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Dear Parent/Carer,

I do hope you had a wonderful half-term break and were able to find some relaxation time amidst the stormy weather.

It has been a very busy start to the second half of the spring term. Obviously, we have all been moved and saddened by the scenes and news we are hearing and seeing regarding the conflict and uncertainties in Ukraine. On Tuesday lunchtime, students were invited to adoration to pray for the intention of all those suffering as a result of the current conflict. Indeed, our students all participated in Ash Wednesday liturgies, where we reflected on His Holiness, Pope Francis' request to make Ash Wednesday a Day of Fasting for Peace. Students have been moved to action in a number of ways; we will be supporting a local collection to send items to Poland to support the increasing refugee crisis because of the situation in Ukraine. Students are invited to bring any of the following to the chapel or chapel office by Monday, 7th March: blankets, nappies, crayons, hairbrushes, shampoo, toothbrushes, metal cups or bottles. Additionally, two of our Year 13 students are raising funds for the village of one of our student's families in Ukraine, where they are working with the local priest to distribute to those forced to stay behind. Former students are also running a campaign on the Ukrainian border and their efforts can be seen and supported by the students. The details of all of the above are available for students on Show My Homework. We are always humbled by our students and their care and compassion for those in the greatest need and their desire to bring about change.

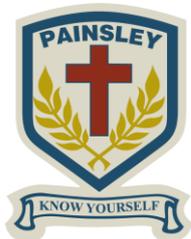
During the week, we also marked World Book Day on Thursday, March 3rd. In every lesson, pupils read opening chapters to a range of Carnegie Medal-winning and classic texts. Pupils then completed one-sentence review sheets about every text that they read during the day in order to enter the prize draw to win all of the books. From faraway lands and the world of dragons, to stories about painful existences in war-torn worlds, all pupils were immersed in their reading, linking to the World Book Day message that 'everybody is a reader'. Pupils are now encouraged to seek out any of the books that they particularly enjoyed and read them in full. Furthermore, all Emmaus groups also completed the final quiz for the Emmaus Reading Challenge to read 'A Sound of Thunder'. The winning Emmaus group will be announced soon.

Year 12 & 13 Business and Economics students have been on a visit to London to consider the role of Business and Economics in a number of settings. Year 9 geographers have visited the Natural History Museum in London, Year 7 have participated in the World of Work afternoon, Year 8 have had a presentation related to anti-bullying, all students have participated in Pastoral/ Citizenship and Year 11 have once again been able to participate in a year group photograph in addition to individual photographs. We held Year 12 & 13 Parents' Evening virtually during the week and with Year 11 Parents' Evening (virtual) next week, it is crucial timing for students in Year 11 & 13 whose examinations begin in 8 school weeks!

In the coming week, we look forward to Year 12/13 mock examinations, National Careers Week, Year 11 MFL mock speaking tests, Year 9 'All Change' careers event and Lent penitential services.



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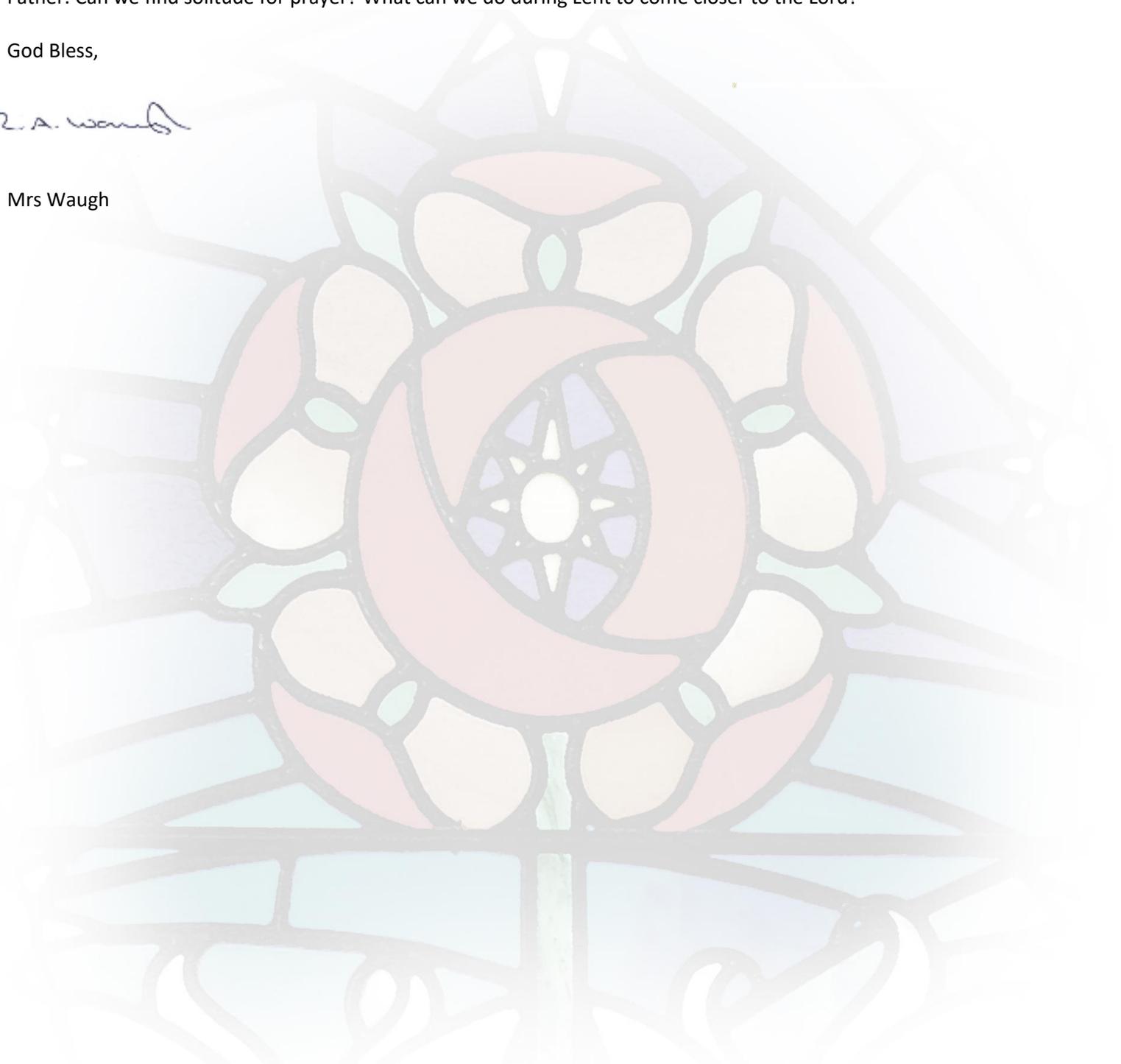
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In the Gospel on Sunday Jesus is tempted in the desert (Luke 4:1-13). In the solitude of the desert Jesus prayed to his Father. Can we find solitude for prayer? What can we do during Lent to come closer to the Lord?

God Bless,

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