



Salvatorian College Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing
26th November 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

This week has been marked by a strong focus on examinations. Year 11 boys sat papers in all of their subjects and have truly embraced the rigour required of such an undertaking. I was walking through the playground, moments before the English Literature exam, and had to settle an argument among a large group of boys about how to spell "bourgeoisie". In the canteen, boys at break and lunch are surrounding themselves with books and revision cards and I am very proud to see their commitment to their study.

At this time of year, in the lead up to Christmas, and with Black Friday everywhere one looks, it can be all too easy to get caught up in consumerism and selfishness. With this in mind, please remember that the boys have been asked to bring in non-perishable food items in order to fill hampers which will be given out to the needy in our community. Thank you to all those who have given so generously so far as your donations will all go to very grateful recipients. Quality non-perishable items can still be handed in to Student Services.

Please take a moment to look carefully at the dates in the calendar as there are a number of important days coming up. One of these is Red Wednesday, a day to remember all those who have been persecuted for their faith. We are asking the boys to wear non-uniform and that part of this should be coloured red. In return for wearing their own clothes a small donation to charity will be collected. This should be in the region of £2.

As the weather and nights draw in, we can all look forward to Christmas, but I ask that you keep your sons working right up to Christmas Eve!

Kind regards,

Alan Bryant
Head of School

KEY DATES IN THE AUTUMN TERM

WED 28TH NOV – RED WEDNESDAY

**THU 6TH DEC – FOUNDER'S MASS
CELEBRATED BY BISHOP WILSON**

**FRI 7TH DEC – FOUNDER'S DAY (12.30 PM
CLOSURE)**

**WED 12TH DEC - PUPIL CHRISTMAS LUNCH
AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER CHARITY DAY**

**THU 13TH DEC - CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY FOR
SENIOR CITIZENS**

**THU 13TH DEC - 5.30 PM CHRISTMAS CAROL
SERVICE AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

**MON 17TH DEC - 7.00 PM VOLUNTARY AIDED
SCHOOLS CAROL SERVICE AT ST JOSEPH'S
CHURCH**

**THU 20TH DEC – LAST DAY OF TERM (12.30 PM
CLOSURE)**

WORDS OF THE DAY

Monday – Judicious

Adjective having, showing, or done with good **judgement** or sense. Charles made a judicious decision to apply for Oxford University, given his excellent exam results. We should be **Judicious** in our use of our natural resources to slow down climate change. **Judicious** planning now can prevent problems later.

Tuesday – Volatile

Adjective liable to change rapidly and unpredictably, especially for the worse. The toddler can be **volatile**; especially if she has missed her afternoon nap. The stock market can be **volatile**, with prices moving drastically each day.

Wednesday – Thrive

Verb (of a child, animal, or plant) grow or develop well or vigorously. Prosper, flourish. Children **thrive** on fresh air and good food. Few plants or animals **thrive** in the desert.

Thursday – Brawn

Noun a) physical strength in contrast to intelligence. b) a seasoned jellied loaf made from the head and sometimes the feet of a pig or calf. It



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took both **brawn** and brains to win the Heavyweight Boxing championship. What they lack in **brawn** they make up for in skill. **Brawn** is a classic British dish made with pig's head, trotters, herbs and spices; not for the fussy eaters amongst us!

Friday – Propensity

Noun An inclination or natural tendency to behave in a particular way. He has a **propensity** for clear thinking. Men have a **propensity** towards male pattern baldness. She has a **propensity** to jump to the wrong conclusion causing unnecessary problems.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Feast of Christ the King (Year B)

Sunday 25th November 2018

A reading from the Gospel of John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Pilate immediately cuts to the chase, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus responds with a question as if he is turning the tables on Pilate. But eventually Jesus does provide the answer not only to Pilate's interrogation but to the questions in the minds of the readers of John's Gospel and indeed to the questions we have about him today. "Yes, I am a King" he says, "But my Kingdom is not of this world."

Jesus is a King but not a King as we know it. His Kingdom is as unlike any Kingdom here on earth as it possibly could be. His Kingdom is no ordinary Kingdom for it is the goal and destination of the whole of humanity, because it is under Christ's rule that we will all ultimately come. Pilate has found himself in the extraordinary position of interrogating the King of the Universe, the Lord of Lords, the Judge and Ruler of all creation.

This Sunday is the great feast in honour of Christ the King and marks the end of the Liturgical Year. It is therefore appropriate that we look to the very last thing of all, the Second Coming of Christ. We began the year with our preparations to celebrate the First Coming of Christ and now we look to the End Times to what we Catholics call the Four Last Things; that is Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell.

Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell: gloomy and sombre words - but they shouldn't be, for it is our firm belief that Christ has won the victory and so meditating on these Four Last Things should actually be like any other examination of conscience. Spending a little time thinking about them will help us realise just how lucky we are and how important it is for us to stay on track, as it were, with our Christian faith and strive all the harder to love God and do good in the world.

