

A Catholic School for All

Our Mission Statement

Trinity is a Catholic learning community devoted to the common good.

Parental Bulletin – Friday 23rd April 2021

Let Us Pray: The Pope's Prayer Intention for April: Fundamental Rights



Let Us Pray

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Amen

Head of School - MR SHIRES (email: jshires@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

As we end the third week of the season of Eastertide, today we celebrate the patron Saint of England, St George. Historians write that he was born – in the 3rd century AD – more than 2,000 miles away in Cappadocia (modern day Turkey) and thought to have died in Lydda (modern day Israel) in the Roman province of Palestine in AD 303. It is believed that his tomb was in Lod and was a centre of Christian pilgrimage. Although he is often portrayed as a knight riding a horse in shining armour, he was a Christian serving as an officer in the Roman army under the Roman Emperor, Diocletian. During his reign, Diocletian persecuted Christians and ordered that all Christians should be made to worship Roman Gods or be put to death. Initially he tried to bribe St George into giving up his faith in return for land, money, and slaves but St George showed great courage and sacrifice in remaining committed to his faith and subsequently was executed on this day in AD 303 and in doing so became a Martyr. Before being put to death he gave all his possession away to the poor.

Although St George never visited England, his reputation for virtue and holiness spread across Europe and his feast day, today, the 23rd April was celebrated in England from the 9th century onwards. He was canonised in AD 494 by Pope Gelasius, who claimed he was one of those **'whose names are justly revered among men but whose acts are known only to God'**. In 1940 King George VI created a new award for acts of the greatest heroism or courage in circumstance of extreme danger. The George Cross, named after the king, bears the image of St George vanquishing the dragon. The story goes that St George rode into Silene (modern day Libya) to free the city from a dragon who had a taste for humans, but it's a story which post-dates the real George by several centuries.

His Martyrdom showed to people of his time and through the ages to:

Stand up for what is right.

It is not easy to live out the teachings of the bible and to live a Christian life.

God will be with you even through your hardest trials and to live a Christian life.

Good will conquer evil.

Whilst relaxing in the sunshine this weekend take the time to reflect upon the following questions.

Is there something you have been too afraid to try?

What is the thing or feeling that is stopping you to try?

How might you overcome that?

Do you have the courage to give it a go?

Are there places in your life where you could step out of your comfort zone to do what Jesus would do?

Mrs Hayden is taking part in Strides Against Stress as part of National Stress Awareness this month. She is raising money for Education Support, a national charity which provides free support for everyone working in Education. Mrs Hayden has walked 150 miles and is currently 10th in the leader board.

If you would like to support Mrs Hayden, you can via this link. <https://educationsupport.enthuse.com/pf/d-hayden>

Catholic Life - MRS RAYMENT- Lay Chaplain (email: erayment@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

Welcome back to the new term, the sun is shining, the evenings are light, and we are embarking on what is hopefully the last leg of social restrictions. During this term, our liturgy will focus on the **Communion of Saints**. This is the spiritual union of the members of the church. As Catholics we believe that we are never alone in our struggles or indeed our joyous moments. We are spiritually connected to all the Baptised, even those who have died.

This week our liturgy focus was on courage and St George. We looked at what God said to Joshua when he asked him to lead the Israelites out of the desert and into the promised land:

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

God doesn't get cross if we make mistakes. His love is unconditional. Being courageous does not necessarily mean we will succeed but being willing to give things a go is his wish for us. My prayer for us this Pentecost term is that we would each have the courage to try something new or something that we have been too afraid to try before. There are new enrichment activities happening throughout the school so why not give one a go?

On a more practical note, if anyone has any spare garden furniture to go in our prayer garden we would be most grateful. The Chaplaincy team ate their lunch in there this week but we had to sit on a wall as we have no benches or chairs! We also need bird seed as our little birdie friends have been greedy and emptied our feeder already. Lastly and most importantly, we would like to put a statue in the garden of Jesus or Mary. If anyone knows of one not being used in a local church or would be willing to donate one, please get in touch. Planting will begin in the next couple of weeks, once we have turned over the beds, and it would be lovely to have the statue to plant around.

