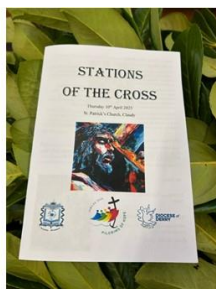




11th April 2025



Lenten Service

Thank you to Bishop Mc Keown and Fr O'Kane for leading us in prayer during a Lenten service on Thursday afternoon. Pupils in Years 8, 9 and 10 remembered Jesus final journey, through the Stations of the Cross.

A special word of thanks to our choir members, instrumentalists and readers under the direction of Mr Doherty and Mrs Loughrey for a wonderful service. Bishop Mc Keown, who celebrates his 75th birthday tomorrow was presented a cake by Eoghan and Ellen in Year 9.

Lenten Reflection

Lenten reflection continued before school this morning in the R.E Department (Room 10). The final reflection will be before school on Wednesday morning in the R.E Department from 8.50 a.m. until 9.05 a.m. for both pupils and staff members.

Year 12 Dedication of Studies Mass

On Monday 28th April in the local Church there will be a Dedication of Studies Mass for Year 12 pupils. Parents/guardians of Year 12 pupils are also invited to attend and there will be refreshments available for the parents/guardians afterwards in the Assembly Hall.



Charity Fundraising – Easter Hamper Raffle & Easter Eggs

On Wednesday we will be having an Easter Hamper raffle with Easter Eggs to be won as well. Entry is £1.00 & all funds raised will go to Foyle Hospice. Pupils should see their Head of Year if they would like to enter. Cash only please. Good luck!

Gaelic Football - Girls

Commiserations to our U14 Girls Gaelic team who missed out progressing to the Semi-Final on Wednesday at Celtic Park. [Congratulations](#) to St. Cecilia's College as they advance in the competition. Thank you to Miss Duffy for coaching the team.





Gaelic Football – Boys

The Year 9 boys were sadly defeated by a strong St Joseph's Coalisland in their O'Doherty Cup Semi-Final yesterday. The boys battled well but ultimately came up short. Some excellent performances in defence from Danny C, Corey T and Conor H. Pierce D, Ronan McC and Alfie D fought hard at half-back. Conor O'K was excellent saving a penalty. Charlie D covered every blade of grass!

End of Term

School will finish for the Easter break on Wednesday 16th April at the usual school closure time, with staff and pupils returning to school on Monday 28th April.

Key Dates

Wednesday 16 th April	Lenten Reflection morning (8.50 - 9.05 a.m.)
Wednesday 16 th April	End of Term (Full day) Finish time: 3.35 p.m.
Monday 28 th April	Term 3 begins
Monday 28 th April (11.00 a.m.)	Year 12 Dedication of Studies Mass
Friday 23 rd May	Year 9 Parent Tutor Day

Final prayer

"Lord, as we gather today on Palm Sunday, we rejoice in the triumphant arrival of your Son, Jesus, into Jerusalem. We lift our voices in praise, remembering the crowds who hailed him as king and Messiah. Help us to see in this joyous occasion the path of humility and love that Jesus would soon embrace, leading to the cross.

Grant us the grace to follow him faithfully, not just in our outward expressions of praise, but in the quiet moments of our lives, as we strive to live out the teachings of the cross and follow his example. May this Holy Week be a time of reflection, prayer, and a deepening of our faith in the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Yours sincerely,

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