



SALUS POPULI

CHAPLAINCY



An update from Chaplaincy at Our Lady's



Experiential RE

YEARS 7 AND 10 GET A TASTE OF
CATHOLIC WORSHIP!

We've been keeping the RE department and Fr. John-Paul on their toes recently, with a lot of experiential RE lessons!

We celebrated Mass with all of our year 7 classes in the chapel, as they were learning about the Mass in RE. So, we celebrated Mass with them so that they had a better idea of what it was. The best thing is that now we have some of them coming to our weekly lunchtime Masses too! Fr. John-Paul did a wonderful job explaining all the parts of the Mass, including how and why he dresses in his vestments, which we all (students and staff!) found very interesting.

We have also had Adoration with Mr. Eidsforth's year 7 class and with all of Ms. Backhouse's year 10 RE classes, as they have been studying Adoration. We had Adoration, followed by a Q&A session with Ben about the practice and the beliefs behind it and the Eucharist in general. It was fantastic that they were so interested and had such great questions!



"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

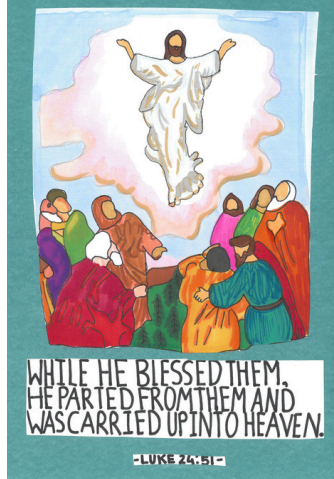
JOHN 6:51

Mass for the Ascension

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF JESUS GOING UP TO HEAVEN

We celebrated Mass for the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord in school on the 9th May and it was amazing to see the hall so full! It was a joyful occasion with lots of singing from the staff and students, and we thank Fr. John Paul for coming in and giving us the opportunity to celebrate with Mass too!

Another thank you goes to one of our year 10 students, who prepared the artwork (bottom right image) for use in the Mass - she not only produced the art from scratch, but went to the effort to find a Scripture verse to accompany it! We are so blessed to have such talented students and we're really grateful for the effort you put in.



“Out of compassion for us, he descended from heaven and although he ascended alone, we also ascend because we are in him by grace.”

ST AUGUSTINE



Charity Concert

OUR UGANDA PROJECT GROUP AND SPECIAL GUESTS PUT ON A SHOW

On the evening of the 19th April, we hosted the 2024 Charity Concert, in aid of the Uganda Project and St. John's Hospice. It was an evening of great entertainment with a variety of acts taking to the stage. We had the Uganda Project singing some numbers, the choir and soloists from school, the OLCC Dance Group, and some special guests from St. Joseph's parish too! There was everything from contemporary dance to classical flute, Irish reels to ABBA!

The Uganda Project group hosted the evening, including being MCs, selling drinks, doing the raffle, and running the book stall. They have been such an amazing help and a credit to themselves and the school and we're now getting very excited because the countdown is on until we leave for Uganda in July!

We hope everyone who attended had a lovely evening and we want to thank you for your incredible generosity, as we raised over £2000 in one evening! We also thank our generous sponsors for the evening: North West Private Ambulance Liaison Services and Westmorland Homecare.



CHAPLAINCY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday

GIFT Team (Form Time)
Breaktime Games in the Covered Courtyard
Lunchtime drop-in

Tuesday

Adoration (8:10-8:30)
Breaktime drop-in
Holy Mass (Lunchtime)

Wednesday

Breaktime drop-in
Sacrament Preparation (Lunchtime)
Faith in Action

Thursday

Breaktime drop-in
Lunchtime drop-in

Friday

Rosary (8:10-8:30)
Breaktime drop-in
Faith in Action (lunch)

Form Prayers

FORMS GETTING STUCK IN!

Over the past term, forms throughout the school have been getting involved in making some of the form prayers, producing either a Gospel reflection or a Saint of the Week prayer. We've had some really great form prayers so far, and we've had some wonderful prayer time preparing them too! Here you can see the collage slide from 8JSC's form prayer which looked at Our Lady of Fátima and the message behind the apparitions. We're really looking forward to seeing what the rest of our forms come up with in their Gospel reflections and the saints they look at!