Blessings as always, Emma.

Senior Assistant Principal (Inclusion and Pastoral Care) - MR ALTON (email: malton@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

Year 10 Parents Evening - Wednesday 28th April (4pm - 6pm)

Appointments can be made with your child's subject teachers for the Parents Evening which will be held on our remote Parents Evening system. You will need to access the '**Parents Evening System Parent Login**' via Edulink (you will find this under the **Links** section of Edulink) to make your bookings.

If you have difficulty in accessing the parents evening system, please contact the LourdesIT helpdesk via <https://help.lourdesit.org.uk/support/home>

Year 11 Final Assessments (Tuesday 4th May - Friday 21st May)

We hope the preparations for the final assessments are going well. In support of your child's preparations, we have attached the task sheets (which provide details of each assessment) and the assessment timetable (plus details of revision sessions).

Students will be expected to attend timetabled lessons in full school uniform unless they are sitting an assessment or taking part in a revision session.

Year 11 Post-18 Evening - Your Future Life Website

Our thanks to all our Year 11 students who attended the virtual post-18 evening on Tuesday 20th April. If you were unable to attend and would like additional information, please follow the link for our collaboration website: <http://www.your-future.life/>

Year 12 Foundation Programme Open Day (Wednesday 28th April)

We are delighted to have the opportunity to deliver our Foundation Programme to a new cohort of students who are either seeking asylum or who have English as an additional language. Mr Lignier and the team have done a tremendous job in supporting our current cohort and it will be our pleasure to host initially an open day for prospective learners and the course from September 2021.

Inclusion Manager and Deputy Safeguarding Lead - MISS CROSSMAN (email: lcrossman@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

The Brunswick Hub in Leamington Spa can help and support residents with a wide range of issues and concerns. Currently the centre is offering support services including a long COVID-19 survivors' group, bereavement advice, mental health support, help to access services and foodbank support.

Please use the following link for further information <https://brunswickhlc.org.uk>

Word of the Week – Week Beginning: 26th April 2021



Week beginning 26th April 2021:
Sens/senti – feel (Latin word root)



Free School Meals Information

To check eligibility for Free School Meals:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

Please check any emails sent by Mr Marr about Free School Meals and contact reception to update any contact numbers or email addresses.

Friends of Trinity

Dear Parents/Carers

There will be a Friends of Trinity meeting via TEAMS on Tuesday 4th May at 7pm.

Why join the Friends of Trinity? Be part of a group of parents *just like you* who want to be involved with their child's school, their child's education and the education of everyone in their community by joining a local PTSA. With schools facing constant, ever changing challenges, the PTSA is more important than ever.

If you would like to attend via TEAMS, please email me at jsturjeon@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk, with your name, your child(ren)'s name/tutor group and your email address so that I can send you an invite.

Bag2School – Friday 11th June 2021

Please find attached poster for Bag2school collection Friday 11th June 2021. Please help us by having a good sort out and donate your "good quality" unwanted textiles. More information including a list of suggested donations is on the poster.



Thank you in advance of your support.

Key Dates: 19th April to 21st July 2021 (Summer Term)

- Year 10 Parents Evening (remote): Wednesday 28th April 2021 – 4.00pm to 6.00pm
- Year 12 Foundation Programme Open Day: Wednesday 28th April
- **May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed: Monday 3rd May 2021**
- Year 11 Final Assessments: Tuesday 4th May - Friday 21st May 2021
- **Teacher Training Day: Friday 28th May 2021**
- **Half Term Holiday: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021**

Attendance Reporting - Attendance Manager – MRS LYTWYNIW (email: plytwyniw@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

Reporting Student Absence (Illness/Medical and Other)

A reminder to all parents/carers you are required to notify the school of all student absences (Year 7 to Year 12). This should be done by either:

- using your Edulink account or
- leaving a telephone message on the Student Absence Line - **01926 462929** stating:
 - your name
 - child's name
 - form group
 - reason for absence

If your child is absent for several days, it is important to report the absence every day that they are off school. Medical evidence may be requested for absences. In the event that we need to contact you, please check that your Edulink account contact details are correct and up to date.

