



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Thursday, 13 October 2017

Our Prayer theme next week is **The Call (Vocation)**

Imagine that you are throwing a big celebration, an enormous party and you invite everyone who is important in your life - every friend, every teacher, every member of your family. Everything is set-up and the buffet is ready. You will make sure everyone has the time of their lives. Yet nobody turns up! This is the parable from this Sunday's Gospel. There is a truth that we need to face up to: we are all invited to God's celebration; the ultimate party. Do you go? The invitation is there for each one of us to follow this vocation that God has called us to: the vocation to follow Him and to join Him in celebration. Listen to the call (and respond).



We are invited to pray for a new Bishop for our Diocese:

Almighty God, Eternal shepherd and guide. In your love for us, grant to the Catholic Diocese of Lancaster a shepherd who will lead us to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church. This we ask, and all our prayers, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We remember in our prayers Fr Kevin Lowry, previously of St Anthony's and Our Lady and St Edward's, who has recently died. His funeral service is at St Joseph's, Ansdell on Wednesday 18th October at 11.30am. May he rest in peace.

MISSION 2017-18

As our Mission countdown continues, we encourage you to follow our Mission Updates on Twitter @olchspreston for news on our preparations, competitions and events.

PROPOSED ADMISSIONS POLICY

The 2019-2020 Proposed Admissions policy for Our Lady's Catholic High School is available for consultation for a period of 6 weeks and can be found on the school website in the admissions section of the website.

CHOCOLATE BINGO

Our highly popular annual Chocolate Bingo will take place in school at 7.00 pm on Friday, 20 October. We hope to see as many of you there as possible, especially the families of new pupils. If you are unable to attend on the night please support us by sending in any unwanted chocolate for us to use as prizes.

VACANCIES

Governors are now seeking to appoint a two temporary members of staff to join the Catering Team. The posts will initially be up until Summer 2018, however, it is anticipated that following a review of our Catering Team, permanent posts will become available. Both posts are term time only plus 3 cleaning days. All details are available on the website

Post 1

- Catering Assistant - working hours - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 12.50pm to 2.50pm and Tuesday 12.20pm to 2.20pm
- Closing Date – Tuesday, 24 October 2017 at 12 noon
- Interviews – Thursday, 26 October

Post 2

- Senior Assistant Cook - working hours - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8.40pm to 3.00pm (break included) and Tuesday 8.40pm to 2.20pm
- Closing Date – Monday, 6 November 2017 at 12 noon
- Interviews – Tuesday, 7 November

CASTLERIGG EVENTS

Fr John Moriarty from Castlerigg would like to promote the following two events:

- Young Adults Retreat, 17-19 November
A weekend retreat for young adults (in year 12 or above) at Castlerigg Manor. This is an opportunity to step back from our busy lives and reflect on where we are going, with time for reflection, discussion and prayer, and enjoy meeting other young adults. £65.
- Advent Retreat, 8-10 December
Take time out from the busy run-up to Christmas to prepare for the Lord's coming. This weekend retreat, for young people in year 9 and above, will be a fun occasion to meet other young people and, together, reflect on what Christmas is really about through games, workshops, discussions and prayer. £65.

Visit www.castleriggmanor.co.uk to book your place and for more information about these and other events.

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH FIREWORKS

We have been asked by St Anthony's Parish to share the following information. St Anthony's parish invite you to join our next Future Foundations fundraising event - Bonfire and Fireworks display on Saturday, 4 November 2017. Gates to the parish field will open at 6.30pm with a firework display at 8pm. Hot Food and a range of snacks and refreshments available to buy. All children (under 16) must be accompanied and supervised at all times by a responsible adult. Strictly no personal fireworks allowed. Tickets available throughout October please see Mr Hefferan at Break time in the network office Adult - £5, Child - £3 (child ticket includes a free sparkler). Numbers are limited so don't delay, buy now.

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL

The team pulled off an impressive win against Dowdales School from Cumbria in the second round of the English Schools Football Association competition on Thursday, 12 October. Our Lady's went ahead through a neat finish from close range from Dominic Richmond but Dowdales soon replied with a goal to level the match. Our Lady's kept taking the lead only for their opposition to equalise soon after. The score went to 3-3 and with only 5 minutes of the game remaining Tiernan Hayes latched on to a long ball and scored a magnificent volley from distance. Despite some late pressure from our opponents the team held on to win 4-3. Our Lady's now await the draw for the third round. Well done team!

TEACHER TRAINING AFTERNOON TEA INFORMATION SESSIONS

Do you have (or are soon to be awarded) a degree? Are you interested in a career in teaching (primary or secondary)? If you answer yes to these questions then the Catholic Teaching Alliance invites you to attend a free, no obligation, information event in the Training Centre at Our Lady's Catholic High School. There are 2 dates available Friday, 20 October 2.30pm – 4pm and Friday, 10 November 2.30pm – 4pm, both include free refreshments. If you are interested we would encourage you to come in and have a chat with us about the exciting opportunities available for training in your local Catholic schools. Please contact our ITT director Mr Adrian Gormally on CTAschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk or 01772 326931 and let us know which session you would like to attend.

Dates to remember

Friday, 27 October – School closes for half-term at 3.30 pm

Monday, 6 November – school opens

Thursday, 16 November – GCSE Certificate Evening

Thursday, 23 November – Year 11 Parent/Carers' Evening 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm

Friday, 17 November – Year 8-11 Certificate Presentation Morning, school closes at 12.45 pm

Tuesday, 5 December – CAFOD Advent Service, St Anthony's church at 7.00 pm

Thursday, 21 December – School closes for Christmas

Monday, 8 January – School opens