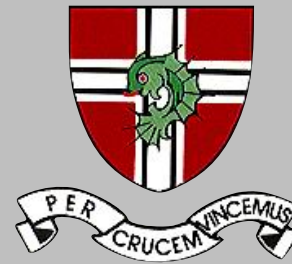


CHAPLAINCY NEWS



November 2019 1st Edition

Welcome to our first Newsletter edition. The Chaplaincy is here to support staff, students and their families to engage with the Catholic Life of the school and the wider community.

The Chaplaincy works to manage and co-ordinate charity fundraising awareness, events and service opportunities and engage and stimulate students' development of their gifts and talents in both their local and global communities as they accept the invitation to live out their faith in words and actions.

The Chaplaincy has been a hive of activity since the beginning of our new academic year. In this edition you will find:

- We welcomed Fr Nicholas Hird (Dean) to celebrate our staff Mass on Inset Day providing a wonderful prayerful time to come together giving thanks at the start of the new term.
- Year 7 forms had a great opportunity to get to know each other and their form tutors on their Retreat Days at St Paulinus Parochial Hall culminating in their Year 7 Welcome Mass at the beginning of October celebrated by Fr Nicholas.
- Students from years 7-10 embraced the opportunity to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham travelling on the Deanery coach.
- Our Faith In Action Team created awareness for our Whole School Cake Morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Charity delivering Collective Worship in every Form. Staff and students contributed generously.
- The Faith In Action Team (F.I.A.T) members also accepted invitations to deliver awareness and Collective Worship to Forms to celebrate the Canonisation of John Henry Newman on Sunday 13 October.
- Knitters also welcomed new recruits to our Knit & Natter Tuesdays offering the opportunity of new friendships and sharing of skills in service of others.
- Sixth Form Pilgrim Helpers attended the Diocesan Lourdes re-union providing a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends old and new.
- Two Sixth Formers started fundraising with a Quiz Night for parishioners raising a fantastic £262!



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St John Fisher
Catholic Voluntary Academy

Chaplaincy is thriving!

St John Fisher Chaplaincy has thrived on a great start to the new academic year.

Year 7 students together with their form tutors embraced the opportunity to get to know each other on their Retreat Days at St Paulinus Parochial Hall.

Ryan our Diocesan Youth Worker joined us as we started the day with ice-breakers followed with challenging activities to help us discern our gifts and talents. We prayed and reflected on how we together, form the Body of Christ to make our Form Groups a beacon of Love, Respect and Care to our school community and the wider community.



Year 7 Welcome Mass

It was our pleasure to welcome Fr Nicholas Hird to celebrate our Year 7 Welcome Mass. Students were incredibly generous with their gifts and talents. The readers, singers, Altar Servers, both Entrance and Offertory Processions were tremendous! The theme of the Mass focused on 'Welcome' 'Invitation' 'Kindness' 'Respect' 'Community' 'Celebration' following on from our Year 7 Retreat Days last month. Many students decorated the Hall with bunting depicting their gifts and talents. The Chaplaincy was filled with the question 'When is the next Mass? We loved it!'



Worship



Make Me A Channel
Of Your Peace

Giving
Thanks

WORLD'S BIGGEST
**COFFEE
MORNING**
MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



Excitement was building from mid-September for our Cake Morning on Monday 30 September thanks to our Faith In Action Team members visiting all form classes to create awareness of the wonderful work by MacMillan as they led Collective Worship.

The whole community came together to raise a tremendous £500. The day started with cakes, flapjacks, cookies arriving at the hall. Year 7 Form classes had a Bunting Decorating Competition. In first place - 7F followed by 7S - the two forms were allowed to have first choice.

Mrs Speight bought the winning raffle ticket for Mrs Senior Watson's wonderful cake creation.

Our Sweeties in the Jar was won by Yr 8 student Daniel S

A wonderful event for such a worthwhile cause!



Care

Love



Community

£500

Commitment

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham



"Amazing day from start to finish" "A very special and meaningful day"



"I enjoyed praying the Holy Rosary along the Holy Mile"



Students and staff from St John Fisher enjoyed a life giving Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 28 September.

