



St Margaret's Academy

Snippets



25th October 2019

Message from the Headteacher

On Tuesday, we welcomed our pupils back to school full enthusiasm and ready for the next 9 weeks of learning! The teaching staff were back to work on Monday and we spent the day further developing our learning and teaching approaches with an emphasis on promoting a culture of thinking in the classroom to enhance young people's classroom experience. We also spent some time discussing our new reporting arrangements for this session as we seek to simplify the content of reports and ensure that a report tells you everything you need to know about your child's progress in learning. As always, I am keen to hear any feedback on our parent reports so please let me email me (wlmargarets-ac@westlothian.org.uk) if you have anything you would like to mention.

Over the next few weeks I will be sharing with you a number of important calendar dates including our 25th anniversary celebrations, S4-6 prelim dates and 'supporting your child' parent information evenings. I would encourage you to keep following the snippets bulletin so that you don't miss anything important. I'll try my best to keep it as simple as possible as I know what's like trying to keep up with what's going on in your children's nursery, primary and secondary school!

Mr G. McDowall

What you need to know...

- 1 The S1 Halloween Disco is on Wednesday 30th October from 6pm in the school. Tickets on sale at interval in the atrium.
- 2 Feast of ALL SAINTS School Community Mass is on Friday 1st November from 8.15am-8.30am in the oratory. All welcome to attend.
- 3 S4 Prelim diet is the 2nd -13th of December. More details to follow.
- 4 S4-6. You should have received your child's progress report. If not, get in touch and we can email you a copy.

Key dates...

Wednesday 30th Oct -
S1 Halloween Disco 6-8pm
Senior Management Surgery 4-6pm - see below
Friday 1st November -
Feast of ALL SAINTS - 8.15am - Oratory
Cuppa in the cafe - 9am-10am - see below
Monday 4th November -
CERN trip
Thursday 7th November -
Higher Drama Theatre workshop
Friday 8th November
S1-3 reports issued to parents
Monday 11th November
Parent Council 7pm

S2 Parents' Evening

Thanks to everyone who came along to the 'new look' S2 Parents' evening on Thursday. If you have any feedback then please respond to the groupcall message that you received asking for comments. If you didn't manage to get an appointment for a particular teacher or subject then please get in contact with your child's Head of House but please note that you will receive



Staffing update

Just prior to the October holidays we had two members of staff who were successful at interview for promoted posts in other schools. Mr Murray in our Maths dept will be moving in a few weeks to take up the post of Principal Teacher of Maths in Edinburgh, and Mrs McLeod in Social Subjects will be moving to Armadale as Principal Teacher of Pupil Support. This week we will be interviewing to appoint a permanent Principal Teacher of Maths & Engineering and I will update you on the outcome of this in the next bulletin.

All Saints' Day Mass and Services

To celebrate the Feast of All Saints' on Friday 1st November all young people will be involved in services throughout the school day. The mass will be celebrated in the morning from 8.15am-8.35am in the school oratory and all pupils, parents and staff are invited to attend.

Halloween Disco

The S1 Halloween Disco is on Wednesday 30th October from 6-8pm in the school. The event is organised by our S6 pupils and they do a great job in making in an eventful evening. I would encourage all S1 pupils to get involved - tickets are available during interval and lunchtime in the atrium.

Supporting your Child: Mathematics S1-3

The next event in the 'Supporting your Child' series of information sessions is on the 16th November from 7pm in the school. The focus is supporting your child in Mathematics, specifically S1-3. You will learn some of the new techniques and strategies that we are using to enhance pupil learning and thinking in Mathematics and I'm sure you'll find it helpful. Please come along regardless of your own maths ability - we promise you won't get asked any hard questions. Mr Conway - Acting Principal Teacher of Maths.



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Pupil Bulletin

22nd October 2019

General

ML Paris Trip 2020

Flights have been booked! Letter to follow.

Also, a gentle reminder that the second instalment is due Thursday 31st October, payment to be made via ipay impact.

London Trip 2020

Please see attached slide for information.

French Film Festival Outing

Pupils on the list need to make sure they hand in their EE2 form ASAP, before the end of the week to Mrs McDougall.

