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Chaplain Update

Our new year has started with our new normal and as community we have adapted well!

Our theme is year is '**The one who has hope lives differently**' which is important during this time. We are encouraging our students to have hope and share hope. For if we have hope we are positive and more able to work for change.

This term we have not been able to celebrate Mass so instead have celebrated liturgies of the Word. Our Holy Spirit liturgies were based on our theme for the year and our St Ursula liturgies were on the theme of '**Imago Dei**', 'In the imagine of Christ'. In our St Ursula liturgy we reflected on what it meant to be Christ on earth, and how this is a challenge for each of us.



Students were asked to reflect on one way they could be a reflection of Christ on earth. One student shared her insight on the liturgy; "We are all united in the image of Christ, meaning we are all unique, yet different, therefore we should celebrate our differences."

This term we also had two virtual Retreat Days, our Year 11 Retreat on the theme of 'Dare to Dream' and our Year 12 Avila Retreat with St Philomena's on the theme of 'Living out our call to protect our planet'. On our Year 11 Retreat were were joined by the Sisters of Devine Mercy who shared their vocation stories about their tv programme Bad Habits, Holy Orders. They encouraged students to think about what and who is important in their lives and how this will affect their futures. On the Avila Retreat we were joined by John Paul de Quay the Founder of The Journey to 2030. He discussed our ecological crisis and encouraged students to think about how they can make a change in our world for a positive climate future.

Have a safe and relaxing half term and remember our Ursuline challenge to be a reflection of Christ in all you do!

Ms Murphy

Upcoming Events

Online Remembrance Day Service Weds11th November Form Time

Year 13 Joint Faith Development Day with Wimbledon College Wednesday 18th **Christmas Tree Services** Friday 27th Nov 1.33pm, in year group bubbles

Year 9 and 10 Reconciliation Services Throughout Adve Year 7 and 8 Advent Services Throughout Advent Chapel

Christmas Assemblies Thursday 18th Dec All Morning, Hall

Spiritual Guidance

www.themark10mission.co.uk/: provides weekly Acts of Worship based on the Sunday Gospel

pray-as-you-go.org/index.php: a daily prayer session, designed to go with you wherever you go, to help you pray whenever you find time, but particularly whilst travelling to and from work, study, etc.

www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/your-daily-prayer/: an online Christian living magazine, is brought to you by a group of writers, editors, and content producers seeking to provide applicable, educational, and entertaining content to followers of Jesus Christ regardless of where they are in their respective spiritual journeys

News In Pictures

Who Am I

Year 12 Faith Day; on the theme of 'Who am i?' creating people to represent themselves and celebrating their gifts and talents.



Holy Spirit Liturgy; on the theme of 'The one who has hope lives differently'.

PRAYER OF THE 'MONTH'

O Great God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth.

We come to you on the feast of St Ursula with a renewed hope for equality and change. Because you are a God of hope, we know that you create all the possibilities of the future.

Because you are a God of love, we know that you accept all the mistakes of the past.

Because you are the God of our faith, we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise, we come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise, and we serve and bless you.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE OF THE 'MONTH'

St Paul's One Body

For just as the body is one but has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:12)

In 1st Corinthians St Paul asks us does the body work properly without eyes, without a foot, without hands? The Church is like a body, made up of many different parts, different people, from different parts of the world that come together to form one community.

In the same way our school is a reflection of the Church. We too are made up of many different parts; students, staff, parents, governors. All different people from different walks of life, different types of families and different backgrounds. If we take away any of these different parts are we still the same community, the same school, do we function properly?

We do not all need to be the same in order to be a good community or to get along – in fact St Paul teaches us that difference is important! What we do need to recognise is that each of us has a part to play in being a reflection of God's love. Allowing others to experience Christ through our actions.

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St Ursula Liturgy; on the theme 'In the image of Christ' Imago Dei. This photo of Christ is made up of each of our students to represent that we are all Christ on earth.