



## Oldcorne Catholic College Catholic Life



January 2020

#### Last term

At the end of term, four members of the SVP group joined the Friendship group at Our Lady Queen of Peace for Mass and refreshments. They helped to make Advent wreaths, which were sold the following Sunday after Mass. The money raised was used to support the local SVP group.

We finished the term by continuing to raise money for the Zimbabwe Medical Centre.





#### Epiphany and Staff Catholic Life

On the Teacher Training Day in January, staff reflected on the Epiphany of the Lord. Staff who we Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist were invited to a commissioning Mass with Father Stephen. Those staff were re-commissioned to be Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.



Prayer of Blessing

The assembly is invited to hold up their copies of the Bible. With hands extended over the assembly the celebrant says:

Everlasting God,
when he read in the synagogue at Nazareth,
your Son proclaimed the good news of salvation
for which he would give up his life.
Bless all who will read from these sacred texts.
As they read, listen and reflect on your words of life,
strengthen their faith
so that what they read in hope,
they may live in love and charity.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

#### Blessing of the Bibles: The Year of the Word

At the start of the Spring term we reflected again on The Year of the Word in an assembly. Every RE classroom has a lectern with a Bible on. During RE lessons the Bibles were blessed using the Blessing of the Bible liturgy.

#### Thursday 9th January 2020

In today's Gospel, Jesus reads the book of Isaiah and declares himself as the Messiah (chosen one) and the Jews listening to him in the Synagogue (place of worship for Jews) are shocked by Jesus' actions. They knew him as the carpenter's son and not the Chosen One. Let us have the courage of telling the truth at all times.

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#### The Year of the Word

Students reflected on the Word of God in our morning collective acts of worship. In January students were given the opportunity to think about the Book of Isaiah and the meaning of the Gospels. In the first half term we reflect ion Luke 2:32 "Here is the light you will reveal to the nations."

Gospel means Good news of Jesus

#### Blessed Edward Oldcorne Feast Day

Monday 27th January is the Feast Day of Blessed Edward Oldcorne. We remember Blessed Edward Oldcorne's Feast Day by celebrating Mass together as a school community.

One RE class visited Blessed Edward Oldcorne's Shrine at Red Hill. This year 9A4 prepared the liturgy and visited the shrine. The class were joined by pupils from St Joseph's in Warndon who had prepared prayers to lead as part of our liturgy. We were also joined by Mr McClarey and Mr Tota.







Blessed Edward Oldcorne Vigil Mass



St Joseph's pupils spent time reflecting on the life of Blessed Edward Oldcorne in the lead up to his feast day and produced an excellent display.



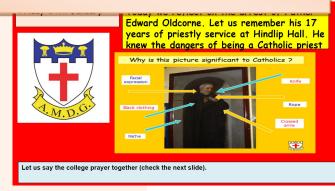
During our morning act of collective worship, students spent the week reflecting on Blessed Edward Oldcorne and our tutor group martyrs.

#### COLLEGE PRAYER

God our Father, you filled Blessed Edward Oldcorne with the strength and courage to be a witness to Christ, and in doing so he became a martyr.

and follow you.

Grant us a share in that same strength, that we may daily take up our cross



#### **TUTOR GROUP MARTYRS**

Blessed Ralph Ashley Class C - Clitherow Saint Margaret Clithero

Saint John Jones





Father Edward was executed on Red Hill just outside the city walls of Worcester on April 7th 1606.

#### Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day was on Monday 27th January, the same day as Blessed Edward Oldcorne's Feast Day.

As a college community, we remember Holocaust Memorial Day each year. In our Mass in remembrance of Blessed Edward Oldcorne we pray for the victims of the Holocaust and other genocides that have happened since then. In the foyer students are able to stop and reflect on the Holocaust with this display. This year Mr Jessop led an assembly reflecting on those people who lost their lives in World War II. Students who attended the Battlefields trip in October 2019 researched one person who perished in the war and their research was shared in the assembly.



#### Monday 27th January 2020

#### Holocaust memorial day



Tomorrow we begin a week of reflection ending on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of February in which we think about 12 million people killed in WWII. Let us remember the dead but also the survivors who lived to tell us the stories that keep memories alive for future generations to come. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGnTBqmRBdE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGnTBqmRBdE</a>

O God, Who art full of compassion, who dwells on high, grant perfect rest in your presence to all the souls of our holy and pure brethren whose blood was spilt by the murderers in the extermination camps in Europe. For whose souls we now pray. May their resting place be in the Garden of Eden, may the Master of Mercy shelter them in the shadow of His wings for eternity. May they rest in peace. **Amen.** 

### February 2020

#### Ash Wednesday

To mark the start of Lent on Wednesday 26th February each year group took part in an Ash Wednesday service. During the service students were asked to think about the importance of Lent and preparing for the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Students were reminded of the 40 days and nights Jesus spent in the desert. During Lent as a college community we fast, give and pray. During the service students were encouraged to think about how they could do those three things this year.