Duke of Edinburgh

Please return yellow forms and deposit by FRIDAY.

There is a meeting afterschool on Friday for all. Head to the science base and you'll be directed where to go.

Cake Decorating Class

H&T will be running a cake decorating class after school starting Monday 11th November.

If you want to learn how to decorate cakes or want to show off your skills then come along and join us in Health and Technology! We will have a festive spin on the decorating.

If you are interested, please speak to Mrs McClatchey at interval today to secure your place. Look forward to seeing you all!

Film Club

Film Club will be starting back this week! If you have lunch 5a on a Monday or a Wednesday you can come along. Please see Mrs Sedgewick in U62 English to collect a lunch pass. The Film Club are going to the Into Film Festival in November so members can collect a letter for this trip too.

Equalities Club

The Equalities Club now has a designated 'safe space' in the RE department. Miss McKeown's room will be available every break, Mon-Fri as well as Tues, Wed and

Thurs lunchtimes. Well done to Rachael, Erin and Rebecca for their tireless commitment to making this happen!

Mass

Mass will take place in the Oratory on Thursday morning at 8.20am. It lasts about 15 minutes. If your bus arrives after Mass has started you are welcome to come in late.

Water Coolers

The new mains fed water coolers are finally installed in the atrium and PE department. Please ensure you bring an empty water bottle to school. In order to reduce the amount of plastic waste, there will be no more plastic cups available from the school office.

School Canteen

Students are reminded not to take plated food out of the Atrium. Please take a seat while you eat and place all rubbish in the bins provided. Thank you.

Late Pupils

Please sign at the School Office, when you arrive late into school. If you are late due to the school bus please indicate this when you sign in. Thank you.

Bus Tickets

Bus tickets should be purchased from the School Office at break and lunch time only. The cost of a 10 journey ticket is £6.96, please try to bring the exact money with you to the School Office.

School Tie Return

If you have borrowed a tie from the School Office could you please ensure that it is returned by the end of the day.

Procedure for Leaving School for Appointments/Sent Home from Sick Room

If you have to leave the school premises for any reason e.g. medical appointment, sent home from sick room please remember to sign yourself out on the black folder at the school office window.

Lidl

Pupils should be reminded to remain on school grounds during break and lunch time. Please advise pupils that they will no longer be served at Lidl during these times.

Lost Property

Please be reminded that the lost property basket is located outside the Janitors Office. If you have lost any items of clothing etc. please check this basket in the first instance.

Extra-Curricular Timetable

Please see attached sheet for details.

S1 – S3

S4 – S6

Senior Careers Into Film Festival Trip

Are you in S5/6 and interested in a career in film, media or the creative industries? Mrs Sedgewick in English and Mrs McCreadie (Careers Adviser) are taking a trip to see Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald at the Into Film Festival on Tuesday the 12th of November. The film is followed by a talk by an industry professional. Letters and forms can be collected from Mrs Sedgewick in U62 or Mrs McCreadie in the careers office in the library. The trip costs £7.

London 2020

Performing Arts Trip



Monday 22nd - 24th of June

- Open to current S3-6 students
- Anyone interested should attend a meeting on Thursday 24th of October at break time in the drama studio.



Cuppa *in the* Cafe

Drop in session for parents to speak to a member of the School Leadership Team face to face. You will have the opportunity to discuss any concerns or issues that you feel are important

**Wednesday 30th October - Senior Management drop in session.
School office 4-6pm**

Friday 1st November - Pupil Support & Senior Management drop in session. School office 9am-10am

ST ANDREW'S

Admin Office:

126 Victoria Street
Craigshill
Livingston
EH54 5BJ
T: 01506 432141

ST PETER'S

9 Carmondean Centre
Deans
Livingston
EH54 8PT
T: 01506 438787

ST PHILIP'S

The Lanthorn
Kenilworth Rise
Dedridge, Livingston
EH54 6NY
T: c/o 01506 880918

ST THERESA'S

Kilronan Park
41 Main Street
East Calder
EH53 0ES
T: 01506 880918

Pastoral Team:

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Email: catholic126@gmail.com **PPC Email:** livingstoneastcalder_ppc@hotmail.com

Fr Peter Mobile: 07460 676 278 (text only) **Email:** katolicylivingston@gmail.com

