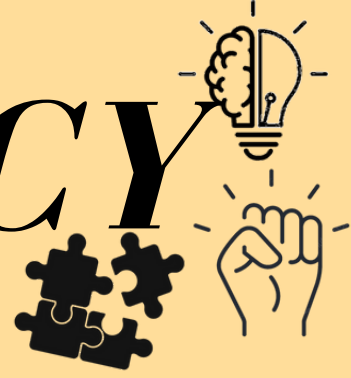




SALUS POPULI

CHAPLAINCY



*An update from
Chaplaincy at
Our Lady's*



Easter Mass

CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION

This year has been slightly different in that we were off school for Holy Week and in school during the Easter Octave. As a result, we finally got to celebrate the joy of Easter in its full solemnity on Easter Wednesday with Mass. We had over 250 students with us at Mass, during which Fr. John-Paul blessed our school paschal candle (which now stands in our chapel) and led us to reflect on the message of Easter.

As a Church, our celebrations of Easter were heavily influenced by the death of our late Holy Father, Pope Francis. As a school, we prayed for his eternal rest and gave thanks to God for his papacy. In a way, it was in Pope Francis' death that we were invited to enter more deeply into the mystery of the Resurrection! Fr. John-Paul said during his homily that as we grieve Pope Francis' death, we are forced to lean more heavily on our faith that, through Christ's Resurrection, the gates of eternal life have been open to us all and we trust that Pope Francis will be welcomed into the arms of our Loving Father. Let us therefore go forward in the faith of Christ's Resurrection, in the knowledge that we're all called to Heaven!



*“Why do you
seek the living
among the dead?
He is not here,
but has risen.”*

LUKE 24:5-6



Habemus Papam!

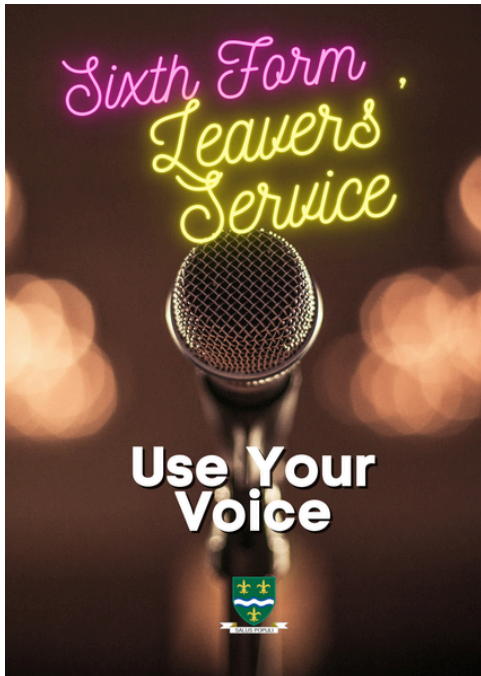
WELCOMING POPE LEO XIV WITH JOY
AND PRAYER

On Thursday 8th May, we heard the words proclaimed from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica: "Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum. Habemus papam!", which translates to "I announce to you a great joy. We have a pope!" Cardinal Robert Prevost was presented to us as Pope Leo XIV amid great rejoicing. Throughout the conclave, we held a "cardinal sweepstake" - with a twist. We raised £87 for the Uganda Project through it, as well as having over 40 of the school community pledging to pray for the cardinals they received. We trust that God has answered our prayers and given us a pope to guide His Church faithfully. Please join us in continuing to pray for Pope Leo!



"I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

MATTHEW 16:18



Year 13 Leavers' Service

SENDING OUT OUR YEAR 13
STUDENTS WITH A MISSION

The time has come when we have to sadly say goodbye to our year 13s. We bid them goodbye with a service focused on the theme of "Use Your Voice". This focused on how Christ sends us out on mission to go and announce the Good News to the world - how we are to "set the world on fire", as one of our Heroes of Faith, St. Catherine of Siena, said. We reflected on our "glory stories" from our time together and shared our wishes and prayers for the future, commending them to God through the maternal intercession of Mary, our school patroness.

CHAPLAINCY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday

GIFT Team (Form Time)
Breaktime drop-in
Lunchtime drop-in
GIFT Team (After school)

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

Friday

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



Mystery Plays

EXPLORING FAITH IN THE DRAMA
CURRICULUM

At Our Lady's we've been looking at ways to incorporate (where appropriate) our Catholic faith into our various subject curricula. Our drama subject leader, Miss McDougall, has been exploring the mysteries of the rosary with year 7

through the medium of "mystery plays" - a type of religious theatre common across medieval Europe and Ben has been into these lessons to help unpack the Scripture used for the plays and explain the meaning behind the story of each mystery. It's been a brilliant experience for all and year 7 have really enjoyed exploring faith through drama!

