



# CHAPLAINCY



*An update from Chaplaincy at Our Lady's...*



## Uganda Concert

A WONDERFUL NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR CHARITY

The 8<sup>th</sup> May saw the night our talented students and staff (past and present) took to the stage for an evening of musical entertainment and joy.

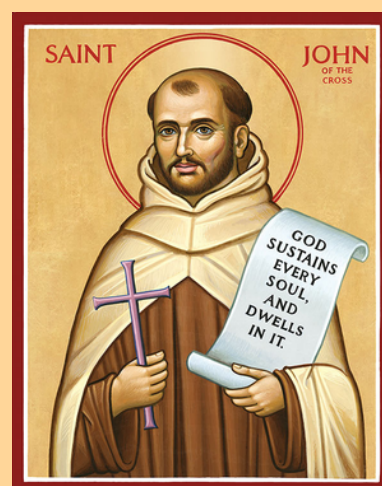
The acts included bands, solos, duets, orchestras, recitals, and choirs. They brought so much joy to the school hall and had the audience on their feet dancing together, young and old. Our music teacher and Uganda Project team member, Mr. Bryant, had worked for months to put this concert together and we have him to thank for giving everyone the chance to shine on stage and for giving up his time to encourage them and help them to grow in their musical talent too.

The concert was held to fundraise for communities we support in rural Uganda and the money raised will go towards a water supply for the Home of Divine Mercy Vocational School in Ndorwa, Kabale, and the furnishing of a STEM Centre in Rubuguri, Kisoro. A big thank you goes to everyone who helped out with fundraising efforts, including donating raffle prizes, baking cakes, and donating artwork to sell. Finally, thank you to all who came or supported the event in any way!



*"The soul of the one who serves God always swims in joy, always keeps holiday, and is always in the mood for singing!"*

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS



# Uganda Project Update

LIVES BEING CHANGED IN UGANDA

Over the two years of this Uganda Project cycle, we have been raising money to support the construction of a solar-powered water pump system to supply clean water to the village of Rubuguri at convenient outlet points, as the village is on the side of a valley and the residents have to walk to the bottom of a steep valley to collect water, before carrying it back up again. Now, we are pleased to announce that this project has been fully funded, thanks to the incredible generosity of everyone who has supported the project over these two years. You can see from the pictures on the right that the collection tower has been constructed and the piping that brings the water up the valley is ready to install. We are hoping that the whole project will be finished by July so that our students are able to see it in action! We have also begun funding a water supply for the Home of Divine Mercy Vocational School, furnishing of a STEM Centre, a playing field at Giants Secondary School, beds for Lolachat Seed Secondary School, and building maintenance at St. Paul's Secondary School.



*"It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person."*

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1913



## CHAPLAINCY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Monday

GIFT Team (Form Time)  
Breaktime Games (covered courtyard)  
Holy Mass (lunchtime)

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

Ecumenical Prayer Group (8:10-8:30)  
Breaktime drop-in  
Alpha - Come & See (lunchtime)

### Thursday

Breaktime drop-in  
Bible Study (after school)

### Friday

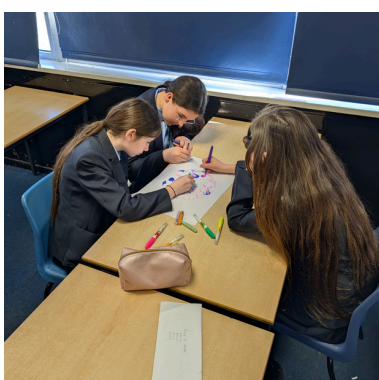
Rosary (8:10-8:30)  
Breaktime drop-in  
Caritas Ambassadors (lunchtime)

## Year 7 Day with a Difference

THE CALL TO COMMUNITY

In April, our year 7s had their "Day with a Difference", which focused on how we live out the "Call to Community" from Catholic Social Teaching. This involved them taking part in workshops, activities, games, and prayer stations to explore how the Catholic faith calls us and enables us to live in community with others locally, nationally, and globally. We designed our own planets and thought about the values we wanted for our new society on those planets, bidding for the values in a very competitive auction! We also thought about how we can help the vulnerable in our communities and combat injustice through a simulation game. Our chapel was turned into an interactive prayer space with many prayer stations, thanks to help from Sr. Michaela from Hying Monastery, which the students loved.

We finished the day with a Liturgy of the Word in the hall, where we had a reflection on the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats and how it is necessary to the Christian to love others in our community, as well as a time of intercession, where we prayed our bidding prayers for our local, national, and international brothers and sisters.



