

Headteacher's Corner

As the first week of the final half term of the academic year draws to a close our Y11 are very much in our prayers as they continue to work hard for their exams. As our minds are now turning to anticipated GCSE results it is important to remember that GCSE results will look different this year with English and maths being graded 1-9 rather than A*-G. This means that schools GCSE performance can't be directly compared to previous years. There is a lot of uncertainty nationally about how the new grading system will pan out due to the fact that GCSE grades will be determined statistically in the first year. This means that it is impossible for anyone to say "To get a grade 9 you need to reach this standard..." Having said this, staff at St Josephs have worked hard to gauge the standard as best as they can and have been preparing students over the past two years for the changes. What we do know is that a Grade 4 will be considered to be 'a pass' but a grade 5+ will be the aspiration and considered a 'good pass.' Our current Y10 will see further changes with all GCSEs following the new spec, with the exception of Law, Electronics, Resistant materials and Textiles. For more information please see this DfE link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcse-changes-a-summary>

On Tuesday once again we joined the nation for a minute of silence offered for the people affected by the London Terror attack. It was encouraging to think that our prayers and thoughts were joining those of others to show solidarity and support for our wider community. Our Y7 students are making further plans to remember the lives of those people who were killed in the Manchester attack. Prayers will be offered for the families who suffered such loss.

On Friday a group of Yr 8 and 9 students had an early start as they flew out to Jesolo in the province of Venice, Italy. We wish them a safe trip and pray that they have life enriching experiences.

Congratulations to Mrs Waddingham who was awarded the 'Kingdom Builder' of the Month staff award. It was great to see such a large number of staff nominated for this prize. We are lucky to have to a dedicated team of staff so sincere about changing young people's lives for the better.

A huge thanks to Mrs Flanagan who has championed the school's facebook page. Many thanks to parents, past and present students and members of staff who have shared their successes inside and outside of school. If you haven't logged onto our facebook page please do so. It is a great way to keep in touch with the many exciting things happening in school. Feel free to message us with any bits of good news we can celebrate.

Finally congratulations to Tom Bateman, Jordan Fazackerley, Sinead McKiernan, Lewis Mulligan, Joe Marsden, Joseph Clewarth and Isabelle Drinkwater who were nominated to receive a Headteachers award for brilliant progress or contributions to school life over the past week. I enjoyed meeting you and chatting about your experiences at our school.

Mr McCabe

ATTENDANCE MATTERS - The whole school attendance for the week commencing 22 May was **91.9%**. Congratulations to **Year 9** and **Mr Cartwright** for achieving the highest attendance percentage out of all year groups and congratulations goes to **'Teresa'** for achieving the highest house attendance. Also, 'well done' **10Teresa** for the highest attendance this week...**97.7%** All year groups need to take special note of the attendance summary as research shows low attendance can lead to a drop in GCSE grade.

Year	Bernadette	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent	Yr Average
7	87.0	97.1	92.6	90.7	90.7	92.6		91.7
8	92.0	90.4	93.5	95.5	93.9	91.0		92.7
9	90.4	92.1	93.0	96.4	93.7	95.5		93.5
10	88.0	91.9	90.5	90.9	92.8	97.7	90.0	91.6
11	88.7	91.6	87.7	89.6	88.1	91.5	91.9	89.8
Family Average	89.2	92.6	91.4	92.6	91.8	93.6	90.9	

Attendance	95%	90%	85%	80%
Number of days lost learning in an academic year	9.5	19	28.5	38
Number of lessons lost learning for a 6 period day	57	114	171	228

Is 95% attendance good? This means that your child has still missed nearly 10 school days in one year. Over five years that would be nearly 50 days, this is almost a school term. Research suggests that '17 missed school days a year equals a drop in a grade in GCSE achievement' - DfE



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Our theme this week is...

