

December 4th 2024

Dear Parents & Students,

Monday December 9th The Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Feast transferred from Sunday 8th) The Return of the King

- > All civilisations, be it the Aborigines of Australia, the Ancient Egyptians, the Jews or the Greeks all talk of a time before this called the 'Brilliant Time', or the 'Dream Time', they describe it as a place of complete harmony when God walked among men.
- The same civilisations and cultures also talk of how man drove God out of his Kingdom which we call Paradise or Eden. How we allied ourselves with what St. Paul calls the "Forces of Darkness", the "Power of Evil" and "The Lords of the Air."
- > God accepted this seeing it as a consequence of our Free Will. Our history, since the 'Dream' Time, is that the King would return. He would land behind enemy lines. He would confront evil and defeat it.
- > The King did so, in the person of Jesus Christ who became one of us in all things but sin. Jesus confronted evil in the Garden of Gethsemane as he did on the Cross during his passion when the whole power of Hell swept up to confront Him.
- > Jesus Christ, God's warrior, defeated these by His Resurrection. The King had returned, as he'd promised he would, and so bring us back with him into Paradise.
- And where did this all begin? It started with the "Yes" of a sixteen year old Jewish Virgin, Miriam or Mary.

On Monday December 9th we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. At the heart of our darkness God, out of his own goodness, recreated the 'shining Time' in permitting that one human being be conceived without any sin, in full harmony with God, the world and her neighbour. She would fall in love with God and God with her so God could be conceived, this is what we mean

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Immaculate Conception, the Return of the King was about to begin. Do join us on Monday to celebrate this great feast at the 8.15am Mass in the Queen Elizabeth Hall on the Lower Site.

My best regards,

Dr P.C. Doherty OBE Headmaster



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