink tights and a yellow tunic, Gravelet walked over a 160ft high tightrope which was a mere 2 inches wide in front of an amazed 5,000



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 everyone,

This week we celebrate two men of huge importance to the church, Peter and Paul. Why are they so important, well there are many reasons, but for me it's that both of them recognized that they had their faults and weaknesses and didn't hide them or use them as a reason to give up.

Peter we know disowned Jesus when he really needed a friend near him and Paul hunted and killed the followers of Jesus before he became a follower and believer himself.

They give me hope, when I do wrong and my weaknesses get the better of me, I see their example of not giving up, of believing the message, that we are loved so much, and nothing we do, will ever turn God away from us, nothing.

There's a song by Lauren Daigle, you can get it on you tube, have a listen, it's called "Love like this".

"When I am a long night, you are the sunrise. When I am the desert, you are the river, that turns, to find me.

You say there's a treasure, you look till you find it, you search to find me.

What have I done to deserve love like this? I cannot earn what you so freely give, what have I done to deserve Love like this?"



And the truth is I have and can never do anything to deserve this love, its just there for me, despite myself.

It's at every turn and twist, Jesus seeks me, turns towards me, never away. And it's the same for you, like it was for Peter or Paul, or me.

Have a listen to the song, accept what is freely there for you, weaknesses and all. God loves you, enjoy his love and in your weakness let his strength hold you, surround you completely and fill you with LOVE.



St. Joseph's Ethos page

Chaplain Adam's

'Thought for the Week'



Miracles in our lives

There are many miracles written about in the Bible such as Moses dividing the red sea, Jesus feeding five thousand people, Daniel surviving in the den of lions, and Jesus rising from the dead. Do we believe this? Well, if you do or don't that is not the point.

The point is that we should not take things for granted as, pretty much, many things are miracles. Being alive and sharing in the company of others is a miracle. Looking at nature, the sun, and the unexplained phenomenon of our world is a miracle. We know it's a miracle because we can't explain everything. No human person on earth can. If we were able to explain everything it would not be a miracle!

Today, we don't interpret things as being a Biblical type of miracle. But miracles happen daily and are spoken about by ordinary people everyday. These are miracles that we should try our best to not overlook. These are divine gifts for us to ponder and to keep us questioning.



Vocations spotlight: Beauty in our brokenness

I remember as a kid when I used to speak with priests and deacons and being in total spell-bound awe at the fact they had been called to minister on earth by Jesus! I was to revere them and feel unworthy to actually talk to them because I knew I wasn't a perfect person and that I had committed many sins. But, surprisingly, most priests, deacons and nuns are just like me or you. Many of them have come from broken backgrounds, have committed sins or done things they wished they had never done. God loves broken people. When Pope Francis was elected to be the Holy Father, one of the first things he told the Church was that 'I am a sinner too'. God loves our imperfections and our brokenness and the call to a religious vocation can come to any of us at any time. Have a watch of this amazing vocation story from Fr. Mike Schmitz: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eTw5xg37QF0> If you feel like God may be calling you either get in contact with me (Mr. Young) or Chaplain Adam to explore and discern your calling. God bless.



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 for further details!



AWESOME ART



Every edition we feature some of the amazing work from our fantastic art department.

Below you can learn about where some of our incredibly talented art graduates have gone on to following their successful studies at St. Joseph's and you can also learn about the exciting projects they are currently involved with in their lessons. Thanks, as always, to the incredibly hardworking Team ART for inspiring our wonderful students.

'Where are they now' Passed Art Students

Liam Philpot at 6th form 2016/2017



Since leaving sixth form, I joined PlanBEE, which is an interdisciplinary higher level apprenticeship programme where I was lucky enough to work for some of the North East's top architectural, engineering and construction companies; including Faulknerbrowns Architects and Sir Robert McAlpine. After two years across the industry, I was successful in gaining employment with Ryder Architecture, an international architectural practice who I work for part time with professional support through my BA in Architecture at Northumbria University.

Currently in my second year of my degree, I've rediscovered my love of all things creative which I developed in art class and learnt to explore, develop and critique my architectural design approach through different media, material and processes. After a year of exploration, I've found that my ideas are most successful when putting my traditional skills into practice; drawing, painting and modelling. The skills which I learnt to love back in school.



The ART Department have been impressed with 9Y2 artists this week.

MRS CROMBIE BROUGHT SOME 3D ART MATERIALS TO THE YEAR 9 BUBBLE FOR 9Y2 TO WORK WITH. THE CLASS ENJOYED WORKING WITH SOMETHING DIFFERENT AND WORKING OUT HOW MAKE A 3D MODELS FROM A 2D DESIGN.

Week of the 21th June 2021



Salt Dough Recipe

You will need

- 2 cups of flour
- 1 cup of table salt
- 1/2 cup of boiling water
- Acrylic paint
- Brush (Saberlo or #8)

Instructions

1. Mix flour and table salt in a bowl, producing nothing but water.
2. Mix together till a dough forms (use your hands to help).
3. For big oven nights before rolling your work dough (intention to use oven, etc) remove the amount of water.
4. Allow to sit for 20 minutes to ensure the dough is fully dried out.
5. Sprinkle with acrylic paint and seal with varnish or PVA glue.

