



SALUS POPULI

# CHAPLAINCY



*An update from  
Chaplaincy at  
Our Lady's*



## Patronal Feast Celebrations

KICKSTARTING OUR JUBILEE WITH MASS FOR OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Our Lady's Catholic College is 60 years old this year! To start our diamond jubilee celebrations, we celebrated Mass as a whole school for our patronal feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We celebrated as two halves of school, with years 7-9 going up to Lancaster Cathedral and years 10-13 attending Mass in school.

Both occasions were joyful and it was amazing to be able to celebrate as a whole school. We will be having more events in this diamond jubilee year, so keep your eyes peeled for anything to get involved with!

A huge thank you also goes to the Cathedral Parish for hosting us, we really appreciate the hospitality we received and it was great to visit another one of our local parishes.



*“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you... You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus.”*

LUKE 1:28, 31



# Year 7 Inductions

## WELCOMING OUR NEW PUPILS

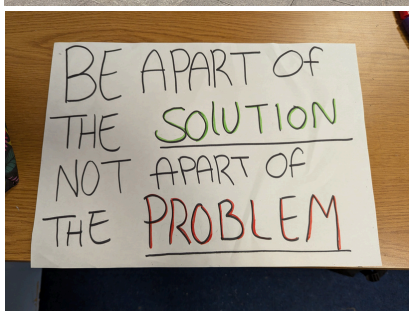
In September, we welcomed our new year 7s by taking them to Father's House for their induction days. They explored what it means to live in community with each other and how we can live in solidarity with everyone in our community. This was the start of their virtue education as they found out in our liturgical prayer how God calls us all to be saints and grow in virtue as His people.



## Caritas Ambassadors

PUPIL LEADERS IN IMPLEMENTING CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

This year saw the launch of our "Caritas Ambassadors", with the generous help of Kath Ansley from Caritas Salford. This is a core group of students at Our Lady's who will be taking a lead in planning, designing, and carrying out social justice programmes and events, which stem from their learning about Catholic Social Teaching. They and we are excited to see what amazing things they'll get up to and how they can work towards a better community in the Lancaster and Morecambe area. They've already been busy sorting food donations for the Father's House food bank!



## Year 9 Day with a Difference

SUPPORTING FATHER'S HOUSE AND THE OLIVE BRANCH

Our year 9s spent a day exploring what it means to put our faith into action. They took part in sessions and workshops run by their form teachers and by some special guests from The Olive Branch and Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). These involved exploring the work of The Olive Branch and the importance of prayer to compliment our actions, looking at what ACN are doing to promote religious dialogue and the importance of dialogue in a world where religious persecution affects millions of people, campaigning and how to get involved in peaceful methods of achieving change, as well as litter picking and making a human food chain to deliver food donations to Father's House foodbank! The other half of the food donations will be taken to The Olive Branch. They all did us proud and even got some compliments from the public when litter picking! Great job everyone!

*"May our presence and care to those most in need reflect the gentleness, esteem and dignity we see reflected in the life and work of Jesus."*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

## 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  
Caritas Ambassadors (Lunctime)  
Sacrament Preparation (Afterschool)

### Thursday

Breaktime drop-in  
Lunchtime drop-in

### Friday

Rosary (8:10-8:30)  
Breaktime drop-in  
Caritas Ambassadors (Lunctime)

# Uganda 24

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PROJECT CYCLE

July 28th 2024 saw the successful completion of another cycle of the Uganda Project. Our project group returned home safely after a trip with 18 students and 5 staff members (plus our treasured travel partners Fr. Sunday and Mel Lowe!) put in the final shift of their 2-year cycle of incredibly hard work. This cycle has seen the Uganda Project raise over £20,000 for our partner communities in Uganda and for St. John's Hospice, which couldn't have been done without the outstanding effort from the students and staff over the two years, as well as the incredible generosity of everyone who has donated and sponsored the project and its events.