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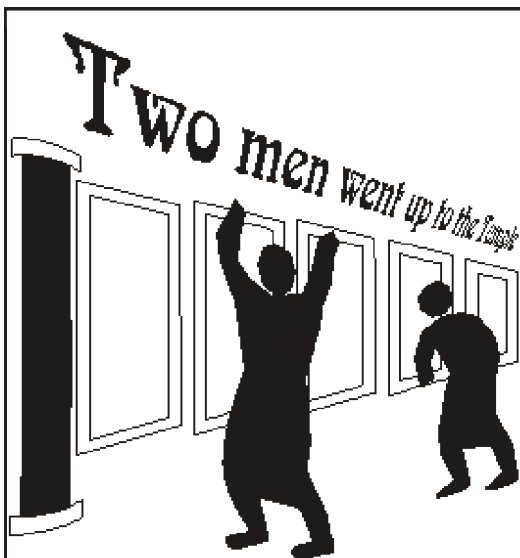
Website: www.livingstoncatholicparishes.co.uk

SVDP Contact Numbers:

St Andrew's & St Theresa's: 07342 793611 **St Peter's:** 07796 662264 **St Philip's:** 07502 031701

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2019

30th Sunday of the Year - Year C



The familiar words of the Magnificat : "He has pulled down princes from their thrones and raised high the lowly" introduces a theme that is important to Luke ie. that God reverses the fortunes of the poor.

This theme is found again in today's gospel where we hear the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. As in many good stories exaggeration is used for effect while the Pharisee expounds his own virtue the tax collector (who would be considered an outcast as he is someone who liaises with gentiles and works alongside the foreign occupying power with their host of pagan gods) prays for mercy with humility.

Most of us have in us a bit of both the tax collector and the Pharisee. The Pharisee is not a bad guy, he upholds the law of Moses given to the people of God in the desert, he is a good observant religious person who prays, teaches, gathers for worship etc. However his pious practises separate him from other people. His judgemental and closed attitudes mean he cannot be in communion with God and with others.

On the other hand the tax collector focuses not on himself but on God and God's grace and mercy. God's mercy cannot be earned it is given to us as a free gift so that we can grow both in the love of God and of each other.

Confession:

St Andrew's: Sat 9am & 4.30pm
St Peter's: Sat 10am
St Philip's: Sat 9am
St Theresa's: Sun after 11.30am

Adoration:

St Andrew's: Tue 10am to 11am
Thu 7pm to 8pm
Sat 4.30pm to 5pm
St Peter's: Sat 10am to 10.30am
St Philip's: Sat 9am to 9.15am

Morning Prayer:

St Philip's: Tue, Thu & Sat
9.15am

Parish office opening hours:

Mon, Tue, Wed & Thu
9.30am to 12.30pm

Shared News ...

Fr Kenneth Update: Fr Kenneth is at an unknown location, however, he will be back in six days (not that I'm counting!)

Youth Club: The Youth Club will meet again tonight from 6.00pm - 8.00pm in the Lanthorn where the children will enjoy a Halloween Party.

RCIA: This coming week the group will meet on Thursday at 7.00pm in St Peter's.

Solemnity of All Saints: Takes place on Friday 1 November. Please note that Mass on Thursday evening in St Andrew's is a Vigil Mass for All Saints Day. Plenty of opportunity to go to Masses in our four parishes so please make an effort to join your local parish community for Mass.

The One World International Family Night: Last chance to get your tickets for this event. On sale as follows St Philip's (Alex 07851 373 165); St Theresa's (Daniel 07946 199 406); St Peter's (Judith 07428 761 323); St Andrew's (Kas 07908 491 058); Polish Community (Anna 07549 875 811). The One World Group are looking for raffle donations for the event and they can be give to Maureen Rolfe.

Link to Hope Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal: Brochures are now available. Please choose to fill either a family or elderly box. Items should be new and should not include food, medicines, books, tea/coffee. Boxes will be collected from the Lanthorn on 10 November.

Safeguarding Induction Part 1: An additional safeguarding induction part 1 session will be held in St Andrew's shalom chapel on Monday 2 December from 7.00pm - 8.30pm. Please note this is for volunteers who have not yet undertaken any safeguarding training.

