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St Gabriel's
Roman Catholic High School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the Easter break, I wanted to share a meaningful parable that I believe holds valuable lessons for us all.

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector." Luke 18:9–10. This Scripture passage introduces the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. They both go to the Temple to pray, but their prayers are very different from each other. The prayer of the Pharisee is very dishonest, whereas the prayer of the tax collector is exceptionally sincere and honest. Jesus concludes by saying that the tax collector went home justified but not the Pharisee. He states, "...for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

This parable serves as a powerful reminder that true righteousness comes not from self-importance or looking down on others, but from a humble and contrite heart. As we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, let us reflect on our own attitudes and strive to approach God with the same sincerity and humility as the tax collector.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Muslim families a very Happy Eid.

Eid al-Fitr is a significant celebration in the Islamic calendar, marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan. It is a time of reflection, spiritual renewal, and joyful gathering with loved ones. I know that many of our students and their families will be observing this special occasion, and I hope that you are able to enjoy this important festival together.

At St Gabriel's, we are proud to celebrate the diversity of our school community and the rich cultural traditions that our students bring with them. As a Catholic school, we value the opportunity to learn from and share in the experiences of students from all faiths and backgrounds.

Y11 students should now be taking home their English work and revision resources. In English tuition sessions and in lessons, students are being shown how to revise effectively by exploring key quotes from texts studied, and then turning their ideas into an intensive piece of analysis. Students are showing great talent, potential and progress – it is essential they capitalise on this by practising consistently. They have completed practise papers for English Language Paper 1 and 2, as well as practise papers to utilise at home. Students also have access to past GCSE questions for English Literature – please encourage your child to keep up regular revision strategies that will cement their success.

Finally, I would like to inform you that we will be breaking up for Easter next Friday. Dismissal from school will start from 2.10 pm. Please be aware that Friday 4th April is non-uniform day so that students can raise

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money for St Joseph's Penny, Caritas. Please can you send a £1 donation in to school with your child on or before Friday.

Wishing you and your families a blessed Easter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Braithwaite', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr S Braithwaite
Headteacher