

## The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian Family,

As I write to you this week, we are in the final hours of the College's regular operations before we close to pupils for an extended period. You have heard a great many times from me recently, for example regarding the College's preparations for closure and our plans to continue teaching and learning remotely. I will therefore keep my review of the week brief and to the point as best I can.

I would like to thank all members of our Bedian community for their fellowship, patience and support over recent times and I know that we will continue to look after each other throughout this challenging period. I thought it opportune at this point to include Pope Francis' prayer to Mary below, which I would encourage you to say regularly during the coronavirus pandemic:

O Mary,  
you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross  
took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.  
You, Salvation of the Roman People,  
know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide  
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy and to feasting  
after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows  
to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

As I come to the conclusion of my review and possibly write to you like this for the final time for a while, I would like to wish all of you a safe and a healthy next period of time in your lives and I look forward to seeing you all again very soon.

Do please stay in touch with me and with my College colleagues, and do not hesitate to contact us at any stage if you need our assistance or advice.

May God bless you all and we continue to keep everyone in our thoughts and prayers here at St Bede's.

**Mr L d'Arcy**  
Headmaster  
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## Faith Matters

As you know there will not be any public masses so during this time here are a few ideas to keep our faith burning bright, please.

Watch mass live online

A lot of tech savvy priests are currently working on ways to live stream their mass for their congregations.

Walsingham Shrine -England

<http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream>

Knock Shrine -Ireland

<https://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live.html>

Create a home shrine/altar

Place a crucifix, rosary, bible, photos of loved ones and prayer cards and a candle. If you don't have a side table how about using a window sill.

Set alarms in your phone to remind you to pray.

Younger Children love to gather all their gifts and books together. They can use a blanket on the floor or a shelf.

Most churches will remain open with Adoration so you can go to church as a family and have a moment in prayer together.

You may like to pray the rosary or the divine mercy

Rosary: <https://www.catholic-kids.com/rosary.htm>

DivineMercy: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet>

Pray at the dinner table

It's so important to bless our food so why not hold hands and pray to bless your family. It might feel awkward at first but use this time of worry to strengthen the family bonds.

Simple prayer

Bless the food before us,

The people beside us

And the friendship between us.

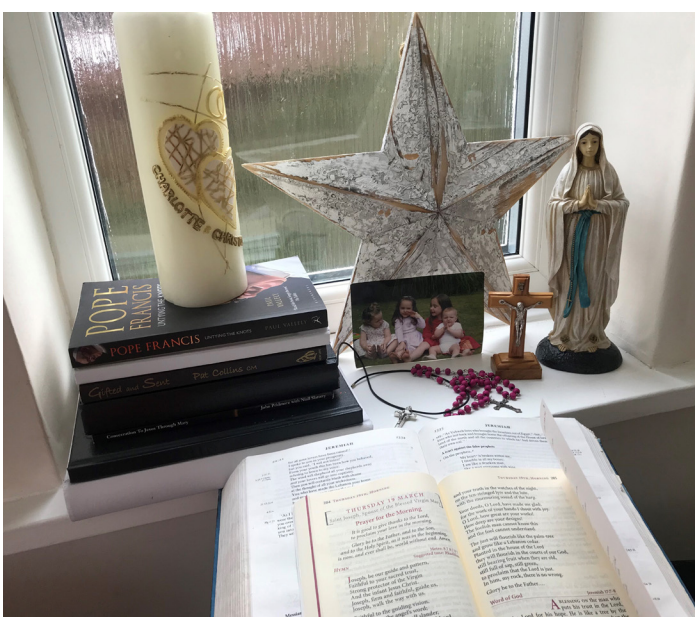
Please email me any prayer intentions at any time.

God bless and you're all in my prayers. Keep the faith!

Practical support for others. As people are stocking up their cupboards the food banks are empty. If you can donate to Cornerstone at this time the link is below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-bedes-college1>

**Mrs Hibbert**



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Rosie ended our celebratory with a beautiful St. Patrick's Prayer. The children were disappointed that their families couldn't come but are very excited to watch the video with them.

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WISH YOU  
A VERY  
**HAPPY**  
**BIRTHDAY**

PREP 6 **SCARLETT**

## Stars of the Week



### Mrs Hunt

Dear children,

How strange this is, to be saying goodbye today. Your teachers have been amazing and you are amazing! Prep 4, your message of faith, hope and trust was truly uplifting in our chapel. Prep 6, I could not have been prouder of you, the way you performed your show songs, putting your heart and soul into everything; it was so uplifting for us to watch this morning.

Of course, we cannot wait until we are back at school together. Back to our normal routines, but perhaps, God just wants us to slow down for a little while, spend more time with our families (if that is possible) and take time to remember what is truly important; health, happiness and of course, the thing that we are best at here at St. Bede's Prep, kindness.

We will stay in touch during the days ahead and although some of us will be here at school caring for children whose parents need our help, we must listen to the doctors and the people in government who are telling us that we must stay at home if we can. We need to be safe and we need to stay well.

We love you all very much and we are keeping you and your families in our thoughts and prayers every day.

From Mrs Hunt and Bee x



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### Visiting Artist

On Wednesday 11 March, Prep 6 were lucky enough to spend the day with acclaimed Manchester artist, Justin Eagleton. We have been studying the work of this local artist in recent weeks, particularly looking at his UK city map illustrations which feature in the rooms of a major hotel chain. Justin has enjoyed a diverse career in the art world to date; from prop making for Granada Studios in the early years, to stadium design for FIFA/EA Games and creating specially commissioned portraits of local and international celebrities. One of Justin's most recent accolades was to be chosen to design one of the Manchester Bees - The Hac-BEE-Enda which later sold for charity raising over £20,000. His latest Manchester-themed piece is an installation at The Printworks and is a digital media homage to the city's rich cultural, social, industrial and political heritage.

Justin engaged the children with interesting and witty reflections on his career path and his early inspirations. He discussed the opportunities offered by modern technology and how it can impact both the creation and marketing of a piece of art. Finally, he wowed everyone with the time-lapse videos of his stunning portrait paintings of some of our local footballing heroes. The children then enjoyed a practical session where they used a range of media, including: newspaper collage, acrylic paint and adding a final flourish of gold leaf (24 carat magic!) to produce a canvas painting based on Justin's latest commission: The Buzz, which recently sold at charity auction for The Christie for £2,500. The finished pieces are simply stunning and will form part of a wider Prep school art gallery display (details to be announced at a later date).

The opportunity to BEE an artist for the day was relished by each one of the Prep 6 children and staff who took part in Justin's workshops. It was especially relevant for the children to make such a memorable connection with a 'real life' home-grown artist from our rich Mancunian soil. We look forward to inviting Justin back into school to work with both Prep and Senior pupils in the not too distant future.

His work can be seen at:

<https://www.justineagleton.co.uk/>

For more images of follow this link:

<https://www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/justin-eagleton-visits-prep-6/>

