



Salvatorian College Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing
28th January 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

We are already half way through this Half Term and time is marching on. On Thursday night the Year 11 boys and their parents were able to celebrate their successes in the most recent trial exams and talk through any issues highlighted by the results. This year group is very able and I am confident that the boys will do well in the Summer. However, there is still a lot to do and I pray that the boys do not mangle or procrastinate in the coming months.

In the current political climate, there is much uncertainty about, just as there was uncertainty surrounding the nature and timing of the coming of the Messiah in 1st century Galilee. In this week's Gospel, Jesus, in a dramatic way, makes himself known as the long awaited Messiah, giving certainty to the fulfilment of scripture. Many of the boys in Year 11 went some way towards securing a more certain future this week when they were interviewed by the senior leadership team of St Dominic's Sixth Form for places next year. Please join me praying for these young men as they work hard to secure their chosen paths beyond Salvatorian College.

I am glad to see, on these dark nights, so many boys taking part in the 5 O'clock homework club and Wednesday youth club. I must thank the staff who give up their time to make sure the boys have somewhere safe and constructive in which to get on with work and get on with friends. I was also proud to hear that the Year 10 boys have progressed to the next stage of the Middlesex Football Cup, beating a team from Uxbridge 4-0. Onwards and upwards!

There was a brief spell of snow in the week and more is set to come towards the end of January and into early February. I would ask that you keep a close eye on the school's website when there is inclement weather and make sure your sons wrap up well against the cold. There is no reason for a few sniffles or a headache to keep your son off school so please send them in so that they do not miss out.

Kind regards,

Alan Bryant
Head of School

KEY DATES IN THE SPRING TERM

28TH – 1ST FEB – GOOD MANNERS WEEK

MON 28TH JAN - Y9 DTP/MEN IMMUNISATIONS

THU 31ST JAN – Y11 THEATRE TRIP TO
WOMAN IN BLACK

4TH – 8TH FEB – MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

THU 7TH FEB - 4.30-6.30 PM – Y8 PARENTS'
EVENING

11TH – 15TH FEB - BRITISH VALUES WEEK

FRI 15TH FEB - Y11 ENGLISH TRIP TO
SHAKESPEAR'S GLOBE THEATRE

18TH – 22ND FEB – HALF TERM

WORDS OF THE DAY

Monday – Congeal

Verb Become semi-solid, especially on cooling. The cold gravy began to **congeal** in the pan. Before I could put a bandage on, my blood began to **congeal** on my cut.

Tuesday – Fulsome

Adjective: 1. Complimentary or flattering to an excessive degree. 2. Of large size or quantity; generous or abundant. The salesperson was so **fulsome** in his attention that I began to doubt his sincerity. It was a **fulsome** meal; very well deserved after a long walk over the moors.

Wednesday – Officious

Adjective Assertive of authority in a domineering way, especially with regard to trivial matters. The same **officious** security guard insists on checking my ID daily, even though I have worked in the same building for 15 years and we have been married for five! Although Cathy does not claim to be an expert on anything, she is still happy to provide **officious** advice on every topic under the sun.

Thursday – Taint

Verb Contaminate or pollute something. *Noun:* A trace of a bad or undesirable substance or quality. Fumes from cars **tainted** the air. His dishonesty that day would forever **taint** his reputation.



Thursday – Rapacious

Adjective Excessively greedy or grasping. Sadly, **rapacious** landlords continue to make a profit from those less fortunate and charge extortionate rents. I am continually battling with my **rapacious** appetite for chocolate and doughnuts.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Sunday 27th January 2019

A reading from the Gospel of Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

**'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the
captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'**

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

What does the future hold? What is going to happen to me this year? What will be the result of the Brexit negotiations? Where is my life leading? What will I have for dinner?

These are just some of the profound and mundane questions which run through our heads each day. In answer to these questions we make predictions about the future and plan our lives accordingly.