During this last year in our scripture readings we have considered all the most important aspects of the life of Christ. They have been cleverly arranged so that we mark the various seasons appropriately and look at the life of Christ principally through the eyes of one Evangelist which this year has been St Mark. It is as if we have been listening to a wonderful symphony with its various moods and movements. There have been moments of wonder and awe such as the Nativity of Christ, there have been times of tragedy and sorrow as with Christ's death on the Cross. We have experienced the glory of the Resurrection and the regular and persistent drumbeat of the teaching of Christ.

And today we come to the finale when Christ quietly and with great self-assurance standing alone before Pilate accepts for himself the extraordinary title King of Kings.

And so, on this great Feast Day, the last in our Christian Calendar, our hearts are filled with hope and optimism. This is best summed up in the words spoken as we greet the flame of the Paschal Candle on Holy Saturday Night:

*Christ yesterday and today,
the Beginning and the End,
Alpha and Omega.
All time belongs to him
and all the ages.
To Him be glory and power
Through every age forever. Amen*



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SAFER PARTNERSHIPS

A message from the Safeguarding Team:

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and the Metropolitan Police.



Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Designated Safeguarding Lead, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Registration for Confirmation in 2019 will take place on Sunday 25th November at 3pm in the hut behind the St Joseph's Presbytery. Teenagers in Year 9 who are baptised Catholics and have made their Holy Communion are welcome to register. Proof of baptism will be required if not baptised at St Joseph's. A £20 registration fee is payable on the day. Please note that this will be the only opportunity to register.

Full active participation in all preparation sessions is required, together with weekly mass attendance. Preparation session will begin in early January 2019. Confirmation masses will take place in June 2019

MIDDLESEX SCHOOLS RUGBY PLATE

Salvatorian College went down 24-10 to St James's Independent school from Ashford. It was a brave performance from Salvatorian and it really could have been a different story if the Salvatorian team had been able to convert their territorial dominance during the game to scores.

After being 17-0 down at half time in terrible foggy conditions, Salvatorian College had the deficit down to just seven points following an outstanding try from Kivuvu Live.

Salvo were just a try and conversion midway through the second half and the comeback was on; however, St James's defended resolutely and scored a breakaway try 5 minutes from time to move away from Salvatorian. The game was marred by an injury to Jack Woolcombe in the final minute. Jack had a fantastic game and we wish him a speedy recovery.



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YEAR 11 BASKETBALL SALVATORIAN V. CANONS HIGH

On Tuesday night, Mr Bryant took the Year 11 basketball team for a match against local rivals, Canons High School. The Salvatorian Boys took some time to find their gears and, as a result, were eight points down at half time. However, a switch to man to man defence and a calmer approach led to the boys being two points up at the end of the third quarter.

The final quarter was scrappy, but very evenly matched, and it was all square as the clock ran down. In the final second, Salvatorian College missed a shot to leave the game a draw. The boys then fought through five overtimes, with the result being all square through each. At one point, Salvatorian College were up by two points when the clock ran out, but a Canons player was fouled and



had two shots to tie the game. He did not buckle under the pressure and scored both shots!

Finally, both coaches agreed to have a free throw shoot-out, with best of five then sudden-death. After five shots each, both teams were all square on one point. In the end, we missed and they scored and Canons won the game by one point. However, Mr Bryant was immensely proud of the performance of the team, in a very physical game, and every one of the players gave their best.

RED WEDNESDAY



Next Wednesday, 28th November, we will be having a non-uniform day where all staff and students are asked to support the cause of Christians, and those of other faiths, persecuted for their religious beliefs. We will join 72 countries around the world to highlight the injustices, discrimination, violence, oppression, torture and death suffered by so many, which often goes unnoticed by world media.

Pope Francis has exhorted Catholics around the world to support the cause. At Salvatorian College we will be having a non-uniform day. Part of your son's clothing that day should be something red. A suggested contribution of £2 will be collected.

We will be addressed by a visiting speaker from Aid to the Church in Need, and will release 'prayer balloons' in a symbolic gesture of solidarity.

**O God of all the nations,
the One God who is and was and always will be,
in your providence you willed that your Church
be united to the suffering of your Son.
Look with mercy on your servants
who are persecuted for their faith in you.
Grant them perseverance and courage
to be worthy imitators of Christ.**

**Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations
to work for peace among all peoples.**

**May your Spirit open conversion
for those who contradict your will,
that we may live in harmony.**

**Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom,
and to always seek your will in our lives.**

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2018

'All Different, All Equal'

To mark anti-bullying week, pupils at the Salvatorian College took part in assemblies to reiterate the message that bullying will never be tolerated in our school.

We are committed to ensuring that the safety and happiness of our students is paramount and bullying of any description will not be accepted in the Salvatorian College.

The year group assemblies drove home the tragic effects that bullying has on young peoples' lives and encouraged our pupils always to be kind to each other.