JESUS GIVES US BREAD OF LIFE

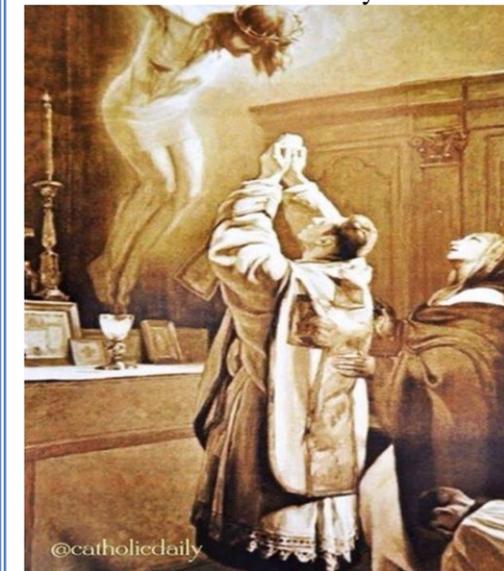
Jesus gives us the Bread of Life

Jesus made great use of every day basic things and signs to bring out meaning in his teaching and also in his institution of the Eucharist. For the Eucharist, the basic ingredients were Bread and Wine. Eating and drinking are basic essentials in our lives. The Jews saw eating as essential because it maintained the human life created by God. A meal signifies not only the essential requirement of receiving nourishment but that coming together as a people in unity. To Christians the Eucharistic meal is a symbol of the heavenly banquet.

Bread is a basic food. It symbolised life to the Jews and reminded them of the live-giving manna from Heaven. Jesus enriched this meaning of the significance of Bread to the Bread of Life: it became for us his flesh given for the life of the world.

In the Mass we approach the altar of God as and who we are. In other words in our weakness, sadness, sinfulness or joyfulness, hopefulness and thankfulness. We come before God, our Creator and father and we place ourselves into His arms. In fact when we do this it is because He has first drawn us there.

In turn God accepts us for who we are, He receives us warts and all, He then feeds us on His word and on the Body and Blood of his son.



ONCE YOU UNDERSTAND THE EUCHARIST, YOU CAN NEVER LEAVE THE CHURCH. NOT BECAUSE THE CHURCH WON'T LET YOU BUT BECAUSE YOUR HEART WON'T LET YOU.

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Up & Coming Events:

GCSE Exams

12 June

- Jesolo Trip - Yr 8-9

13 June

- Jesolo Trip - Yr 8-9

14 June

- Jesolo Trip - Yr 8-9

15 June

- Jesolo Trip - Yr 8-9

16 June

- Jesolo Trip - Yr 8-9

DRAMA CLUB

Calling all Drama Minions!

The KS3 Drama Club will be on every Wednesday lunchtime from 1.15pm.

All welcome!

Please see Miss Breslin for more details.

Facebook

If any parent/pupil (past or present) would like to celebrate an out of school achievement - please send a message to the school Facebook page.

Thanks

We would like to cut down on the number of letters that are printed and form better lines of communication with parents. To this end, please check that we have a current email address for you. We can of course accommodate any requests for hard copies if you require them.

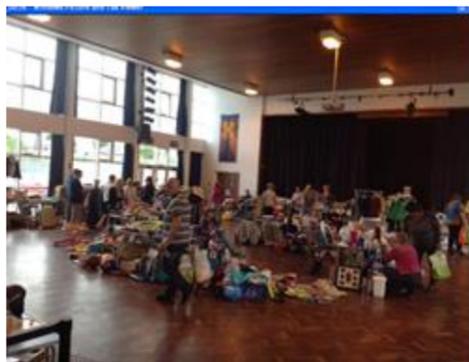
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Youth Mass



Car Boot Sale

Some pictures from the Car Boot Sale – Sunday 4 June 2017



Well done and thanks to the students, parents and staff who supported the car boot sale last Sunday to raise money for the South Africa trip. There was a great atmosphere and many bargains ready to be bagged!