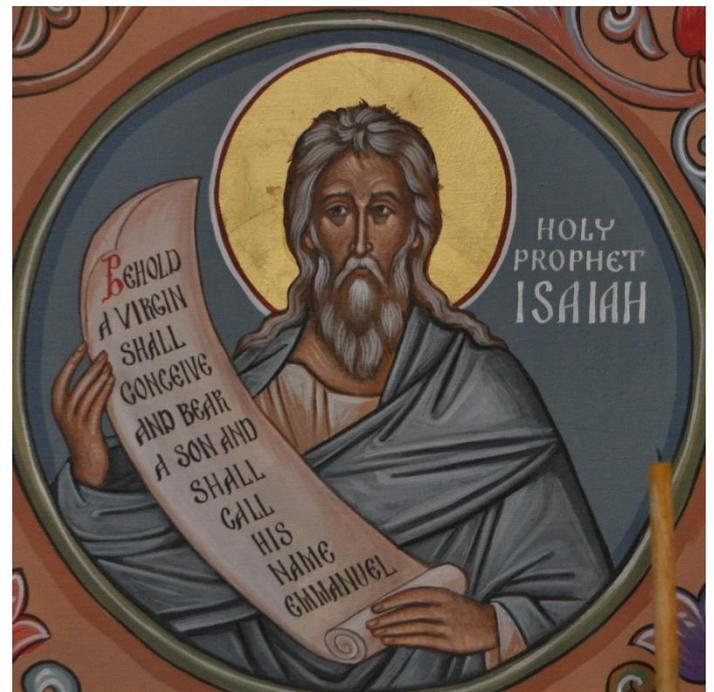
In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus reading from the words of Isaiah, as written in the Jewish scriptures. Isaiah was one of the most revered Jewish prophets, with a book of the bible named after him. The Jewish prophets were seen as 'spokespersons' for God,

writing and speaking His messages to the people on earth, and foretelling future events.

These words of Isaiah were predictions of words spoken by the Messiah, who was so long expected. And now they are words proclaimed from the lips of Jesus who thereby makes them his own. No wonder all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him, especially when he went on to say, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." – the prophesy, the prediction of Isaiah, has come true.

How do we feel when our predictions come true, when our plans work out just as we had imagined? We feel satisfaction, joy, comfort, certainty. These feelings are also those we experience on hearing the voice of Jesus in today's gospel: we have the *satisfaction* of knowing that the prophecies of the Old Testament have come true, that the long expected Messiah has arrived; we have the *joy* of knowing that he is here to bring good news to the poor, to release the captives, to recover the sight of the blind, to free the oppressed; we have the *comfort* of knowing God is among us and chose to be manifest on earth in the form of man; we have the *certainty* of knowing Jesus Christ and his love for us.

As we begin this new year, let us pray that we have grace to believe that scripture has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Let us pray that, like Jesus, we may be filled with the power of the spirit so that it overflows us and enters the lives of those we meet. And let us pray that, in an uncertain world, we can draw comfort from the certainty of the risen Christ, and his love for each one of us.





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DTP / MENINGITIS VACCINATIONS

A reminder for parents that Year 9 will be having their DTP / Meningitis vaccinations on Monday 28th January.

Also, please can you ensure you have signed the 'permissions' page of your son's journal. This allows us to administer one dose of paracetamol should your son be unwell. If the permissions page is unsigned, and we cannot contact you, unfortunately we are unable to issue a dose.

24HR ABSENCE LINE

TO REPORT YOUR SON ABSENT, YOU CAN
CALL THE ABSENCE LINE BEFORE 8AM:

020 8863 2706

NEW BUILD PROGRESS

We are on track to move into the new Salvatorian College building in September 2019. Kier Construction, the contractors, continue work apace to ensure the school is completed to the highest standards. Below are some photographs of the first rooms nearing completing. I hope you will agree that a particular highlight is the new Francis Jordan Hall, which includes tiered, retractable, 'bleacher' seating with the capacity to seat 200. This multi-purpose hall will be one of the finest performance spaces and in north west London when it opens later this year.





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