

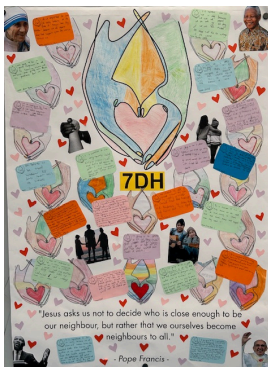


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CHAPLAINCY



*An update from
Chaplaincy at
Our Lady's*



End of Year Mass

CELEBRATING OUR ACADEMIC
YEAR IN THANKSGIVING

On the feast of St. Bonaventure, we offered our academic year to God in thanksgiving for all the blessings we've received in it and how He's worked in so many wonderful ways.

Throughout the year, we've looked at Pope Francis' encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, so it felt appropriate that we celebrated St. Bonaventure, who taught about our unity as a human race by virtue of us sharing one Creator. We learnt about his teachings in the lead-up to Mass and looked at how this linked to what we'd already learnt from *Fratelli Tutti*. The



students produced some amazing artwork (see pictures) to reflect on this, as well as an audio reflection on what unity meant to them and how we should live it out.

A big thank you goes to Fr. John-Paul for celebrating Mass for us, to our readers, Eucharistic ministers, musicians, choir, artists, florists and all those who worked to organise the occasion - you helped us to worship God in such a joyful way, thanks be to God!

*"Give thanks in
all circumstances;
for this is the will
of God in Christ
Jesus for you."*

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18





Year 7 Day with a Difference

THE CALL TO COMMUNITY & PARTICIPATION



At the start of July, year 7 took part in their “Day with a Difference”, where they explored the area of Catholic Social Teaching: “The Call to Community and Participation”.



We had workshops, games, and reflections looking at different areas in our community: locally, nationally, and globally. There was a “Planet Auction” focused on values we want our communities to be built on, a “Game of Life” session, looking at justice, and a “Prejudice and Peace” session, exploring prejudice and reconciliation. We finished with a Liturgy of the Word where we prayed for growth in the virtues - especially solidarity, justice, and love - so that we can go out and build communities based on the love God has for each person.

Year 11 Leavers’ Service

SENDING OFF OUR LEAVERS ON MISSION

We said goodbye to our year 11 pupils in June after they worked so hard to get through their exams. We sent them out with a reminder that (in the words of Pope Benedict XVI) they were “made for greatness” and that Jesus will never leave them, no matter what storms come their way, because He loves them and has a good plan for them. Please pray for them as they take their next steps in life!



Year 7 Class Masses

EXPERIENCING WHAT WE HAVE LEARNT

Our year 7 students have been learning about the Eucharist in RE and as part of this, they have celebrated the Eucharist as a class! We experienced what we have been learning about “transubstantiation” - that the bread and wine we offer truly become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, and how special this is for Catholics. Each class also prayed during Mass for the needs of our communities through bidding prayers they wrote for their class intentions.



“The dignity of the human person requires the pursuit of the common good.”

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1926

CHAPLAINCY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Breaktime drop-in
Caritas Ambassadors (Lunchtime)
Sacrament Preparation (Afterschool)

Thursday

Breaktime drop-in
Lunchtime drop-in
Adoration (15:05-16:00)

Friday

Rosary (8:10-8:30)
Breaktime drop-in

Sixth Form Day with a Difference

RESPONDING TO THE REFUGEE CRISIS THROUGH CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Our sixth form students took part in their “Day with a Difference”, looking at how we can respond to the refugee crisis through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching.

The day included one of our favourite icebreaker games: “Pope or Nope”, getting us to debate whether our recent popes have said various things about the refugee crisis or not, a time for researching and presenting about different questions to do with refugees and asylum seekers across the world - including researching what Catholic Social Teaching and the Tradition of the Church has to say about these big questions.

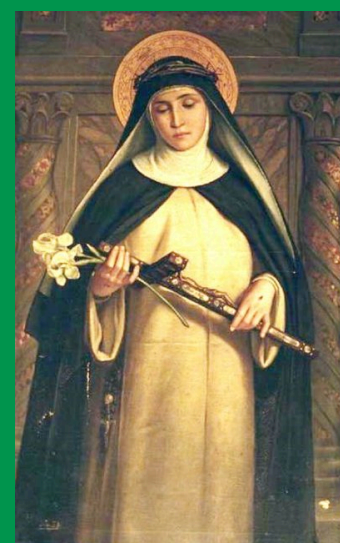
We then had some time to act upon what we’d found out through everyone’s presentations. There were sessions about planning events in school to raise awareness of how asylum seekers are treated in the UK, events we can host to welcome asylum seekers in our school community, joining the “Lift the Ban” campaign, creating social media content, writing to our MPs about the crisis and the policies surrounding it, and expressing our thoughts and emotions through prayer and poetry.