Job Vacancies at Our Lady of Lourdes Multi-Academy Company (OLOL)

For job vacancies within Our Lady of Lourdes MAC, please click on the following link:

[Vacancies – Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy \(lourdesmac.org.uk\)](https://www.lourdesmac.org.uk/vacancies)

Learning Support – Mrs Price (email: jprice@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

Please attached the Spring 2021 newsletter from SENDIAS/Parent support for SEND.

All students have continued to engage with the support on offer when provision has sometimes looked different due to restrictions. Well done to the Year 9 students from Peter's Place who are regularly attending main school lessons in Science and Maths.

I would like to acknowledge the contribution of the staff in Learning Support and Peter's Place and echo a study which suggested that Teaching Assistants are among the unsung heroes of the pandemic.

Peter's Place staff would welcome any donations of Lego that is not used anymore. Lego is having a really positive impact on our students at break and lunchtimes. Please contact Ms Carter via email lcarter@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk if you can donate. Thank you in advance.

Entrust Care Partnership support children/young people who have additional needs, and their families and carers through a variety of interactive workshops, play groups and dance movement classes. The partnership also have adapted and accessible caravans that are available to be booked for short breaks.

[Entrust Care Partnership | To meet the needs of disabled children, young persons, adults, and their families and carers through the provision of short break activities, care, support, training, advice, and brokerage tailoring services which are bespoke to the individual.](#)

Finally, we would like to share a poem written by a student we support:

Conflicted

(An insight of an autistic boy)

*Why do I care so much?
Yet I feel as if I don't care enough.
My mind is a battle ground of logic and emotion.
I am a vessel of war between right and wrong.
Why am I so tired?
And yet so awake.
Why do I try so hard?
And yet I'm told I'm not trying hard enough.
My mind is a battle ground of logic and emotion.
I am a vessel of war between right and wrong.
I find it difficult to express my emotions as they are so CONFLICTED.
So, when I do express them my emotions attack each other creating rage.
Any my ideas and opinions are the tanks and weapons of the warfare In my mind!*

Head of Year 7 - MR PETTLE (email: mpettle@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

It has been lovely to welcome Year 7 back after their Easter break, and for their final term of this academic year. It does feel that they have been somewhat short-changed in their transition experience; most of their final year of primary school was spent remote learning, and a large chunk of Year 7 has been as well. However, in the most testing of circumstances our students are now equipped with a repertoire of skills (including resilience, technological ability and tolerance) that they may not have developed under different circumstances.

Walking around the Year 7 bubble this week, the strong work ethic is evident and students are clearly pushing themselves to achieve their full potential. After long periods of time apart, we do sometimes find instances where students may forget the best ways to behave around the school and towards their peers. I have reiterated our expectations to the students this week, but please do ensure that students are attending school with the correct equipment and uniform. In cases where this may be difficult, please do get in touch and we will support wherever we can.

This week I have been reminded of a quote once said by the American TV personality Oprah Winfrey: "*The more you celebrate in life, the more there is to celebrate.*" As the world takes its first furtive steps towards some semblance of normality, and we find ourselves firmly in the spring season, we must encourage our young people to celebrate the positives, and safely embrace this new-found freedom that we have.

Wishing you and your families a happy and restful weekend.

Head of Year 8 - MR DEMPSEY (email: pdempsey@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

Welcome back to the final term of this academic year. For our Year 8 not a lot will change although they may be longing for the good weather to continue so that the school field may once again open! As always it has been a delight to speak with, and engage with, our young people. They view the world in a way that is both refreshing and heartening. Listening to their views on fairness and justice makes me proud to be associated with them.

Our youngsters are now fully conversant with the school and its expectations. As a result, there can be some pushing against our very high standards. I have noticed that there has been a slight slackening in terms of PE uniform on those days PE is taught and a rash of hoodies or unacceptable tops. If you are unsure, can you please check the uniform policy before allowing your child to wear these garments into school.

