



Salvatorian College *Parent Bulletin*

Week Commencing 12th October 2020

Sunday 11th October, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: Matthew: 22: 1-14

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Our school community at Salvatorian College continues to thrive under the "new normal" of Covid restrictions and I am pleased to say that, on the whole, the boys are responding well to the new routines and increased expectations of hygiene and social distancing. You will recall that I wrote to you in July setting out the measures that we are taking to mitigate the risks of Covid-19. One of those measures is a staggered exit from school, using different exits and different times for each year group. Unfortunately, many of our boys have been congregating in different year groups to go into the shops near school. On Thursday, I told all of our boys that they were not allowed to go into any of the shops within the vicinity of the school, and that they must go straight home, in order to help keep our community safe. Please would you reinforce this message as any boy not following these instructions may receive a sanction.

On Friday, we held a drop-down day of enrichment events for our boys. These included workshops on careers, staying safe online, mental health, mindfulness, life skills and British values. We also held a session on Black History, as part of our celebration of Black History Month. The latest edition of The Salvatorian has a number of pages dedicated to pupil and staff responses to Black Lives Matter, and I recommend that you take some time to look through this excellent publication which can be found on our website.

We held a face to face, socially distanced Open Evening on Monday this week which was very well attended. It was a pleasure to show our guests around the school and premier our new promotional video, also found on our website, which I encourage you to share with friends and family. We will also be holding a virtual Open Evening on 15th October, which parents can sign up to on our website.

The boys are working hard, but I would like to increase our commitment to homework and ask that you do your part. Please make sure your boys have a quiet space to study and that you check with them, every night, what assignments they need to complete. Research indicates that homework helps our boys consolidate the learning from the day and enables them to deepen their understanding of the topics learned in school that day.

Kind regards,

Alan Bryant
Head of School

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Wedding Party

God gives each one of us an invitation to join him in his heavenly kingdom and the celebration of everlasting life. We must choose whether to accept the invitation or turn away from his loving offer. Lord help us to be good, and forgive us if we have failed to do what is right.

A king planned a great party for his son's wedding. When everything was ready, he sent his servants to tell all the guests who had been invited to come and join in the celebrations, but each of them had an excuse for not coming. The king was furious and said to his servants. 'These people do not deserve to share in my party, so go out and invite everyone you meet, they can come to the wedding instead! 'Soon the hall was filled with people, good and bad alike. The king noticed one man who had not bothered to dress for the occasion. He sent for his servants and the man was thrown out into the dark.'

In this Gospel, what did they king do when on-one who had been invited came to the wedding celebration? – He invited everybody to the party. In the same way God invites all of us into the kingdom of Heaven. If we refuse to accept his invitation, we are like the guests who refused to come to the King's celebration.

If we accept God's invitation to join him in the kingdom of Heaven, then we must make the effort to do what is right and follow God' way or we cannot become part of the final celebration at the end of time.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, you invite each one of us to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Help us to make the effort to do things God's way, so that we can accept your offer and be ready to share in your glory at the end of time. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

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CAFOD FAST DAY:

This week we are marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We have all felt the impact of this terrible disease—let us come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate generously to support those in predominantly impoverished and remote areas overseas. The funds raised build much-needed infrastructure from chapels and schools, to orphanages, clinics and dispensaries.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, our chance to show love and solidarity to our global church family. Through our prayers, we support missionaries everywhere in spreading the Good News. By donating, we respond to Christ's call to tell everyone the Good News that God loves them. All parishes throughout the world celebrate World Mission Sunday because it is vital to the growth of the church and the spread of the Gospel in predominantly impoverished and remote areas overseas. The funds raised build much-needed infrastructure from chapels and schools, to orphanages, clinics and dispensaries.

MY MISSION PRAYER:

Here I am, Lord. Send me to share your love with all people. May I be empowered and carried by you to be courageous and enthusiastic in bearing faithful witness to the merciful Father, to the love of his Son Jesus Christ, and to the divine life in the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

THE YEAR OF THE WORD

Because of events having been cancelled over the last six months, it has been decided to extend the Year of the Word until the beginning of 2022.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Monday – Enigmatic

Adjective - Difficult to interpret or understand; mysterious.

Tuesday – Contaminate

Adjective - Make (something) impure by exposure to or addition of a poisonous or polluting substance.

Wednesday – Mesmerise

Verb – Capture the complete attention of (someone); transfix

Thursday – Nocturnal

Verb - Done, occurring, or active at night.