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# Deputy Headteacher Mr Danny McCormack Our Journey THROUGH LENT 2020 LENT LEN

#### Anne Line Feast Day

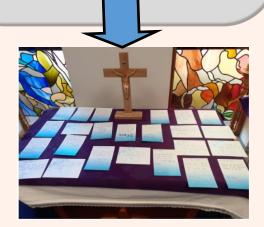
On Thursday 27th February we remembered Anne Line, one of our college tutor martyrs. Anne Line and her husband were both converts to the Catholic faith. Anne was arrested when a priest was saying Mass in her house. The priest escaped but Anne was arrested and died at Tyburn on 27th February 1601.

#### Soli House

The Lourdes pilgrims spent a weekend at Soli House to prepare for their visit to Lourdes. The Soli team prepared sessions to reflect on what happened to Bernadette at Lourdes and what students can expect at Lourdes. The team gave their own personal testimonies about how life changing Lourdes had been for them. The weekend finished with a sponsored walk.

The students who attended wrote thank you cards to the team.







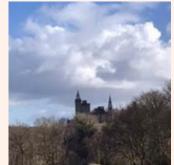
## Soli 2020











































## March 2020

#### Lenten Liturgies

Each Monday morning during Lent begins with a liturgy in the chapel. The liturgy is attended by staff and students. Each week there is a reflection about the Word of God as well as a prayer and hymn.

#### THE SEASON OF LENT

#### **CYCLE OF PRAYER**

Please pray for the following intentions:

Candidates for the Sacraments, Women,

The needy and hungry of the world,

Penitents and Wanderers

#### Lent Fast Day

On Friday 6th March staff and students were encouraged to fast during lunch time by buying soup from the kitchen and donating money to our Lenten charities.

Today we think about the Lent fast day. This is a day when you can buy a soup and a roll in our canteen and then donate some money to CAFOD. Please think about helping the poor this year and help your form with their fundraising.

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#### Year of the Word

In the morning daily act of collective worship we continue to reflect on The Year of the Word.

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of March – Virtue is Grateful

Today we reflect on this reading from the 'Year of the Word' based on Luke chapter 6.

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Dear Lord,
We pray today that we
may become more kind
hearted. To be open to
thinking positively about
other people in our
community. Give us the
strength we need.

Amen



Daily prayer intention - Women

#### Lenten Reconciliation Services

This year we were not able to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Although we couldn't gather together for our Reconicliation Services we can still pray together using this prayer.

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of March – Virtue is honest

Today we have our reconciliation services in College and the chance for you to speak to a priest. Whether you do or do not take up the challenge to share a confession it does give you valuable thinking time.

What are your worries ?
What could you do to be a better person ?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?

Gospel reading at voluntary mass today is from John 7: 25 – 30.

Lord we pray for the gift of reconciliation. We thank you for being able to share our faults and sins in order to be absolved. We think about how we can be a better person with a fresh start from you. Amen

Daily prayer intention – Candidates for the sacraments

#### Official prayer for the 'Year of the Word'.

Living God,

You walk beside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures.

Your son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another.

Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world.

Amen.

A.M.D.G. - For the Greater Glory of God

























#### Blessed Edward @EdwardOldcorne · 26 Feb

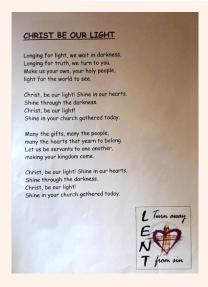
Year 8 are starting their tenner challenge for Lent shortly. Which form will win this enterprise challenge? #lent



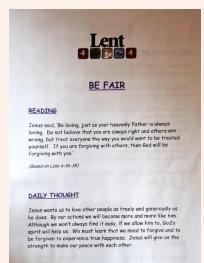












#### Prayer Leaders Day

Monday 9th March was our annual Prayer Leaders Day led by Ms Downs from St Bede's Catholic School in Redditch. Prayer leaders from the local Catholic primary schools visited our college to reflect on how they can lead prayer and worship in their own schools. Members of the Youth SVP group from Blessed Edward Oldcorne supported the day. The Youth SVP group wrote their own prayer liturgy to close the day.







The Youth SVP group spent lunch time preparing for the Prayer Leaders Day.

