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THE URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL FAITH DEVELOPMENT & SERVIAM VALUES

Chaplain Update

This term has seen unprecedented changes which we did not expect. However, we are still one Ursuline family and still working together to share Serviam and our faith together. Each day students are being encouraged to take part in an act of kindness. I have been very impressed to see the pictures and the messages of how you have been sharing kindness with your family, friends and neighbours. Well done girls keep it up! This term we had our first 'virtual' faith day where our Year 12 students visited places different global places of worship and had to create a trip advisor review. Please see a review below from Faith Furey.



During these confusing times it is important that we keep positive and keep our trust and faith in God. Please see below some links to services and reflections that I thought you may enjoy.

Please be assured of my thoughts and prayers for all of your families.

Ms Murphy

Year 12 Faith Day Goes Virtual!



The breath-taking building of white marble encapsulates the love story behind its creation. The monument built by King Shajahan for his lovely wife Muntaju upon the banks of Yamuna took 22 years to complete. It's remarkably grand as expected as one of the Seven wonders of the World. The Taj Mahal is surrounded by four free-standing minarets at the corners of the platform which face outwards act as a spatial reference which adds to the grandeur of the monument. In the centre of the southern wall of the forecourt is the main gate which stands majestically.

The gardens that line the paths on the approach to the Taj Mahal are immaculate centred around the lotus pond which contains 24 fountains. To the left and the right of the main building are identical structures - one is a mosque and the other a guest house. They take on the customary styles of the area in red sandstone, unlike the Taj's white marble which enhances its beauty and splendour. There is a steep staircase that brings you to the second level where you can walk around the whole structure. From here there are great views of both the Taj Mahal and its surroundings.

Remember that photographs are forbidden in the mausoleum

This half term we held our first ever virtual Faith Development Day with Year 12.

Students spent time 'exploring' religious sacred places such as; the Taj Mahal, Mecca, The Vatican and The Holy Land via YouTube videos and then created Trip Advisor style reviews!

PRAYER OF THE 'MONTH'

A Prayer in Lockdown

The doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked. (John 20.19)

Ever present God, be with us in our isolation, be close to us in our distancing, be healing in our sickness, be joy in our sadness, be light in our darkness, be wisdom in our confusion, be all that is familiar when all is unfamiliar, that when the doors reopen we may with the zeal of Pentecost inhabit our communities and speak of your goodness to an emerging world. For Jesus' sake.

Amen

SCRIPTURE OF THE 'MONTH'

A lovely read from Pope Francis

"Tonight before falling asleep think about when we will return to the street, When we hug again, when all the shopping together will seem like a party. Let's think about when the coffees will return to the bar, the small talk, the photos close to each other. We think about when it will be all a memory but normalcy will seem an unexpected and beautiful gift. We will love everything that has so far seemed futile to us. Every second will be precious. Swims at the sea, the sun until late, sunsets, toasts, laughter. We will go back to laughing together. Strength and courage. See you soon!"

News In Pictures Students were asked to take part in positive acts of kindness this half term, you can see some of their acts below!



A student video calling a family member in isolation.

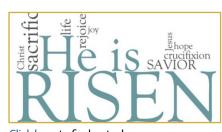
Spiritual Guidance



<u>Click here</u> for some options of online spiritual support at this time



Positive message board by a student in Year 7.



<u>Click here</u> to find out where you can access online Easter Services



Well done to all our Serviam Awardees including Rochelle (Year 9) who has been tutoring and helping to teach her sister as well as doing her own work. Well done!



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