Source: art-therapy-therapy.com



Salt dough is a modelling material, made of flour, salt, and water. It can be used to make ornaments and sculptures, and can be dried in conventional and microwave ovens. It can be sealed with varnish or polyurethane; painted with acrylic paint; and stained with food colouring, natural colouring, or paint mixed with the flour or water.

Mental Health Ambassadors



The students in Y9 volunteered to take part in Mental Health Ambassador Training ran by the Anna Freud charity. They undertook 3 sessions in a week where they discussed strategies, problems and ideas they would like to implement into school.

Hopefully in September they will act as our mental health ambassadors in school and be able to have meetings with other students to provide support and implement programmes.

The students worked very hard and myself Miss Donnelly and Miss Foden are very proud of them. -
Miss Bushby

Sixth Former's Raise £412 for Alzheimer's research during their Core RE project



As part of their 'Social Action' project in Sixth Form Core RE, Joseph, Demi, Poppy, Grace and Ramona decided to raise awareness of a charity very close to their hearts, namely Alzheimer's research. The students pitched the idea of a whole school 'colours day' where students could wear a non-uniform top in the colour of Alzheimer's research. The group raised a phenomenal £412 in total with donations still flooding in.

The students have worked phenomenally hard supporting a cause that they are passionate about and have made a life-changing difference to those suffering from this awful disease.

Well done guys and thank you for your amazing effort!



Sixth Formers meet MP Kate Osborne

On Thursday 1st July, A-Level Politics, Law and History students welcomed local MP Kate Osborne to St. Joseph's Catholic Academy to interview her as part of their A-Level course. Students in Sixth Form regularly get to meet an exciting array of speakers to help bring their subjects to life, understand real careers first hand linked to these fascinating subjects and explore how they too can pursue careers in these amazing industries. Students asked Kate fascinating and thought-provoking questions and had a brilliant time meeting her. Thanks again Mr. Mather for arranging this fabulous event!



Where are they now? St. Joseph's Alumni

Many students and parents will remember our former colleague Rob Hope. Rob was a learning mentor that worked specifically with sixth form students. Rob supported lots of students with their studies and ran the sixth form football team and offered opportunities for students to debate and get involved with the European Youth parliament. Rob's son Ryan is a music producer and film maker based in Los Angeles. Over the last 10-years Ryan has collaborated with artists' like Pharell Williams and the late George Michael. His latest music project is the 3-piece collaboration known as "Gabriels". Gabriels is made up of Ryan, vocalist Jacob Lusk (American Idol) and virtuoso violinist Ari Balouzi-an. Check out their latest track "Love and Hate from a Different Time" to get an idea of their unmistakable sound.



A Summer Morning

Robert Fuller Murray

Never was sun so bright before,
No matin of the lark so sweet,
No grass so green beneath my feet,
Nor with such dewdrops jewelled o'er.

I stand with thee outside the door,
The air not yet is close with heat,
And far across the yellowing wheat
The waves are breaking on the shore.

A lovely day! Yet many such,
Each like to each, this month have passed,
And none did so supremely shine.
One thing they lacked: the perfect touch
Of thee—and thou art come at last,
And half this loveliness is thine.



Puzzle Corner

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

Stamp Collecting

Last week, Tom and Sophie bought some stamps for their collections. Each stamp Tom bought cost him £1.10, whilst Sophie paid 70p for each of her stamps.

Between them they spent exactly £10.

How many stamps did they buy in total?

Last week's answer

Tricky Customer
27



Riddles to entertain

Last week's answers are: 1. Kate 2. wrong 3. The *day before yesterday* he was 11, now he is 12, on the 31st of December this year he will be 13, and on the 31st of December *next year* he will be 14. 4. popcorn 5. silence

This week's riddles to tease your brain:

1. You eat something you neither plant nor plow.
It is the son of water, but if water touches it, it dies.
2. What type of house weighs the least?
3. What goes up and down but doesn't move?
4. Never ahead, ever behind,
Yet flying swiftly past;
For a child I last forever,
For adults I'm gone too fast.

What am I?

5. Using each of the letters in this phrase only once, rearrange the letters to make the names of exactly three different animals.

Tall elephant or ape man

Infiltration time for Geography Students



This week, Miss Bushby and Mr Jobe took y8 students onto the school grounds to undertake a fieldwork investigation looking at water infiltration on various sites around the grounds. The students measured time and recorded it ready to write up their analysis in later lessons. Students worked with dedication and meticulous commitment to ensuring their results were fair and accurate and had a brilliant time getting hands on with their geographical studies.



Sporting Super-Stars!



The Year 8 house basketball 3v3 competition took place on Wednesday 23.06.21. The competition featured 4 teams made up of school houses Aidan, Bede, Cuthbert, and Dunstan. The boys from Aidan were worthy winners on the night. This week, TEAM PE, also hosted a fantastic Dodgeball competition which students had a great time competing in. Well done to all those involved.