“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

MATTHEW 18:20



NISCU Week of Vision and Prayer

PRAYING WITH NISCU FOR OUR SCHOOL

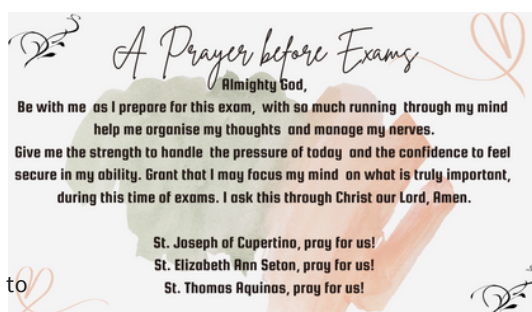
On Wednesday 8th May, Jonny Bayes and the NISCU team arrived at OLCC as a prayer stop on their “Journey of Hope” through the schools they serve in Lancashire. We prayed for the school and its mission, and all those in the OLCC community, especially those about to start sitting exams. A huge thank you to Mrs. Edet’s RE class who came along during break time to pray with us! Thank you to NISCU as well for praying for us and for the gift of a candle, which burns in our chapel for peace and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our school community.



Prayer for Exams

A PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE SITTING EXAMS AT THIS TIME

Our year 11s, 12s and 13s are all sitting external exams during this season. A huge thank you goes to Mrs. Whiteside and Mr. Teasdale for putting together exam survival packs, which featured a little prayer card from the Chaplaincy! Please keep them in your prayers during this incredibly stressful season, that they may be blessed with the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding they need to produce their best. We also had a feature on our OLCC Chaplaincy Instagram page about “Saints For Your Exams”, which is worth a look if you or someone you know is searching for some heavenly help during exam season!



“Our strength is prayer, and the prayer of a humble person is the weakness of God. The Lord is weak only in this one sense: He is weak before the prayers of His people.”

POPE FRANCIS



Pentecost Celebrations

MARKING THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH
AND THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

To mark the feast of Pentecost, the Faith in Action Group made fire crowns and wheels with the gifts of the Holy Spirit on them to learn about what happened to the disciples at Pentecost. They also looked at how these gifts link to the virtues we've been learning about and practising in school this year, and how the Holy Spirit can work in our lives to help us live a more virtuous and holy life!

Ben has also been giving assemblies about the feast of Pentecost, celebrating the birthday of the Catholic Church with some cake for some lucky volunteers! We explored how our lives are made full by the breath of God - the Holy Spirit - acting in us, just as in the creation story in Genesis 2:7.

Things to Watch Out For...

SOME KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

- **2nd June: Corpus Christi** - This is the feast day of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, so why not celebrate by going to Reconciliation and receiving His Body and Blood in the Eucharist at Mass?!
- **7th June: Sacred Heart of Jesus** - The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, ask Him in prayer to reveal His heart to you on this wonderful feast!
- **12th June: Year 12 Day with a Difference** - Our year 12s will be off timetable for the day, doing workshops, prayers, and reflections based on the theme of "Dignity of the Person" in Catholic Social Teaching, specifically refugees, as this has become a very prominent topic in today's society!
- **20th June: Year 11 Leavers Day** - The official leaving date for our year 11s is around the corner! Please continue to pray for them as they sit their exams and for what lies ahead!
- **21st June: Year 7 Day with a Difference** - Our year 7s will be off-timetable for the day, participating in workshops and activities exploring how we, as Catholics, can build and contribute to our communities, looking at the "Community" theme of Catholic Social Teaching.
- **24th June: GIFT Team RE-Treat Day** - Our GIFT Team will be having a celebration of their year's work with this outing, firstly to Hyning Monastery and then on to Soul Bowl!
- **30th June: Sts. Peter & Paul** - This feast celebrates two amazing apostles of the Church and is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics, made easier because it's transferred to a Sunday! We also have four pupils receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on this day at St. Joseph's, so please pray for them and their adventure in the Christian life!
- **3rd July: End of Year Mass** - We will celebrate Mass on the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle in thanksgiving for the school year and focusing on St. Thomas' confession: "My Lord and My God", exploring who Our Lord and God is through Jesus' teaching of God as "Our Father".

CHECK OUT OUR CHAPLAINCY INSTAGRAM TOO!!



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God bless and have a peaceful half term! We look forward to seeing you all again soon!

"He ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

ACTS 1:4-5

