



SALUS POPULI

CHAPLAINCY



*An update from
Chaplaincy at
Our Lady's*

The Sacrament of Confirmation

TWO OF OUR STUDENTS ARE CONFIRMED

On Sunday 30th June, two of our students received the Sacrament of Confirmation, meaning that they are now fully initiated in the life of the Church. It was a wonderful occasion at St. Joseph's, full of happiness and joy, and it was great to see the parish supporting our students too! We are thankful to everyone at St. Joseph's, who welcomed us and celebrated this great occasion with us. Thank you also to the families of our confirmandi, for supporting them through the formation process. Please keep our newly confirmed students in your prayers, that they may always stay close to the Lord and use the gifts of the Holy Spirit they have received to build Christ's kingdom on earth.

Have you been confirmed? Do you remember the last time you asked the Holy Spirit to help you use the gifts that you were given at your Confirmation? Ask Him to come into your life and show you His gifts, and see what marvels He works with you!



“Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.”

ACTS 2:2-4

Year 12 DWAD

EXPLORING POLITICS THROUGH CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

In the run up to the General Election, we held our Year 12 Day with a Difference, focusing on using the principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) to inform how we get involved with politics. We welcomed James Trewby from the Columban Missionaries to help lead the day too, which was amazing!

We first looked at the key principles of CST, which Ben helped explain - particularly key issues such as Dignity of the Human Person, Call to Family & Community, Preferential Option for the Poor, Care for Creation, and the Dignity of Work and Workers.

We then went into groups to look at and dissect an article written by Hannah Lonergan - a Columban volunteer and first time voter - exploring what issues young people were most passionate about. Using this, we wrote our own manifestos, based on the issues we thought were most urgent in this election and presented them.

We also looked at the manifestos of the parties standing for election in Lancaster, analysing them according to the principles of CST that we explored earlier on.

We then finished by looking at ways we can influence politics other than voting, such as writing to or visiting our MPs, petitions, attending marches, and campaigning. It is so important that we, as Catholics, are involved in politics because only then can we work towards a more just world for all.



“Responsible citizenship is a virtue and participation in political life is a moral obligation.”

POPE FRANCIS



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)



End of Year Mass

CELEBRATING TOGETHER AS A FAMILY OF FAITH

On Wednesday 3rd July, we celebrated our End of Year Mass on the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle. In preparation for Mass, we prayed with the Gospel of the day: John's account of Jesus appearing to the apostles the second time (including Thomas) and how Thomas recognised our Lord, exclaiming "My Lord and my God!" We then asked in our prayer: who is our Lord and our God? We saw, through Old Testament Scripture, how God has shown His love for His people all throughout history and, using Jesus' example in the New Testament, how God's love was shown in its fulness in Jesus' sacrifice of Himself on the Cross. Using this meditation, each form class

produced a poster displaying either the loving qualities of God and who shows us this in our lives, or thanks and asking prayers to offer to our Loving Father, because He cares for us (c.f. 1 Peter 5:7). You can see these amazing pieces of art in the photos and we were very impressed with the effort put in and the depth of reflection and prayer put into them. The students and staff also helped produce an audio clip of the "Our Father", spoken in many of the languages spoken the Our Lady's family, which was a beautiful way to help us meditate on God's love for us as a global family of faith.

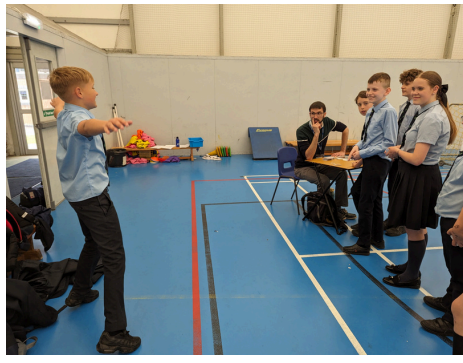
A huge thank you goes to all those who helped make the Mass possible, including Fr. John Millar, the OLCC Music Group (especially Mrs. Holbrook, Mr. Pinnington, and Mr. Howarth), the OLCC Dance Group, Mrs. Porter, Rachel Dean, and all the students who helped set up and decorate the sports hall to make it our church for the day!