Student led prayer liturgy for the Prayer Leaders Day Len

Ciara: As we light this candle we remember that Jesus is the light of the world

Jasmin: Please make and say the sign of the cross: In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Caitlin:

Dear Lord

In this Season of Lent we pray for the people struggling this time with flooding and illness. We pray that you will keep them safe in your hands. We pray that the many people affected with coronavirus recover from the illness and that the families who have lost someone may be comforted by your love. May all the people who have lost their lives be remembered.

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Isabel: In this Year of the Word we remember the story of Jesus healing Jairus' daughter.

Jesus performed a miracle to heal the little girl who was dying. Our prayer intention is that doctors have the knowledge, courage and strength to help to heal those who are suffering

Nicole: Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the scriptures. Your Son Jesus Christ listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world.

Amen

#### Thinking about the Sacraments in RE Lessons

During RE, our class got a chance to reenact a typical Catholic wedding. My class-mates got a chance to participate as the Groom, Bride, Father of the Bride, Maid of Honour, Priest, Groomsmen, Bridesmaids and a ring bearer. Each class member was given a script to follow and read from. This allowed us to understand the prayers and vows that are usually said at a Catholic wedding. The Groom and the Bride were able to say vows and exchange rings like at a usual wedding with a ring bearer and all. An aisle was set up in the classroom and wedding music was played. Whilst this was a mock wedding, the scripts, rings, vows and the priest, played by a member of the class, helped us gain a better understanding of the topic we are studying.

The rings were exchanged as usual, with the same words that would be spoken at a normal wedding, from this we could view the importance of the rings and what they represent. It was a great chance to act out and view a wedding in class as some students may not have attended a wedding before, so it was a useful opportunity for them to see what an actual Catholic wedding would be like.

By Annabelle Hall 9A1.

#### College Vocations Day of Prayer and Adoration Before the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 13th March was our Vocations Day of Prayer and Adoration Before the Blessed Sacrament. RE classes spent time in the chapel praying before the Blessed Sacrament and praying for vocations. Students were encouraged to think about their vocations and reflected on how we can discern our vocations from God.





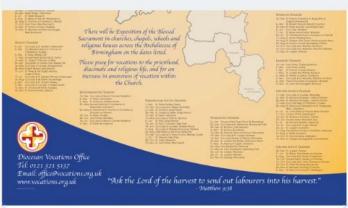




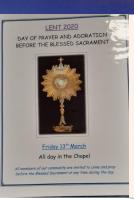


Birmingham Vocations @AskInvitePray · 13 Mar

Both the parish of Holy Cross & St. Francis, Walmley (in Birmingham North Deanery) and @EdwardOldcorne (Worcester) in @rcbirmingham are having a Day of Adoration and Prayer for #Vocations today.







TIME SPENT BEFORE THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT

#### RE Class Masses

This half term saw the start of our new RE class Masses. Each RE class will plan their class Mass and will lead the Liturgy of the Word, the Bidding Prayers and music. 7SP celebrated the first class Mass. As a class they planned all parts of the Mass including how to organise the chairs in the chapel. This made the Mass really special for the class. Students led a short drama to help the class reflect on the Gospel message and sang hymns that they

#### The Gospel Reflection

- 1. All of you: discuss together again what the reading is about
- All of you: Work on a role play/ piece of drama that gets across the message of the Gospel. You will be showing this role play during the Mass. You will need to have a narrator who reads parts of the Gospel.
- 3. One of you: write an introduction to the reading (one or two sentences). Say what you think the main message is.

On Friday 20th March, on our last day in school before online learning began, we said these prayers together as a community during our morning daily act of collective worship.











#### Prayer Leader:

For us all in this time of uncertainty, that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship, where all are known and cared for:

Lord, hear us.

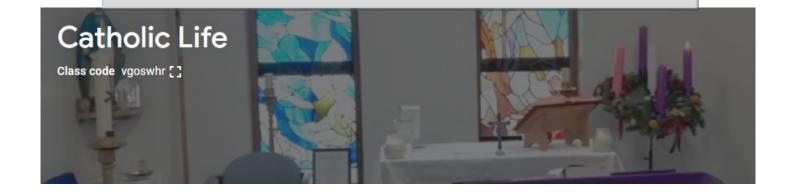
All:

Lord, hear our prayer.





We ask all students to join our Catholic Life google classroom page.