The main projects supported by this money were the building of a STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) Centre in Rubuguri, the construction of a borehole for water access and metal bunk beds at St. Mary's Primary School, Shagasha, tree planting and the launch of the "Go Green" project in Rubuguri, the resurfacing of the basketball pitch at St. Paul's Secondary School, Bukinda, a donation towards an ultrasound scanner for the maternity unit at the Kakatunda Health Centre, Bukinda, and an oxygen machine for the Rubuguri Health Centre. Needless to say, everyone we met from these communities was extremely grateful!

If you'd like to find out a bit more about the trip, Ben (our Lay Chaplain) has written an extended article which is available to download at: <https://www.olcc.lanccs.sch.uk/page/?title=UGANDA+2024&pid=247>



*“With our faith we must create a culture of encounter, a culture of friendship, a culture in which we find brothers and sisters.”*

POPE FRANCIS



*“The Way of the Cross alone defeats sin, evil and death, for it leads to the radiant light of Christ's resurrection and opens the horizons of a new and fuller life. It is the way of hope, the way of the future. Those who take up this way with generosity and faith give hope and a future to humanity.”*

POPE FRANCIS

## Stations of the Cross

### CONTINUING OUR CHAPEL RENOVATION

Our pupils and Mrs. Wharton have been hard at work designing and making a set of stunning Stations of the Cross for the school chapel - there's a sneak peak at one of them to the right! We will have them blessed by Fr. John-Paul next half term and we're looking forward to praying with them in Lent!



# How Can I Grow in Faith?

EVENTS AND ORGANISATIONS TO ENCOURAGE YOU ON YOUR FAITH JOURNEY

- **Youth 2000** - A Catholic youth ministry with events all over Britain, including a retreat day in Preston (see image) as well as digital resources and courses to help grow your faith. Follow them on Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube for more.
- **theASCENT** - A discipleship project aimed at students in year 11 upwards looking to deepen their faith. Programme runs over 3 years and the local branch is based at Castlerigg Manor in Kewsick. Check out their Instagram and YouTube!
- **The Redeemed UK** - A series of videos designed for secondary students to find out more about the Catholic faith.
- **Alpha & Sycamore** - Interactive courses looking at the Christian faith. Have look and see if a parish near you is running a course! In Lancaster, the Cathedral parish is running a Sycamore group on Tuesdays 19:00-20:00.
- **Castlerigg Manor** - The Lancaster diocese's retreat centre who run retreats for secondary school students and (sometimes) their families. Why not go and try one out?



*“O God, you are my God, for you soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.”*

PSALM 63:1

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## Things to Watch Out For...

SOME KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

- **1st November: All Saints Day** - This is the feast where we celebrate all those who are in heaven, both named saints and the unknown saints. This is a holy day of obligation for Catholics, so there will be Mass in school (you'll need to sign up), or make sure you find out when Mass is in your parish!
- **6th November: Sacrament Preparation Begins** - If you're interested in receiving any of the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, or all three, there is still time to sign up! The course begins on Wednesday 6th November, after school in the chapel.
- **15th November: 6th Form Sleep Out** - Our sixth formers will be sleeping out in just a sleeping bag in solidarity with those experiencing homelessness, as well as raising money and awareness for LDHAS, our local homeless support charity.
- **22nd November: Christ the King Youth Festival** - 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.
- **29th November: Y10 Castlerigg Retreat Deadline** - There are still places available for our year 10 Castlerigg retreat and the deadline for returning slips and the deposit payment is 29th November. It's a brilliant trip, so if you're interested, see Ben for a letter!
- **12th December: OLCC Advent Carol Service** - Our annual Advent Carol Service takes place at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Slyne Road, at 18:30. This is always a warm, joyful and hopeful event to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas and we'd love it if you all came along! Parking is available at the church and at St. Joseph's Primary School on Aldrens Lane, and some delicious refreshments will be provided after the service, courtesy of our Uganda Project group.

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CHECK OUT OUR CHAPLAINCY INSTAGRAM TOO!!

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*God bless and have a fantastic half term!*

