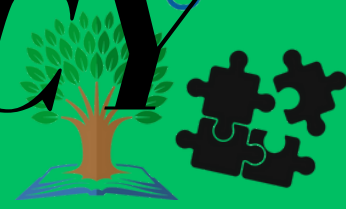




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CHAPLAINCY



*An update from
Chaplaincy at
Our Lady's*

Sacraments at St. Joseph's

FIVE STUDENTS COMPLETE THEIR
SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

On the 18th June, five of our students completed their sacraments of initiation at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Freya Hope was baptised, Daniel Watson was received into the Church and received his First Holy Communion, and Freya, Daniel, Freddy Verbic-Coates, Ann-Marie Richards and Ellie-Jane Richards received the sacrament of Confirmation. The day was full of joy and it was wonderful to see the students receive the sacraments they've prepared for for so long! Please also pray for them as they begin the next stage of their life of faith, that they may experience the joy of knowing and having an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.



*"Therefore we have
been buried with him
by baptism into death,
so that, just as Christ
was raised from the
dead by the glory of
the Father, so we too
might walk in
newness of life."*

- Romans 6:4



End of Year Celebration Mass

ENDING OUR YEAR WITH THE LORD

Our year was ended in the perfect way, with a wonderful celebration of Holy Mass. Fr. John-Paul came in to celebrate the Mass for us and we were aided in our celebration by a group of extremely talented musicians and readers too. A big thank you goes out to our Faith in Action Group who wrote the bidding prayers, they were amazing!

We used the occasion to focus on three of our virtues that we have explored this year:



St. Bernadette's Faith Enrichment Day

THE GIFT TEAM HELPING IN ONE OF OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Earlier in June, our GIFT Team joined Ben to help out with a "Faith Enrichment Day" at St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School. The theme of the day was "Creation", so we looked at the "Dignity of Creation" and how St. Óscar Romero stood up for people's dignity during the civil war in El Salvador, making Romero crosses to portray the beauty and dignity of our favourite parts of creation. We also led some music as part of a liturgical prayer. It was a fun day learning about how our faith helps us see the world around us and inspires us to act to protect it all!

faith, hope and love. St. Paul tells us that these are the three things that remain, so Fr. John-Paul encouraged us to anchor ourselves in God and place our hope in Him, following on from the prayerful meditation through art that we had been doing in form prayer, creating faith, hope and love artwork which made a beautiful display for Mass!



A Prestonian Pilgrimage

TAKING OUR FAITH IN ACTION GROUP TO ST. WALBURGE'S AND LADYEWELL

Our Faith in Action Group were taken on a mini pilgrimage to St. Walburge's Church, where they explored features of a church, how the Extraordinary Form is celebrated and the history of the Catholic Church in Lancashire. They also visited the diocesan shrine to Our Lady at Ladyewell, where they had great fun making rosaries, having lunch in the sunshine, celebrating Mass and taking part in May devotions to Our Lady. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the day out!



"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path."

PSALM 119:105



WHAT'S ON IN THE CHAPLAINCY

Mondays
GIFT Team (Form Time)
Breaktime drop-in
Lunchtime drop-in

Tuesdays
Faith in Action

Wednesdays
Faith in Action

Thursdays
Breaktime drop-in
Sacrament Preparation Group

Fridays
Breaktime drop-in
Lunchtime Mass

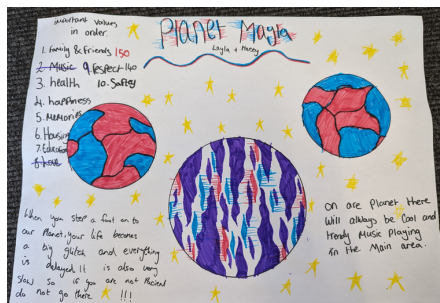
Year 7 Day with a Difference

EXPLORING CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING ON COMMUNITY

in July, our year 7s spent the day taking part in activities surrounding the theme of "Community". They looked at ideas of welcoming others into our communities, how our prejudices might affect those around us and what the Catholic Church teaches about these, the experience of homeless people, values we want to build our societies on by creating a new planet (see picture) and bidding for values,

as well as how poverty affects those in our local and global communities.

The day ended with a Liturgical Prayer, which included reflecting on 1Peter 4:8-11 and Matthew 25:34-40 and how Jesus asks us through His Word and the teaching of His Church to look after all members of our community.

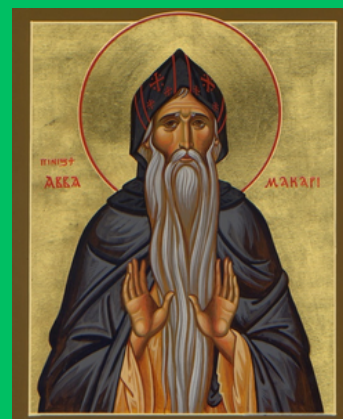
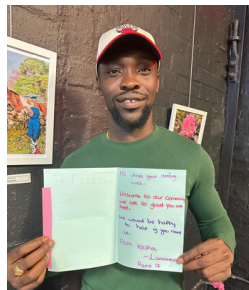


Year 12 Day with a Difference

EXPLORING CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING ON REFUGEES

Our year 12s enjoyed a Day with a Difference looking at refugees and asylum seekers and the difficulties they face when coming to the UK. We found out that asylum seekers aren't allowed to work in the UK and, as a result, the year 12s have pledged to support the "Lift the Ban" campaign that aims to remove the ban on asylum seekers being able to work. They are going to have a day in the city with James Trewby (from the Columban Missionaries), Ben, Mrs. Bates and Mr. Cloke, trying to gain the support of local businesses for the campaign!

They also designed cards to give to asylum seekers (the recipients are pictured below), wrote to their local MP about issues surrounding asylum seekers and refugees, and wrote prayers for them too.



"You don't need to use many or high-sounding words. Just repeat often, 'Lord, show me your mercy as you know best.' Or, 'God, come to my assistance.'"

ST. MARCARIUS OF ALEXANDRIA

Things to Watch Out for in Summer...

SOME KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

- **15th August: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - this is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics - even if you're on holiday! If you are away, have a little look on Google Maps for the nearest Catholic Church and take the opportunity to include God on your holiday! This is a special feast day; Mary is "assumed" (taken up) into Heaven, body and soul, as a prefiguration of the bodily resurrection that we, as Catholics, believe will happen at the end of time, where our bodies will be glorified in Heaven as well as our souls.



Have a wonderful, restful and blessed summer!