TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Welcome back….It was great to see all our young people return to school in August and welcome our new S1!

In September, a beautiful S1 Welcome Mass enabled us to welcome parents and guardians into our school building to share in the celebration of Mass. As always, our senior pupils exhibited what is best about Trinity in their attendance, speeches and singing. Father Paul Annis and Father Stephen Reilly continue to guide and support us in our spiritual formation, and it is wonderful to see our young people attend Mass both before and during the school day. The Liturgical Life of our school is so important to who we are as a community and our young people continue to represent our school in a range of events and activities such as the Diocesan Vocations Mass and Caritas Commissioning Service held recently at Motherwell Cathedral.

In September we hosted our Senior Awards Ceremony. Our Guest Speaker, former pupil Michael Hamilton (Community Engagement Officer, SCIAF), gave an inspirational talk which focused on our school values of Faith, Hope and Charity as well as recognising the outstanding performance of all our young people in this year's SQA examination results. The evening was an outstanding success, giving us the opportunity to celebrate the hard work, attainment and achievements of our young people.

Our new S1 have settled well into Trinity High School. For all of our young people we continue to strive to ensure they all feel safe and happy as part of our school community. Our Pupil Leadership Team has now also been appointed and we are looking forward to working with them to continue to take Trinity High School forward.

We welcomed to our staff this academic year, Mr Woods, Miss McCartney, Mr Naillen and Miss McMonagle. I wish them and all our staff well in this academic year.

Please take the time to read the news and information contained within this newsletter and please continue to access the school website and twitter account for further information. Thank you for your continued support and I hope you enjoy a lovely October break.

Kind regards

Allison Craig

Head Teacher

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 23rd October—Pupils return from October Break

Friday 27th October—Whole School Novel Launch Day

Tuesday 7th November—S5/S6 Parents Evening

Tuesday 21st November—S4 Parents Evening

Thursday 7th December—Christmas Fayre

Monday 18th December—S4 Mental Health Day

Friday 22nd December—School closes (2.30pm)

Tuesday 24th October - S3 Parents Evening

Wednesday 1st November—All Saints Day

Monday 13th November—In-service day

Monday 27th November—Catholic Education Week

Thursday 14th December—Christmas Concert

Tuesday 19th December—S5/S6 Mental Health Day

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Being "synodal"

No matter who you are, where you live, the state of your life, whether you are the heart of your parish or somewhere on the margins of the Church – all are needed at this important moment in the life of the Church. "To hold a synod means; **to walk together**. To walk on a journey through history, together as one flock with Christ who walks amongst them, their Shephard"

In Trinity High School's **vision**; Home, School and Church are Trinitarian logistics where staff and students live, learn and work with an attitude of hope, faith and charity. Every school year is a cycle of learning that can be described as walking together which is Synod from the original Greek – walking together; as we say at Trinity High; "**Stronger together**".

From 2021 Pope Francis invited all the Baptised to "walk together" on a journey of learning from life as Church. How does Home, School see Church? The stage of **seeing** has been reported in various Diocese from all over the world including schools, young people generally, parents, educators, in short every person practicing or non practicing Catholic. The first stage of opening our eyes to see.

All the these opinions have been collated and are going to be examined in Rome during the first week of October 2023 with representatives from all over the globe. How do non-Catholic and non Christians see the Catholic Church with its members? How do Catholics see themselves in their Communion, participation and mission? How does God see His church in our times?

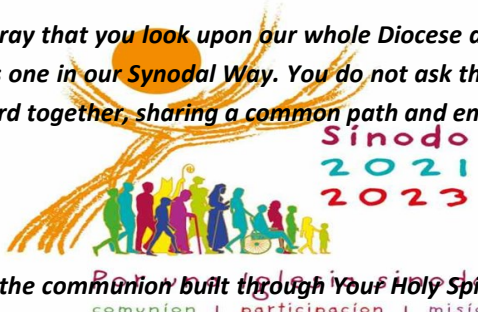
The spirit of being synodal is to **listen**, **reflect** prayerfully and **dialogue**. "The Church needs intense internal sharing: a living dialogue between the Pastors and between Pastors and the faithful". In order to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit as continuous habit in seeking to know what God is asking of His Church.