Another development has seen a rise in 'energy' drinks or high sugar drinks that students are arriving at school with. Can you please ensure they have water or a squash but avoid these energy drinks? With the summer term coinciding with the lessening in restrictions it is my sincere hope that school life will sooner rather than later return to some recognisable normality. I have mentioned this before, but it bears repeating; the resilience our youngsters have shown in this stop/start year is humbling.

I leave you with my favourite quote from Shakespeare, the quote I have emblazoned in my teaching room and the quote which for me joyfully explores human potential but also the need to make the most of every opportunity:

"We are such stuff as dreams are made on."

The Tempest

I wish you all a peaceful and relaxing weekend.

Head of Year 9 - MR MUSSON (email: emusson@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

This term, students are given the opportunity to sign up to the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE).

The DofE is a chance to gain new skills and interests, get fit, have fun and broaden horizons. Upon completion of the programme, students will have achieved a highly respected Award that can help open doors in the future, whatever students are hoping to do.

The DofE is non-competitive and open to all young people – it is about setting your own personal aims, overcoming your own challenges, and pushing your own boundaries.

Students will complete four sections: Skills, Volunteering, Physical and an Expedition. Students can choose their activities – either improving something they already do or discovering something completely new.

Students were given an initial introduction to the DofE on Thursday 22nd April. Find out more at <https://www.dofe.org>

If your child is interested in doing the DofE, please register their interest by clicking on the link below and submitting the form. Enrolment forms will then be issued to all those that want to take part.

<https://forms.office.com/r/4f0iyekSQm>

Please get in touch with Mr Jones if you have any questions or would like more information about completing the DofE Award. There is a charge of £30 that covers registration, administration, and basic expedition costs.

A minority of students in the year group are attempting to leave each lesson to 'go to the toilet'. We remind all students that there are opportunities to use the toilet prior to Period 1, during the Period 1 to Period 2 changeover, at break time (15mins), at lunchtime (30mins), during the Period 4 to 5 changeover and at the end of Period 5. There are therefore six opportunities to use the toilet facilities, all of which are no more than 1 hour apart. Those who require immediate use of toilets due to medical reasons are issued with a toilet pass. All other students should manage their time and use the toilets appropriately during the six opportunities throughout the day. We thank those parents who support the school by reinforcing the understanding that the five hours of lesson time are for learning.

Head of Year 10 - MR WILLIS (email: awillis@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

Welcome back to our final term of Year 10.

I wrote in our last bulletin about the importance of this term, and I want to emphasise how critical the coming weeks will be. This term sets the tone and importance of future GCSE study. Please do all you can to support your child in ensuring expectations of attitude, behaviour, and dress remain high. In this week's Liturgy we discussed St George and courage. Students need to display the courage to be the best version of themselves during their remaining time with us. This time next year we will be preparing for the impending GCSE exams!

There is opportunity to discuss your child's attitude and behaviour as well as their current progress in our Year 10 priority Parents Evening on Wednesday (28th April). Please ensure you take this opportunity if possible. For those parents that have not yet booked appointments please follow the below steps.

Please remember that I cannot help with any IT issue (including login details). Any problem must be directed to Lourdes IT ([Support: Lourdes IT](#)) who will be able to help you.

The Year 10 Parents Evening booking system is live. Please read the following instructions prior to booking an appointment; please pay special consideration to point '6'.

For Parent Access

1. Select the **Links** function in **EduLink**
2. Select **Parents Evening System Parent Login**
3. Enter your details (Title, First Name, Surname, Email, Confirm Email)
4. Enter student details (First Name, Surname, Date of Birth)
5. When presented with the choice of Parents Evening that you wish to book for; please select Wednesday 28th April March 2021 4-6pm.
6. You will be given the option of: Automatic Bookings or **Manual Bookings**. Please ensure that you select **Manual Bookings**, where you can choose your appointment times for each teacher.

If you have any access issues, please raise a ticket with Lourdes IT at <https://help.lourdesit.org.uk/support/home> Finally, please ensure that you use my correct email address (awillis@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk) in any correspondence.