Safe Smartphone Use: The Diocesan safeguarding office have let us know about a visual guide that offers parents advice on safe smartphone use and can be accessed on 'How to protect your children on their smartphone' - TigerMobiles.com.

Next Sunday's Readings (03.11.19): Wisdom 11:22-12:2; Psalm 144; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10.

Recently Deceased: Ellen Shiels, Vincent Moran, Helen Donnelly, Mariusz Kubiak, Theresa Devlin **Anniversaries (October):** Peggy McGillivray, Alan Broom, baby Malgorzata Bednarczyk, John McGahan, Harry Hughes, Pauline Knowles

ST PETER'S ...

Wednesday 30th: Children from P6 & P7 will join us for Mass on Wednesday morning.

Rosary Group: Meet on Wednesday at 10.15am in the side hall. Knit & Natter starts at 12.30pm.

Baptism: Please pray for Leighton & Addison Davey who will be baptised on Saturday 2 November.

Thanks: A big thank you to St John Ogilvie PFA for their generous gift of £250 which we have put into the Project Ghana fund for Fr John. I am delighted to let you know that St Peter's is now leading the way and we have already raised £1,012.51. That means we now only have £987.49 to raise. If anyone wants to make a donation, please put it in an envelope marked 'Project Ghana' and give it directly to Fr Simon.

Fairtrade Stall: If anyone would be interested in starting a stall in 'The Cupboard' once a month, let Fr Simon know.

Mass Reading Sheets: These are available to download from the Vienna International Religious Centre website <http://www.virc.at>

Universal Media: As you know, we will be cancelling this subscription as we don't sell enough copies of the newspaper. We have discovered that for £12 per year you can look at a digital copy from the comfort of your own home. Visit <https://www.thecatholicuniverse.com/>

Last Sunday's Collection: £841.58; **Mission Sunday:** £346.41; **Church Stall:** £103.84

ST ANDREW'S ...

Loan Fund: The outstanding current loan figure is £2,795. Thank you.

Last Sunday's Collection: £596.96; **Mission**

Sunday: £565.16; **Church Stall:** £119.79; **200**

Club: No 13 & No 102 (13.10) & No 28 & No 111 (20.10); **Sanctuary Candle:** Happy holiday

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ST THERESA'S...

Rosary: The rosary will be recited every Monday morning after 9.00am Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Last Sunday's Collection: £393.44;
Mission Sunday: £132.46; **Bonus Ball:** £ **Bonus Ball Winner:** No 13 T Canning

ST PHILIP'S ...

Tuesday 29th: Children from P6 will join us for Mass on Tuesday morning.

Lantern Just Giving Christmas Tree: In the next few days there will be a tree in the foyer of the Lantern which will have tags for children and adults. Please take a tag and put a small gift under the tree for Santa to deliver. The staff of the Lantern are working with the local health centre who help forty families in the Dedridge area alone.

Last Sunday's Collection: £506.55;
Mission Sunday: £325.98; **200 Club:** M Logan (104) 06.10, M McLaren (92) 13.10, N Coen (34) 20.10; **Sanctuary Candle:** May Henderson RIP Anniversary



The following is a contribution from some of our Caritas 6th Year helpers ...

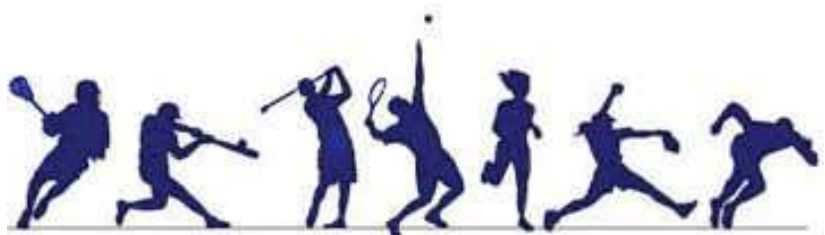


When volunteering at the Youth Club the main focus surrounds providing a space where the children who come feel supported and relaxed. It is a challenge, but it rewards multiple times the effort. It is cathartic as you feel encouraged by their youthful cheer and positivity and you end up relaxed and joining in the stress free fun.