Good News for Everyone

SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH OUR Y7 STUDENTS

We were pleased to welcome Lancashire Good News for Everyone (formerly the Gideons) to present each of our year 7 students with a copy of the New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs. It has been really refreshing to have the year 7s asking about when this was going to happen, so we're really glad we finally got round to it! It's also been amazing that those students who weren't in have been coming to the Chaplaincy Office to ask for copies too. Please pray for our students that they don't lose their hunger for God's Word and that God may reveal Himself to them through the Scriptures!



“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

MARK 1:15

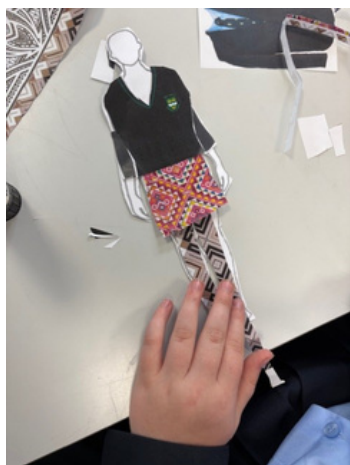


Fratelli Tutti Week

EXPLORING POPE FRANCIS' LEGACY

As a way of reflecting on the life and legacy of Pope Francis, we have been focusing on his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* and how he calls us to live as brothers and sisters in “social friendship”.

We have been looking at this throughout our key stage 3 (years 7-9) curricula, including sessions on how to stand up for the marginalised (PSHE), the influence of culture (including cultures represented in school) on art (Art), a Catholic response to the refugee crisis (RE and Geography), and more. The theme has also run through assemblies, the form time curriculum, and form prayer, with the purpose of forming our students into people who know the dignity they have from God and therefore how we all have dignity as God's beloved creation in one human family.



“Jesus asks us not to decide who is close enough to be our neighbour, but rather that we ourselves become neighbours to all.”

POPE FRANCIS

Form Prayers

PRAYING AS A SCHOOL COMMUNITY

This year, nearly every form class has had the opportunity to help create a form prayer! This takes the form of either a “Saint of the Week” prayer, which includes them researching and reflecting on the lives of a saint whose feast is in their chosen week, or a “Lectio Divina” prayer, in which they lead the rest of school in a meditation on the previous Sunday's Gospel. We have learned about some inspiring saints and been led in some insightful reflections this year and it's been wonderful to have the students so involved with prayer!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Our Lady's Catholic College is a family of faith where we are nurtured to origins, achieve and serve. Through Christ's example, we grow in virtue as God's masterpiece.



LECTIO DIVINA

Today we will look at the Gospel of John with 9VBA. We are looking at the story of Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish!



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, as well as digital resources and courses to help grow your faith. Follow them on Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube for more. Tickets are now available for their summer festival!
- **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. The 2025/26 intake is now open, so visit their website: www.theascentuk.co.uk for more information and to sign up!
- **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.webeliefefestival.com/>
- **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!



Things to Watch Out For...

SOME KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

- **11th June: Y12 Day with a Difference** - Our Y12 students will take part in a day off-timetable to explore Catholic Social Teaching and how it informs our response to migration.
- **18th June: Y11 Leavers' Service** - We will sadly be saying goodbye to our year 11s who will leave us this year, but not before giving them a good send off and reminding them that, in the words of Pope Benedict XVI, "you were made for greatness!"
- **7th July: Y7 Day with a Difference** - Y7 will enjoy a day off-timetable looking at the "Call to Community" aspect of Catholic Social Teaching. They will explore what it means to live in community locally, nationally, and globally and how to live out the Gospel in those communities.
- **10th July: OLCC Diamond Jubilee Mass** - As part of our Diamond Jubilee celebrations, we will be having a special Jubilee Mass. We are inviting past pupils, ex-staff members and any of the Our Lady's family and friends to celebrate with us. There will be food after the service and the opportunity for a tour around school. All are welcome to join us but in order to plan seating and catering we do need to know numbers; *please email c.rowlands@olcc.lancs.sch.uk if you would like to attend.*
- **15th July: End of Year Mass** - We will draw our academic year to a close in praise and thanksgiving by celebrating Mass as a whole school community on the feast of St. Bonaventure. All parents/guardians are welcome too, please contact school to register your interest.
- **25-28th July: WeBelieve Catholic Youth Festival** - St. Mary's College, Oscott, are hosting a brand-new festival of Catholic life this summer, which promises to be amazing! If you're aged 16+ and are interested in exploring faith, this isn't to be missed! Head over to their website for tickets and information: <https://www.webeliefefestival.com/>

CHECK OUT OUR CHAPLAINCY INSTAGRAM TOO!!

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God bless and have a great half term!

"As long as faith gives me strength, I will always be joyful."

BL. PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI



"The Lord uses the least qualified, little, unknown instruments to do great works."

ST. MARIA MANTOVANI