Year 7 DWAD

EXPLORING OUR CALL TO COMMUNITY

June also saw another Day with a Difference, this time for year 7 - the newest members of the Our Lady's community. To help set them up for the rest of their time at Our Lady's (and beyond!), we explored the "Call to Community" theme of Catholic Social Teaching. This involved a number of different activities, such as a simulation game looking at poverty and homelessness in the UK, and the system in place to try and help these issues, clay dove-making and looking at peace and welcoming those seeking peace in our country, a planet auction - bidding for community values we wanted to build our new planet around, and looking at the wider global community, how poverty affects these communities, and what we can do to help. We then closed the day with a liturgical prayer, praying with Scripture from 1 Peter 4, and Matthew 25:31-40, as well as offering to God the bidding prayers written by each form class for different members of our local and global communities.

Thank you also to Jonny Bayes and Sue Grubic, as well as all the OLCC staff involved, who helped make the day a huge success!



Sponsored Walk

OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISING WALK

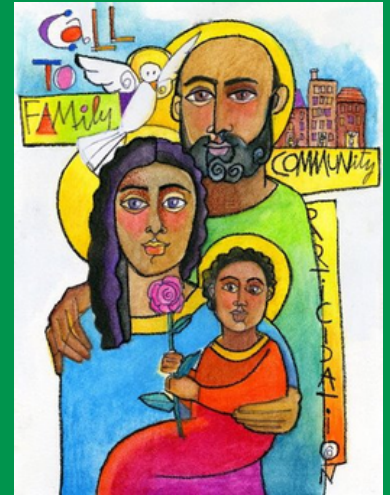
On Tuesday 2nd July, our students and staff all walked to the Crook o' Lune and back (approximately 8 miles) to raise money for Brainkind. Brainkind are a charity that have been very special to us this year, as they have been a fantastic help and support in the rehabilitation of one of our science teachers, who was critically injured in a cycling accident at the beginning of the academic year. Therefore, we decided to dedicate this year's fundraising to them, in solidarity with the vital work they do across the country.

It was a beautiful day and it was great to see everyone having fun and pushing themselves for charity! We hope you weren't too sore the following day!



"The existence of each individual is deeply tied to that of others: life is not simply time that passes; life is a time for interactions."

FRATELLI TUTTI, 66



"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

ACTS 20:35



Renewing the Chapel

BEGINNING TO GIVE OUR CHAPEL A NEW LOOK

This year, we have begun a number of exciting projects to give our Chapel a bit of a new look! The first things you'll notice are that we now have a new altar and a new Tabernacle, thanks to the generosity of the parish

of St. John Henry Newman, who donated the altar and Tabernacle from the Church of Christ the Good Shepherd in Torrisholme, which has recently closed. We are very thankful to have them and they are helping to make the Chapel a more dignified, beautiful place of worship - lifting our hearts and minds to God! There are also some collaborations with our art department and technology department that are getting started, so keep your eyes peeled for new developments in the future!

Things to Watch Out For...

SOME KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

- **15th August: Assumption of Mary** - This is the feast day celebrating how God took Our Blessed Lady up into heaven, body and soul. This is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics, so if you're planning a holiday, try to find where the nearest Catholic Church is and spare an hour of your holiday to give thanks to God for this amazing prefiguration of our resurrection into heaven!
- **4th September: Back to School!** - This is the day we welcome you all back to school, ready for another year! We hope you return refreshed, rested, and renewed for another year with plenty of great things to look forward to across school, especially in the Chaplaincy!
- **9th-13th September: Year 7 Induction Week** - Our year 7s will spend a day off-timetable at Father's House Church, taking part in team-building activities and exploring how to be part of our family of faith at Our Lady's, finishing the day off with a liturgical prayer at St. Joseph's, our local Catholic Church.
- **13th September: 6th Form Induction Day** - We welcome our new sixth formers, both from Our Lady's and elsewhere, for a day of activities and prayer as they continue their life's journey at Our Lady's.
- **30th September: GIFT Team RE-Treat** - Our GIFT Teamers are on a mini-retreat, looking at how we serve God and the Our Lady's community by our work, followed by a treat for all their hard work!
- **4th October: St. Francis of Assisi** - The feast day of one of our Heroes of Faith! Have a think about ways that you can celebrate his feast day, maybe go to Mass, or do a little something to care for creation, as St. Francis is known for his care for creation!
- **7th October: Our Lady of the Rosary Patronal Feast Day** - As the next academic year (2024-25) is our Diamond Jubilee (60th Anniversary!), we will be having a whole school Mass on Monday 7th October, which everyone (parents, carers, former staff and pupils, governors, etc.) is welcome to attend, so watch out for this being advertised in your local parish!

CHECK OUT OUR CHAPLAINCY INSTAGRAM TOO!!



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God bless and have a fantastic summer! Get some good rest and we look forward to welcoming you back in September for more faith-filled adventures!

“Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the LORD.”

HAGGAI 1:8

