



# Salvatorian Week Commencing 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020

## College

### Parent Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October

A reading from the gospel according to Matthew: 22: 33-43

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

As we approach the last week of half term, I am reminded of Pope Francis' encyclical "Fratelli Tutti" in which one of the main themes is that we are all one family. Salvatorian College is no exception to this. I consider us to all be one family, and we are all pulling together in these current, challenging times. As we enter Tier 2 of Covid restrictions, we must look out for each other and take the time to pray for one another.

I am aware that some of our boys have struggled through lockdown and that, for them, being back at school is a challenge. The baseline grades are all in so we will be in a good position, next week, to identify who may benefit from the "catch-up" intervention sessions planned after half term. These extra sessions will take place at various times, including before and after school, and I ask for your support in making sure your sons attend.

It was heart-warming to see so many people log on to our Virtual Open Evening, following up from our face-to-face evening, and I thank all who were involved in getting the events ready, especially the boys who contributed

Kind Regards

Alan Bryant  
Head of School

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Historical Icon:

ROSA PARKS

Career: Civil Rights Activist

Rosa Louise McCauley Parks (4th February 1913 - 24th October 2005) was an activist in the Civil Rights Movement, whom the United States Congress called "the first lady of civil rights" and "the mother of the freedom movement".

On 1st December 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, Parks refused to obey bus driver James F. Blake's order to give up her seat in the "colored section" to a white passenger, after the whites-only section was filled. Parks' act of defiance and the



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Montgomery bus boycott became important symbols of the modern Civil Rights Movement. She became an international icon of resistance to racial segregation.

Current Icon:

LENNY HENRY

Career: Comedian and Actor  
Lenny Henry (born 1958 in Dudley,

Birmingham) has been a regular figure in UK television since the

1980s, both as a comedian and as an actor.

In 1985 he co-founded Comic Relief,

initially as a response to the famine in Ethiopia, before developing the charity to "bring about positive and lasting change in the lives of poor and disadvantaged people" across the world. It has currently raised over 1 billion pounds for these causes.

Henry has also been an open critic of the lack of ethnic diversity in British television and continues to promote television based around ethnic minorities.



### GOSPEL REFLECTION

Listen to God's message:

Jesus came to share the Good News and to bring God's message to all people. He wanted them to learn how to live in the love of God and one's neighbour, and to know what mattered most in life. Many people did not listen, and so Jesus told them that he would give his message to others.

The path to our heavenly Father is like the rising sun, getting brighter and brighter as we draw closer to God. Those who turn away from his love, follow a path as dark as the night, and they stumble and fall because they cannot see the way. (Proverbs 4: 18-19).

Jesus told another parable to the people: 'There was once a farmer who owned a vineyard. He had to go away on business, and so he put some farm workers in charge of the vineyard. When it was time to harvest the grapes, the farmer sent some servants to collect his share. But the farm workers beat his servants and chased them away.

The farmer did not give up, and sent more servants to collect what belonged to him. Again, they were beaten and chased off. Finally, the farmer sent his own son, 'I am sure that they will treat him better,' he said. Instead the farm workers seized the son and killed him.'

Then Jesus asked, 'What will the farmer do when he arrives at the vineyard? The people who had been listening answered, 'He will punish the farm workers and put other people in charge of the vineyard.'

Imagine if the vineyard was the whole world. Who would be in charge of it all? God made the world and everything belongs to him. In the story he is like the farmer. God trusts us to take care of what we have been given, just as the farmer trusted the farm workers.

What happened when the farmer sent his servants with a message? The farm workers were not willing to listen to the message. They were greedy and selfish and they chased the servants away.

In the Old Testament God sent many of his servants with messages for the people. These people were called prophets, and they were sent by God to tell the people to turn back to God and lead lives full of God's goodness and love. Some of the greatest prophets were Jeremiah, Isaiah and Ezekiel.

Just as the vineyard would be taken from the farm workers who would not listen to the master's message, so the kingdom of God will be taken from those who do not listen to God's message, and give to others who listen and live according to God's way.

#### **Prayer:**

**Jesus, open our ears to hear your message and help us to understand it. Help us to share the message of your saving love with others, so that they too can share in your kingdom. Amen**

## **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 – Conspicuous**

*Adjective - Clearly visible; attracting notice or attention.*

#### **Tuesday – Devolve**

*Verb - Transfer or delegate (power) to a lower level, especially from central government to local or regional administration; Pass into (a different state, especially a worse one); degenerate.*

#### **Wednesday – Palpable**

*Adjective – (Of a feeling or atmosphere) so intense as to seem almost tangible; Able to be touched or felt.*

#### **Thursday – Misconstrue**

*Verb - Interpret (a person's words or actions) wrongly.*

#### **Friday – Precarious**

*Adjective - Not securely held or in position; dangerously likely to fall or collapse; Dependent on chance or uncertain.*



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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom. Do not gain the world and lose your soul; wisdom is better than silver or gold. Knowledge is of no value unless you put it into practice. To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to acquire wisdom, one must observe. "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today". There is no substitute for hard work

## 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.

## COVID INFORMATION



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you will be aware, from Saturday, London is being moved into the Tier 2 of Covid-19 restrictions. As a result, we are mandating that from Monday 19 October, face masks are worn in school buildings, and on public transport. These must be plain black or navy without logos or designs, or be of the standard surgical mask type.

Failure to comply with instructions from the school on mask-wearing may result in a sanction.

Please would you also:

- reconsider how your son travels to school, as avoiding public transport has been advised as part of the new restrictions;
- ensure your son travels straight home and only with members of his own year group or with siblings;
- remind your son that he should not linger in public places;
- remind your son that he should not be frequenting any of the shops in the vicinity of the school in order to avoid mixing of year-group bubbles.

The most important aspect of Tier 2 restrictions is that members of different households should not mix indoors - please bear this in mind going forwards.

Thank you for supporting the school, our community, and the national effort to bring down COVID-19 infection levels.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Bryant  
Head of School

### 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](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call NHS testing line on 119. The test must be done within the 10 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 taxi 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 symptoms). 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/>

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## **SAINTS OF THE WEEK:**

Sunday, 18th October: St. Luke, Evangelist & Gospel Writer, Patron Saint of artists, physicians, and surgeons.

Thursday, 22nd October: St. John Paul II (the Great), Pope Patron Saint of World Youth Day.