### **April 2020**



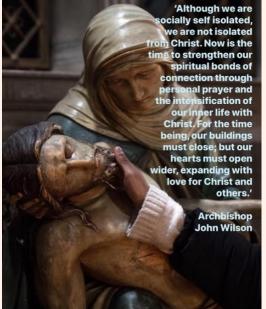
#### THE SEASON OF EASTER

#### **CYCLE OF PRAYER**

Please pray for the following intentions:

New Members of the Church, Vocations, The right use of the Media, The Church and human work.

Throughout April the RE staff as well as other Catholic members of staff have been so grateful to our local parish priests who have been live streaming Mass each week and over the Easter Triduum. It has been truly special during these difficult times to be able to share the celebration of Mass with the Catholic community.





## May 2020

May is the month of Mary. This year our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes was cancelled. Although we cannot visit Lourdes this year we can still remember how special it is and why it is such a popular pilgrimage at our College. This year 30 students were going on pilgrimage with Mr Tota, Mrs Fitzer and Mr James. We can spend time this month praying to Mary using the Rosary.

### ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2020

"I AM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION"

#### The Annunciation

God the father sends forth his messanger to reveal his ong awaited plan to Mary. Mary is to embody the willing acceptance of humanity as she declares her 'yes' to become the mother of the prophesied

Set yourself a challenge this month.

Can you pray the Rosary at least once? Use the Praying the Rosary guide on the next slide. You can find this information and more at:

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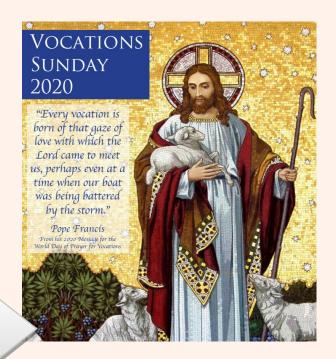
At the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel told Mary she had been chosen to be the Mother of God, Mary willingly accepted God's plan for her.

We pray to Mary the Mother of God each time we pray the Hail Mary.

Mary asked Bernadette to pray the Rosary when she appeared to her in Lourdes.

To see how special Lourdes is follow this link: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/">https://www.youtube.com/</a> watch?v=IzeO0E36RJw

Sunday 3rd May 2020 was Vocations Sunday. As People of God we are asked to pray for vocations.



## raying the Rosary

BEGIN with the Sign of the Cross and say the Apostles Creed: Leader: "I believe in God the Father the Almighty. Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, suffered, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, He rose again according to the scriptures and He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of God, the Father the Almighty. From thence, He shall come to judge the living and the dead. (All) I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic

Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen."

OFFER for a special intention. PRAY 1 Our Father, 3 Hail Mary, 1 Glory Be and "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy." (Leader) Announce 5 Mysteries and the 1st Mystery. Recite together 1 *OurFather*, 10 Hail Mary, 1 Glory Be and 1 "O my Jesus." Leader announces 2nd Mystery, etc.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Leader) Our Father Who art in heaven. hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (All) Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

HAIL MARY (Leader) Hail Mary full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. Jesus. (All) Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

GLORY BE (Leader) Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; (All) as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### UNDAY/WEDNESDAY

#### THE FIVE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

- The resurrection
- The ascension
- The descent of the Holy
- The assumption of our Blessed Mother to heaven.
- The crowning of Mary "Queen of Heaven & Earth".

#### THE FIVE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

- 1. The annunciation
- 2. The visitation
- 3. The birth of Christ
- in the temple
- temple

#### MONDAY/SATURDAY

- 4. The presentation
- 5. The finding in the

#### CONCLUDE (All) "Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor

banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! (Leader) Pray for us O Holy Mother of God. (All) That we might be made worthy of the promises of Christ."

(Leader) "Let us pray." (All) "O God, who's only begotten Son. by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation. Grant we beseech Thee, that by mediating upon these mysteries of the most holy rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain. and obtain what they promise through the same Christ our Lord, Amen."

#### TUESDAY/FRIDAY

#### THE FIVE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

- 1. The agony in the garden
- 2. The scourging at the
- 3. The crowning of thorns
- 4. The carrying of the cross
- 5. The crucifixion

#### THURSDAY

#### THE FIVE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

- The baptism of the Lord
- 2. The marriage feast at Canaan
- 3. The proclamation of the Kingdom of God
- 4. The transfiguration
- 5. The establishment of the Eucharist

(Leader) "For the intentions of our Holy Father." (All) Our Father. Hail Mary and Glory Be.

(Leader) Prayer to St. Michael. (All) "St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wiles and wickedness of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray. And do thou O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits that prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen."

FINAL PETITION (Leader) O most Sacred Heart of (All) Have mercy on us! (3X) (Leader) Immaculate Heart of Mary. (All) Pray for us! (3X) END with Sign of Cross.