The Youth Club provides many different activities such as physical activities, reflection time and creative outlets. A particularly good one involved planting bulbs. Participation is essential for the full experience so we encourage full participation by everyone in the bundle of fun.

The way the youth volunteers help is by providing another level of support. We have the ability to generally be seen as more approachable and are sometimes able to relate more strongly and so are always on hand to help in situations.

The most rewarding part of volunteering at the club is being able to be part of a group that provides a positive healthy experience that everyone can enjoy. It's great to help others have fun.



WIADOMOŚCI POLSKIEJ WSPÓLNOTY W LIVINSTON



Drodzy, po zachęcie do wytrwałej modlitwy mamy Boże słowo, które przypomina o łaskawości Boga: *Pan (...) nie zlekceważy błagania sieroty ani wdowy, (...) modlitwa pokornego przeniknie obłoki. Zatem módlmy się za siebie nawzajem i pamiętajmy, by przez listopad w MODLITWIE WYPOMINKOWEJ wspomnieć naszych Bliskich Zmarłych, dając im najcenniejszy dar modlitwy!* Jezus ostrzega nas, byśmy nie byli dufni i nie gardzili innymi! Nie módlmy się jak faryzeusz, ale jak celnik który *bił się w piersi, mówiąc: Boże, miej litość dla mnie, grzesznika!*(...) *Każdy bowiem, kto się wywyższa, będzie ponizony, a kto się uniża, będzie wywyższony.* Nie chodzi o to, byśmy zakładali przed Bogiem maskę, ale byśmy umieli pokazać Mu na modlitwie naszą prawdziwą twarz – bez makijażu, tłumaczeń i upiększeń. Stańc w prawdzie, uznać moją małość, by u Boga odnaleźć moją ludzką godność oraz-wielkość daną przez Niego, wobec której moja małość i słabość musi ustąpić. **Módlmy się o to na Eucharystii, na różańcu, w naszych prywatnych westchnieniach *Jezu ufam Tobie*, albo powtarzając modlitwę celnika - *Boże, miej litość dla mnie, grzesznika!*** – Wasz ks. Piotr

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DATE	ST ANDREW'S	ST PETER'S	ST PHILIP'S	ST THERESA'S	FEAST DAY
Sun 27 Oct	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass JS People of the Parish	9.30am Mass JS <i>Allison Fernandez-Douglas RIP</i> 5.30pm Mass SH <i>John McGuinness</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.30am Mass PK <i>Theresa McGinlay</i>	30th Sunday of the Year - Year C
Mon 28 Oct	No Service	No Service	No Service	9.00am Mass JS <i>Ruby Carroll</i>	Feast of St Simon & St Jude
Tue 29 Oct	9.30am Mass JS <i>Theresa Devlin</i>	No Service	9.30am Mass SH <i>Helen Donnelly RIP</i>	No Service	Tuesday 30th week of the year
Wed 30 Oct	9.30am Mass JS <i>Frances Johnston</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Jim Baxter RIP</i>	No Service	6.00pm Mass PK	Wednesday 30th week of the year
Thu 31 Oct	9.30am JS <i>Audrey MacPherson RIP</i> 7.00pm Mass PK	No Service	9.30am Mass PK <i>Donor's Intention</i>	6.00pm Mass JS	Thursday 30th week of the year
Fri 1 Nov	9.30am Mass PK <i>Daniel O'Sullivan</i> 7.00pm Polish PK	9.30am Mass SH <i>Anne Daly</i>	7.00pm Mass JS <i>Donor's Intention</i>	9.00am Mass JS	Solemnity of All Saints
Sat 2 Nov	9.30am Mass JS <i>Theresa Devlin</i> 5.30pm Vigil KO <i>Andrew McLay Snr</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Christopher Norris</i> 6.30pm Polish PK	9.30am Mass PK <i>Donor's Intention</i>	No Service	The Commemoration of all the faithful departed
Sun 3 Nov	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass KO <i>Edward Lafferty RIP</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30pm Mass SH <i>Frank Reilly RIP</i>	9.30am Mass JS <i>Ernestina Tudare RIP</i>	11.30am Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i>	31st Sunday of the Year - Year C