Staff and students joined parishioners on the Deanery Coach in the early hours to join the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, Norfolk.

On arrival they attended Mass with the rest of parishioners from across the Diocese in the Chapel of Reconciliation at the National Shrine of Our Lady. The homily focused on the place of Walsingham in English Catholic history and the rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary in 2020.

After enjoying packed lunches everyone joined the Procession into Walsingham village along the Holy Mile followed with

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers and Benediction in the Priory Grounds, the site of the medieval shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

"I enjoyed catching up with priests I had not seen in a long time" "Already looking forward to next year!"

Parishioners commented how wonderful our students are.

Lourdes 2019 Re-union



St John Fisher Lourdes Group 2019, were invited to be re-united with pilgrim helpers from all diocesan schools. An afternoon of reflection and sharing followed Mass in the morning. It was a great opportunity to meet up with friends both old and new.



Lourdes 2020 Here We Come!



Lourdes Fundraising Quiz Night

Sixth Form Students and staff held a Fundraising Quiz for parishioners of Holy Spirit, Heckmondwike and St Paul's, Cleckheaton.

Our students composed the questions and baked cakes. The five tiered cake depicting the Holy Rosary was the main raffle prize together with bottles of wine and spirits donated by staff.

A grand total of £262.10 was raised.

For all Year 10 & 12 students considering going to Lourdes please see Miss Wilkinson.



Torchlight Procession



The Batley Torchlight Procession took place this year on Monday 7 October. This annual gathering assembled in Batley Market Square in honour of Our Lady to St Mary of the Angels Church for Benediction.

The Procession was led by Bishop Marcus and the homily was preached by the Dean of Dewsbury, Fr Nicholas Hird.

The evening concluded with a fine pie & pea supper back at St Mary's Parochial Hall.

Looking forward to next year!
For reference, it's the First Monday of October.

Below are the words to Ave Maria, the hymn that is sung during the procession.



Prayer

Ave Maria
Gratia plena
Maria, gratia plena
Maria, gratia plena

Ave, ave dominus
Dominus tecum
Benedicta tu in mulieribus
Et benedictus

Et benedictus fructus ventris
Ventris tuae, Jesus
Ave Maria

Ave Maria
Mater Dei

Ora pro nobis peccatoribus
Ora pro nobis, Ora, ora pro nobis peccatoribus

Nunc et in hora mortis
Et in hora mortis nostrae
Et in hora mortis nostrae
Et in hora mortis nostrae
Ave Maria

Commitment



Charitable Fundraising

Our Whole School Charity Fundraising is Batley Food Bank. Collection Points are in the library and the chapel every Monday and Friday mornings before school. Please think of those in our local community when shopping as every donation, no matter how small, will be gratefully received.

Year Group Charities

Year 7 - The Good Shepherd Appeal (Catholic Care) <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/about-us/>

Perhaps you have an unused toy in good condition that is no longer used?

Year 8 The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) <https://www.svp.org.uk/>
Do you have an unloved teddy bear in need of a good home?

Year 9 - Aid to the Church in Need <https://acnuk.org/event/redwednesday-2019/>
Promoting peace and respect to people of all faiths.

Year 10 - Fundraising to help fund a pilgrim from our local community to go to Lourdes 2020.

Year 11 - Form Christmas Hampers for local people.

Sixth Form - Forever Angels



Aid to the Church in Need

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Coming Up.....

November

1st - All Saints' (Holy Day of Obligation). Please see Deanery

Mass Times on our website.

2nd - All Souls. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.

7/8th - Year 8 Residential Retreat at Ampleforth.

8th - Our Lady of Walsingham Dowry Tour, Leeds Cathedral.

11th - Remembrance Service led by St John Fisher students at Dewsbury Cemetery at 11.00am

28th - Red Wednesday.

December

Advent - Year 7 Christingles

17th - Carol Service at St Mary's, Batley.

18th - Live Crib in Dewsbury at 11.00am.

Aspiration