The day was really interesting and informative and gave us a solid lens to look at this issue through. As we saw, political approaches change vastly, but the teaching of the Church on the dignity of each person and our call to care for the poor never changes and we can use this to inform our opinions and decisions!



“What made you establish man in so great a dignity? Certainly the incalculable love by which you have looked on your creature in yourself!”

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA



Diamond Jubilee Mass

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF OUR LADY'S

This academic year is our 60th at Our Lady's, so to celebrate the closing of our Diamond Jubilee year, we celebrated Mass together with over 80 former staff, students, governors, chaplains, and our current staff and local clergy. It was a beautiful occasion where so many of those connected to Our Lady's were able to come back and celebrate, enjoy a hotpot supper, reminisce about their connections to our school, and have guided tours of the school in its current form. Thank you to everyone who has been part of the Our Lady's family over the past 60 years in any way and made the school what it is today. We thank God for you and remember you in our prayers!



“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice!”

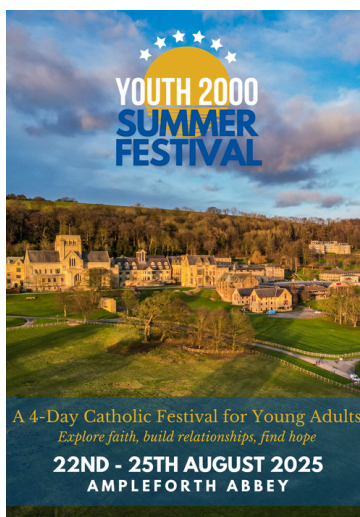
PHILIPPIANS 4:4



How Can I Grow in Faith?

EVENTS AND ORGANISATIONS TO ENCOURAGE YOU ON YOUR FAITH JOURNEY

- **Youth 2000 Summer Festival** - A festival full of joy and encounter with the Lord! If Catholic community and fun sound good to you, be sure to check out their social media and website: <https://www.youth2000.org/events>
- **theASCENT UK** - Are you Catholic and wanting to learn more about your faith and get to know lots of other young Catholics? theASCENT is a 3-year discipleship programme designed to help you know the Catholic faith better, deepen your relationship with God, and find joy in a Catholic community of young people. Visit their website: www.theascentuk.co.uk for more information and to sign up!
- **Castlerigg Manor Gap Year** - Fancy a gap year in youth ministry? Castlerigg Manor are looking for volunteers to join their team for the 2025/26 academic year!
- **WeBelieve Catholic Youth Festival** - Are you aged 16+ and interested in exploring faith further? This is the festival for you! It will be held at St. Mary's College, Oscott, from 25-28th July and tickets are now available. Head to their website for more details: <https://www.webelievefestival.com/>



“But from there you will seek the Lord your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul.”

DEUTERONOMY 4:29

Things to Watch Out For...

SOME KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

- **25-28th July: WeBelieve Catholic Youth Festival** - A first of its kind in the UK, with so many inspiring speakers, Catholic creators, artists, musicians, and more! See above for details.
- **14th August: A-level Results Day** - Our A-level students receive their results! Please pray for them as they leave us and move onto pastures new.
- **21st August: GCSE Results Day** - Our year 11s get their results! Again, please keep them in your prayers as they begin a new chapter in their lives.
- **22-25th August: Youth 2000 Summer Festival** - See above for the details.
- **4th September: Back to School!** - Our new school year begins - we're really looking forward to welcoming you all back again!
- **6th September: John Bradburne Memorial Walk** - If you would like to get out and hike with a friendly community, the John Bradburne Memorial Society have their annual pilgrimage on Saturday 6th September. They are meeting in at St. John the Evangelist Church in Skirwith, Cumbria, for Mass at 10:00, followed by the walk at 11:00.
- **7th September: Canonization of Blesseds Pier Giorgio Frassati & Carlo Acutis** - Watch out for this joyful occasion where one of our Heroes of Faith will be made a saint! Try checking out EWTN GB to watch their coverage of the event at <https://ewtn.co.uk/live-tv/>.
- **7th October: Our Lady of the Rosary Masses** - Our patronal feast day is Tuesday 7th October - the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We will be celebrating Mass together as a whole school over two days to celebrate, so keep your eyes peeled for details!

CHECK OUT OUR CHAPLAINCY INSTAGRAM TOO!!

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God bless and have a fantastic half term!