Friday – Congruence

Noun - Agreement or harmony; compatibility.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Every day that we wake to see the dawn of a new day the first thing that we should give thanks for is to know that we are alive and well. There is a song that says "What a mighty God we serve". It is good to know that we can put complete faith in him and he will never let us down. We give thanks for sending his son and to stay with us until the job on earth is done. He will never fail or leave us alone that is a guarantee.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance officer has asked me to remind all parents if your son is off school, can you please ring the attendance line each day on 02088632706 Option 3, and leave a clear message stating the name of your child, their form class and which symptoms they are currently suffering from, not just stating they are sick.

POST-16

To help support the parents of pupils in Year 11 (and Year 9-10) the following link can be used to assist parents and pupils in making the correct decisions for their Post 16 Education. It has a wealth of interactive links and in-depth information to guide them in prioritising what is most important in the next stage of their education.

https://www.careersandenterprise.co.uk/sites/default/files/uploaded/1377_my_choices_guide-parents-postevent-v1.pdf

Year 11 will receive a talk from St Dominic's and a range of other Post-16 providers this term. To help advise the pupils specifically each pupil will also receive 1-1 guidance with a trained careers guide.

There are a wealth of virtual opportunities for any pupil to log into careers talks delivered on-line. If keen pupils can sign up for virtual work experience events as well.

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/>



COVID INFORMATION

Information for parents and carers on suspected COVID-19 (coronavirus) in a child

WHEN TO SUSPECT COVID-19 IN YOUR CHILD:

if they develop symptoms of a new continuous cough and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Do not send your child to school or childcare setting. Inform the setting through absence reporting

If your child develops symptoms at the childcare setting, they will be separated from others, and will be sent home

If your child (or anyone in your household) has symptoms they must arrange a test as soon as possible and isolate at home for 10 days from date of onset of symptoms (or until they receive a negative result). Everyone else in the household who does not have symptoms must isolate at home for 14 days (or until the symptomatic household member receives a negative result)

Arrange for a coronavirus test for anyone in your household with symptoms either online via www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or call NHS testing line on 119. The test must be done within 7 days of when symptoms start. Ensure you know who to contact with the results in the school/childcare setting if the results are received outside usual working hours

You will be offered a test at your closest drive-through centre. This is the quickest option. A parent or carer will need to perform the test on children under 12 years old. If you don't drive, you can request a home test kit. **Do not** get a test or public transport to the test centre

Result of test (you will receive this by email or text message)

NEGATIVE

Child/staff member can return to setting once well, unless they are a contact of a case, when they will need to complete 14 days self-isolation

If your child is identified as having been in contact with a confirmed case, they will need to self-isolate for 14 days, even if they have had a negative test result. If they develop symptoms, they should isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms, arrange testing and follow the flowchart above

For medical advice call NHS 111, or in an emergency call 999

POSITIVE

Inform the school or childcare setting as soon as possible even if outside opening hours. The child's close contacts within the school will be advised to self-isolate for 14 days

Ensure the child who has tested positive completes the 10 day isolation period (from date of onset of symptom)*. Household members without symptoms should complete 14 days isolation

NHS Test & Trace will send you a text or email alert or call you with instructions of how to share details of people with whom you have had close, recent contact and places you have visited

*If the child is a confirmed case they can return to the childcare setting/school after 10 days. If they still have a temperature, diarrhoea or are being sick they should wait until 48 hours after these symptoms stop. If the child does not develop symptoms, but lives in a household with someone who has tested positive, they can return to setting after completing 14 days self-isolation at home

For general information about COVID-19 please go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

CAREERS AT SALVATORIAN COLLEGE

On Friday we hosted our first Careers event as part of our 'Drop Down Day' programme of activities.

Paul Samuels (Executive Vice President, AEG Europe) delivered a very informative and inspirational talk to our Year 11 pupils.

Business Education Events (BEE) provided a wide range of business volunteers to deliver a 'speed dating style' careers information to our Year 9+10 pupils.

All the speakers were well received and the pupils asked some very insightful questions. The face to face engagement (socially distanced) was invaluable to enable our pupils to gain experience of the working world and what will be required of them in the future.

Year 10 also completed their <https://www.mycareerspringboard.org>



YEAR 7 DATA PACK

If you are a parent of a Year 7 pupil and you have not returned your data pack with any medical information about your son can you do as soon as possible

