



3rd May 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here are this week's messages.

60th Anniversary Mass and Celebration

Last night we celebrated our 60th Anniversary which was a wonderful occasion with Bishop Donal McKeown. Thank you to everyone, past and present, who made the occasion so special. The Derry Post and Derry News have been featuring the college this week which you can access from the following link:

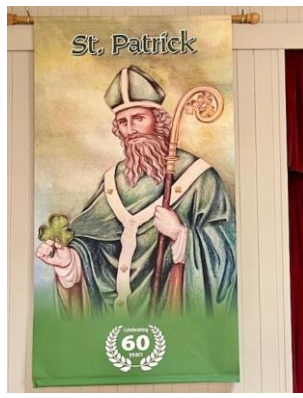
<https://www.derrynow.com/>



Catholic Ethos Award

Bishop Donal McKeown blessed a new Catholic Ethos Award last night. This will be presented to a Yr. 12 pupil who has made a significant contribution to Catholic Life in the college.

The award will be presented at the Key Stage 4 Prizegiving.



New St. Patrick & St. Brigid images

To mark our 60th Anniversary, new images of St. Patrick & St. Brigid now feature in our Main Hall.

60th Anniversary Commemorative Clothing

MFC have designed three commemorative items to mark the college's 60th Anniversary. There is a retro jersey (Child: £21, Adult: £26), hoodie (Child: £28, Adult: £26) and bobble hat (£12) available to purchase. A pack costs £43 for a child and £52 for an adult. Orders have to be placed by Thursday 9th May. Pupils should contact Mr Ball if they have any particular questions.



May Altar

Thank you to the R.E Department who have used our Sacred Space to have a May Altar. This week's Collective Worship has been dedicated to 'Our Lady'.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our Canteen Supervisor, Majella, on completing 39 years of service at St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's College. Three catering managers and the Head of Catering, Stephen Briggs, from the Education Authority visited this week to thank Majella for her outstanding dedication.



Gaelic Football

Unfortunately, our Yr. 9 boys' team lost the semi final of the O' Doherty Cup against Sacred Heart in Omagh on Monday.

On Tuesday, our U14 Girls team beat St. Louis, Ballymena 2-8 to 2-4 to become Ulster Champions which is a brilliant achievement. Well done to the squad and the coaching team.

GCSE Examinations

The first public written examinations begin on Wednesday 8th May.

This is now only 1 school day away!

Best wishes to all our Key Stage 4 pupils and sincere thanks to the staff members and parents/guardians who have been supporting our Yr. 11 & Yr. 12 pupils with their preparation.

Uniform Donations

Parents/guardians of Yr. 12 pupils are asked to kindly consider donating any school uniform your child will no longer require after the public examinations. Please check that it is in a good clean condition. Your donations are greatly appreciated and can be left at the main reception.



Key Dates

Some key dates:

Monday 6th May
Wednesday 8th May
Friday 10th May

Bank Holiday Monday (**college closed**)
GCSE Examinations Begin
Year 12 Leavers Mass (*Chapel*, Time: **1.30pm**)

Final Prayer

We are now in the month of May which is dedicated to Our Lady.

Holy Mary,

help those in need,

give strength to the weak,

comfort the sorrowful,

pray for God's people,

assist the clergy,

intercede for the religious,

May all who seek your help experience your unfailing protection.

Amen.

Yours sincerely,



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