# Y13 Leavers' Service

A FINAL GOODBYE FOR OUR SIXTH FORM LEAVERS

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May was the last day of school for our year 13 students. As part of their leavers' celebrations, we had a service in our chapel, commending their time with us to God and giving thanks for it. We shared our stories of success and joy, while praying for the future too. As a school, we are very grateful for all they've brought to school life over the past two years in 6<sup>th</sup> Form and we wish them all the very best for their next steps.

## YEAR 13 LEAVERS SERVICE



**FRUIT THAT WILL LAST**



*"Lay all your cares about the future trustingly in God's hands, and let yourself be guided by the Lord just like a little child."*

ST. TERESA BENEDICTA



## Whole School Fundraising

FUNDRAISING FROM OUR FORMS

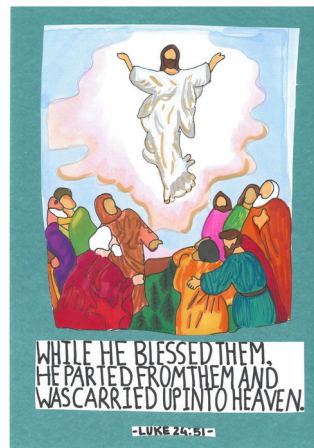
Over this term, our students have taken the initiative to raise money to support the Uganda Project. There have been bake sales, guess how many sweets in the jar, raffles, and even lower school running the TCS Mini Marathon! Thank you to all who have helped out, your contributions are greatly appreciated!



## Ascension Mass

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S ASCENSION INTO HEAVEN

On the 14<sup>th</sup> May, we celebrated Mass together as a school community for the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. It was a joyful occasion and Fr. John-Paul encouraged us to use the passage from the Acts of the Apostles from the Mass readings as our example of the Church praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit in this period of Easter, as the Holy Spirit is God's living guarantee of His presence that remains with us until the end of time.



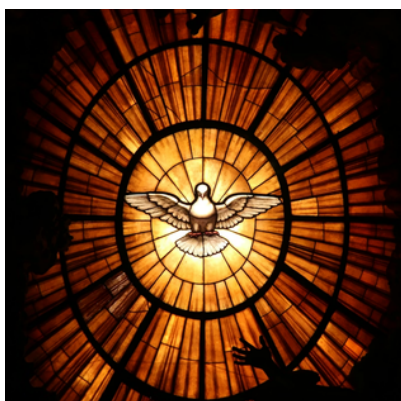
*"Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability."*

ACTS 2:3-4

## Confirmations

FOUR STUDENTS RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT AT PENTECOST

This Pentecost will see four of our students receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation at Lancaster Cathedral. Please keep them in your prayers as they take their next step on their journey with the Lord, they are: Jacob Trzaska, Nadia Basiakowska, Oliwia Koziel, and Daisy Carlton.



# 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.
- **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](http://www.theascentuk.co.uk) for more information and to sign up!
- **Lancaster Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage** - Are you aged 15-21? Join young people from the Lancaster Diocese on this special pilgrimage to Lourdes in France! See Ben for more information.
- **Castlerigg Manor Gap Year** - Fancy a gap year in youth ministry? Castlerigg Manor are looking for volunteers to join their team for the 2026/27 academic year!



## We Are Hiring!

### CHAPLAINCY COORDINATOR VACANCY

Could you be our next Chaplaincy Coordinator? If you are interested in joining our school and bringing the joy of the Gospel to young people, we'd love to hear from you! Please scan the QR code to find out more or email [recruitment@olcc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@olcc.lancs.sch.uk).



## Things to Watch Out For...

### SOME KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

- **16<sup>th</sup> June: Y11 Leavers' Day** - We will say goodbye to our year 11 students and wish them all the best in their future endeavours. Please keep them in your prayers as they take their next steps.
- **28<sup>th</sup> June: Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul** - This is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics, and has been transferred to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June. It is also the patronal feast day of Lancaster Cathedral, so there will be a big celebration there that all are welcome to!
- **29<sup>th</sup> June: Whole School Mass** - We will be celebrating our academic year together with Mass at 9am on the 29<sup>th</sup> June, offering our joys and thanksgiving to God for His gifts this year.
- **8<sup>th</sup> July: Uganda Trip Departs** - Our Uganda Project group departs to visit the communities we've been supporting in Uganda. Please keep them in your prayers for a safe journey and a successful trip.
- **15<sup>th</sup> August: Feast of the Assumption** - Another Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics, this time in the holidays. Check out the local Mass times in your parish, or try a new church while you're on holiday!

CHECK OUT OUR CHAPLAINCY INSTAGRAM TOO!!



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*God bless and have a restful half term!*

*"Don't postpone - roll up your sleeves, because the Lord is generous and you won't be disappointed!"*

POPE LEO XIV



*"We have the right, the duty, and the joy to say that Pentecost goes on!"*

ST. JOHN PAUL II