Head of Year 11 - MR MARR (email: smarr@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

I delivered the liturgy this week about courage. During this term, our liturgy will focus on the Communion of Saints. As Catholics we believe that we are never alone in our struggles or indeed our joyous moments.



The scripture come from Joshua 1:9. After the death of Moses, God commissions Joshua to take the Lord's people out of the desert and into the land he had promised them. Joshua was naturally afraid; of failing God, of failing to live up to the expectations of the Jewish people. Despite his fear, God still chooses him: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

God does not get cross if we make mistakes. His love is unconditional. Being courageous does not necessarily mean we will succeed but being willing to give things a go is his wish for us.

The liturgy also concentrates on the feast of St George who was martyred for his beliefs. To show strength in the face of such great persecution, as many Christians did at that time, shows great courage.

Whilst these are great acts of courage, it is often the small acts of courage fail us because we are scared or concerned if we fail. Students were asked to reflect on the following:

- Think about your own life. Is there something you have been too afraid to try?
- What is the thing or feeling that is stopping you?
- How might you overcome that?
- Do you have the courage to give it a go?

Year 11 Leavers Hoodies

Originally, it was our intention to distribute Hoodies on GCSE Result Day, however after discussing it with tutors and students we are now aiming for this to be on their last day in May. Please note that there will be a quick turnaround and then deadline to place an order will be on Sunday 9th May 2021. Orders are to be place via the website below and size, colour, nickname and payment can be made. Please note that any nickname must be appropriate, and the company have asked us to check this before processing.

Trinity Catholic School Leavers Hoodies 2021 (superlogo.co.uk)

Year 11 Final Assessments

Mr Alton included this in his section of the bulletin, but please find the dates for the assessment period:

Tuesday 4th – Friday 21st May 2021

Revision sessions will be calendared prior to subject assessments to support students further.

Year 11 IT Information

If you are having issues with your email, password or Edulink the LourdesIT help desk contact details:

Help Desk: 01527 359 999 <https://help.lourdesit.org.uk> help@lourdesit.org.uk; 7.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday. All resources, assignments, live and pre-recorded lessons will no longer be available via the "welearn365" platform that students previously used.

Foundation Programme Co-ordinator - MR LIGNIER (email: jlignier@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

The Year 12 students have been studying hard for their exams which begin next week. I have sent out a timetable to the students of when those are going ahead, but will re-iterate below:

Tuesday 27th April 2021

Maths: All Levels: Paper A and Paper B: 10:30am start

Thursday 29th April 2021

Reading: All Levels: 10:30am Start

Writing: All Levels: 1:30pm Start

On these two days, students will be off timetable, so they will not be having their other lessons, just exams. Whilst they are not doing exams, the students will be with myself and Mrs Whordley, either for some post-exam relaxing or extra revision.

On a slightly different note, it has been great to see some of the students adhering to the smart dress code this week. This dress code is now compulsory. If it is continually ignored, letters home will be sent and further ignorance could lead to exclusion, so please ensure that the code is adhered to.

Thank you for your support. If there are any concerns or queries, please contact me on: jlignier@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk.

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) - Mrs La Spisa and Mrs Kite (email: mlaspisa@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

Warwickshire College Group (WCG)

WCG are continuing to support schools with information and open events for prospective students. They will be holding summer term open events which will take place between 21st June and 1st July 2021.

For more information regarding dates and times for each college, please click on this link:
[first in-person open events](#) to book a place.

Careers HubCW (CWLEP)

The Coventry and Warwickshire Careers Hub have developed a Facebook page for parents/students <https://www.facebook.com/CareersHubCW>. They will be posting local opportunities and resources to support your child.

Year 11 Careers Guidance Meetings

One to one Careers Guidance Meetings for Year 11 students are continuing this half term.

PE Department – Enrichment Activities

- Volleyball Club for Year 10 students will start next Friday from 3.30pm-4.40pm. This is for both boys and girls.

Our School Motto
Equal by means of God's image