



# St. Michael's News



## Important Dates

### February

**1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>** : Health and Fitness week

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>** : E District Cross Country

**Thur 4<sup>th</sup>** : Open Night

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup>** : Year 10 Business Project

**Thur 11<sup>th</sup>** : Year 10 Parent Teacher Meeting

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup>** : Exceptional Closure (Staff Only)

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup>** : School closed

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup>** : School closed

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup>** :Ash Wednesday – Mass in school

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup>** : Ulster Schools Cross Country

**Thur 25<sup>th</sup>** : Year 12 Parent Teacher Meeting

### March

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – Fri 5<sup>th</sup>** : Feis

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup>** : Year 13 Work Experience

**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>** : Year 13 Work Experience

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>** : Year 13 Work Experience

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>** : Staff Meeting

**Thur 4<sup>th</sup>** : World Book Day

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup>** : Year 11 Parent Teacher Meeting

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup>** : St Patrick's Day

**Thur 18<sup>th</sup>** : School closed

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup>** : School closed

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup>** : Trip to Stormont

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup>** : Year 14 Penitential service

**Wed 31<sup>st</sup>** : Year 9 Parent Teacher Meeting

**Wed 31<sup>st</sup>** : Last day of term for students

**Thur 1<sup>st</sup> April : Baker Day**

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> April : First day of new term.**

## Business Studies

Year 10 completed a successful Business Project Programme on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February. This gave students an ideal opportunity to experience many aspects of what is involved in running a successful business. There was a lot to learn but those involved found the programme to be fun and exciting with a chance to see whether or not they might be 'budding entrepreneurs' of the future.

## Chaplain's Corner

### **Ministers of the Eucharist**

I am very grateful to the following Senior students who have trained as Ministers of the Eucharist and are helping at Masses in the College this year:

Keelan Barrett  
Stephen Colgan  
Kieran Leonard

Ciaran McBrien  
Niall McCaffrey  
Sean McGandy  
David McGorman  
Barry McGovern  
Fintan O Doherty

## **John Paul 2 Awards**

Seventeen students from Year 13 are taking part in the John Paul 2 Awards Program. The Pope John Paul II Award is a new initiative aimed at young people to encourage and promote faith, spiritual development, caring for others and community-building. It celebrates and acknowledges the many young people who are already actively involved in their parishes, in their community and in charitable work. It promotes active participation in parish life through care for the Aged, Faith and Light, Youth Club leadership, involvement in Liturgy as a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Music etc. Religion is for living. By taking an active part in the church and community many young people experience the contentment and joy that comes from serving others.

The award allows young people to gain a nationally recognised

certificate and medal for spiritual, social or caring involvement.. You can apply for a Bronze, Silver or Gold award, depending on the amount of time and effort you are willing to give. Some of the applicants are going as helpers on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes next July. For more information contact Mr O Connor

**Weekday Masses.**

This year early Mass is in the Oratory every Tuesday and Thursday at 8.40.

On Monday Mass is in the Chapel for Senior students who are free at the time and for a different Junior class each week. Generally attendance is quite good.

**Fundraising**

The effort and generosity shown by students and their families in raising an enormous amount of money for Haiti and in the pre-Christmas Concern collection has been truly amazing. Well done to the organisers and the pupils. May God guide you on your journey.  
Fr Macartan