In **praying** "let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" our words become a commitment in daily life. Contemplating God's will fulfilled in Christ we become like Mary who after saying "be done to me according to your word" went to serve her cousin Elizabeth. Being synod is being engaged in the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives that inspires, purifies and gives the energy to act according to pleases God.

Let us ask the Lord to bestow on us as school the gifts of the Holy Spirit to journey together on the path of discernment; to continue the Mission of Christ in our days in the challenging times ahead. May the Holy Spirit lead us in truth and understanding, and may Mary's example and intercession keep us in communion with the Lord and on another as we participate more fully in the mission of the Church. Amen

Fr. Paul Annis mccj

Dear God we pray that you look upon our whole Diocese as part of the Universal Church, and unite us as one in our Synodal Way. You do not ask that we all be the same but that we walk forward together, sharing a common path and embracing our diversity.



We know that the communion built through Your Holy Spirit is stronger than any divisions. May we open our hearts fully to that unifying power. With our common Baptism uniting and blessing us, may we offer back to You our many gifts and talents as we come together as one in the Body of Christ.

SYNODALITY

The 16th Ordinary General assembly of the synod of Bishops

Becoming a Synodal Church requires every baptised to be aware of their precious role in forging communion, being truthful in participation and active in mission. Continually

YOUNG SCOTS WRITER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Two Trinity High School students are making waves in the world of writing. Liza Solas and Cian Kearney came 2nd and Runner up in the Young Scot's Writer of the Year Award, a national poetry competition.

Liza Solas and Cian Kearney were honoured on the evening with Liza picking up second prize in the Young Scots Writer o' the Year award for her poem, 'The Way Ah Speak,' while judges gave finalist Cian's work a highly commended badge of recognition. Liza said: "It is amazing to be recognised in a national competition for our poetry. I think our club is pretty unusual but it's honestly such a great place to come and share our poems."

Cian also added: "Poetry club has become such a vital part of our school week so it's brilliant that our work has been shortlisted. Poetry club is a place for us to express ourselves, learn writing craft and to see that poetry doesn't just start and end with what gets taught at Scottish Set Text."

Trinity High School English teacher Mr Shearer was contacted by one of the competition's organisers to advise this was the first instance of two young writers from the same poetry club and school being shortlisted.

Saying that the "massive win" for the school and its poetry club illustrates the craft and care young poets display in their writing, he commented: "I am so pleased with their progress on their writing journeys, for the magic they create every week at Poetry Club and it's tremendous that they are being recognised nationally in this competition.

FACULTY OF PERFORMING ARTS

Extra Curricular Clubs are up and running and there is a lot of buzz around the departments as preparations get underway for our...dare we say it.... Christmas Concert and Pantomime! Our Glee Club, Wind Band, Bridgeton Burns, School Choir, Ceilidh Band, Soul Band and Junior Musical Theatre Club have all started and if there is anyone looking for any information on any of the clubs, pop along to the Performing Arts Base to speak to any of the staff!

Auditions for our Panto - 'Happily Ever After' have been a MASSIVE success with over 50 pupils auditioning! The standard of auditions was so high, it made life for Mrs Koiak and Mr Baddon very difficult when deciding the cast list but huge congratulations to everyone involved! Mr Baddon also has a team of pupils working on everything backstage and again, if any pupil wants to become involved with anything Music or Drama related, pop along to speak to us!

We will also be preparing for our Young Performer of the Year which is happening in November. We have invited guests to judge the talent of some of our young folk and it promises to be a fantastic night with a range of performances.

Dates for your diary -

Thursday 16th November 7pm - Young Performer of the Year Competition

Thursday 14th December - 7.30pm - Christmas Concert and Panto

S1 SCHOOL OF NETBALL

Massive well done to our 20 S1 pupils who have recently been selected for the School of Netball 23-24. This group will be Trinity High School's 2nd ever School of Netball participants and we are still the only School of Netball in all of South Lanarkshire.

Huge well done to all those involved in what was a very competitive trial, and congratulations to those selected for this year's programme