



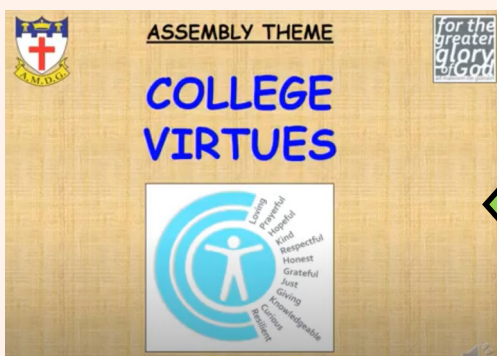
Blessed Edward
Oldcorne
Catholic College

Catholic Life Newsletter



September 2020

In September we gathered together for a staff Collective Act of Worship. We reflected on lockdown as well as the new academic year, thanking God for the opportunity to come together as a community.



This term our assemblies have been virtual assemblies. One of our first virtual assemblies reminded us about the importance of our College virtues to help us to become people of good character. Mr McCormack shared examples of how we can live out our College virtues each day.



Saints Assembly - Oct 2020	21/10/2020 10:45
Year of the Word & Lit. Seasons Assembly	16/02/2020 13:06
Advent Assembly 30th November	30/11/2020 09:40
Anti Bullying Assembly 2020	06/11/2020 15:55
Courage Assembly - 2020	08/10/2020 18:16
Democracy Assembly	08/10/2020 18:05
Home for Good - Outreach Assembly - O...	08/10/2020 18:00
Racial Justice Assembly - Dec 2020	07/12/2020 08:36
Remembrance Assembly - Nov 2020	03/11/2020 10:45
Servant Leadership Assembly	22/11/2020 16:14
The Common Good Assembly	08/10/2020 18:06
Virtues Assembly Sept. 2020	03/09/2020 21:22
White Ribbon Day	23/11/2020 08:13



We launched our revamped Daily Collective Act of Worship. The new Collective Act of Worship will enable us to reflect on why we are gathering together each day, to listen to the Word of God, to respond with our own personal prayer intentions and to explore how we can live out the message of our Collective Act of Worship in our daily lives.

SVP


The Year 8 SVP group have set up a new google classroom as a way to communicate and share ideas in a socially distanced way.

UCL BEACON SCHOOL IN HOLOCAUST EDUCATION 2020 – 2021

This academic year we are embarking on the UCL Beacon School programme. The aim of the programme is to support and enhance our Holocaust Education programme. Mrs Apps is leading on the programme in collaboration with the RE and History department.

Year 8 students will begin to study the Holocaust in RE. The aim of the scheme of work will be to help students to learn about Jewish survivor stories. All departments have reviewed schemes of learning to make links to the Holocaust in different topics.

During the first half term, Year 7 visited the chapel in their RE lessons. Students explored the meaning and importance of the chapel in a Catholic school, as well as understanding the key features of the chapel.



THE GOD WHO SPEAKS
THE YEAR OF THE WORD - 2020




OFFICIAL PRAYER FOR THE YEAR
Living God,
you walk alongside us
and speak to us throughout the Scriptures.
Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes
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Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts
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so that we may be your witnesses throughout
the world.
Amen.

AUTUMN 1:
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and the Word was God"
John 1:1



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AUTUMN 2:
"The Word became flesh
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John 1:14

We continue to celebrate the Year of the Word. During the first half term we reflected on John 1:1

"In the beginning the Word already existed; the Word was with God and the Word was God."

During the second half term we reflected on John 1:14

"The Word became flesh and lived among us."

THE
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October 2020

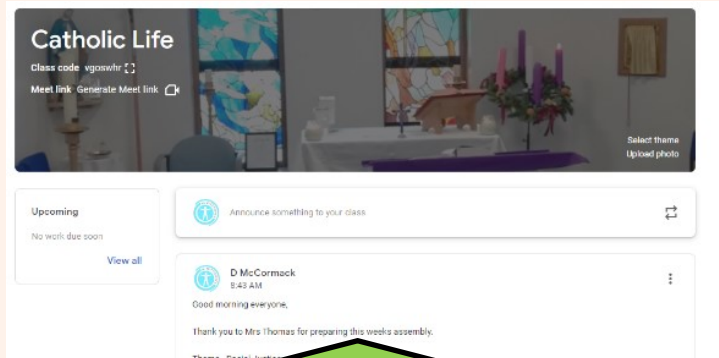


Throughout October, Father Stephen visited Year 7 classes. 7JB (pictured left) spent time writing questions for Father Stephen to find out more about why he became a priest and what it means to be a priest.

We are also extremely grateful to Father Stephen for recording an instructional Mass for RE teachers to help Year 7 to celebrate Mass virtually.

In October we were really pleased to see some of our Muslim students using the chapel to help them to pray. The chapel is a calm and peaceful place to be in the presence of God.

The Head Boy and Head Girl candidates recorded their speeches for other students in Year 11. It was a pleasure to hear all of them refer to the importance of our college virtues for becoming a person of good character, charity work, prayer and giving service to others.



Year 8 took part in an RSE day using Ten Ten resources. This was an opportunity to reflect on pressures and influences in our lives.



Throughout this term we have continued to use our Catholic Life google classroom to share important messages, Church newsletters and assemblies.



October is Mission Month. Year 7, 8 and 9 reflected on the mission of the disciples and the mission given to the People of God today, as well as reflecting on the call of the People of the Old Testament. This was done in lessons and as homework tasks.

November 2020



Blessed Edward Oldcorne's 400 year old crucifix is on display in York. We spend time during our form Collective Act of Worship reflecting on the sacrifice Blessed Edward Oldcorne made for his faith.

We are really pleased with our new artwork outside of Room 1. Michelangelo's La Pieta is a reminder of the love between Mary and Jesus as well as a reminder of the sacrifice Jesus made for us.



Following Mr McCormack's Year of the Word assembly Year 7 students were presented with their own copy of the New Testament and Gospels.



Blessed Edward @EdwardOldcorne · 27 Nov

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We have sent off over 700 items with a value of over £1000 to @Home4Gd, this will make over 300 Christmas stockings for students just leaving care in our community.

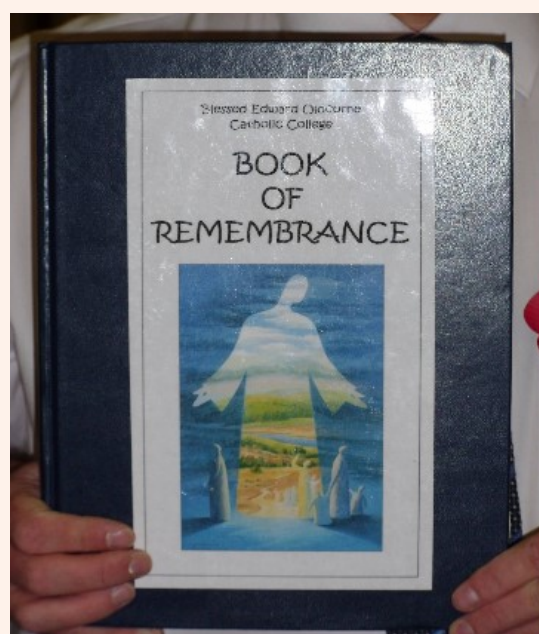


Joy Pollock @lawweifong · 12 Nov

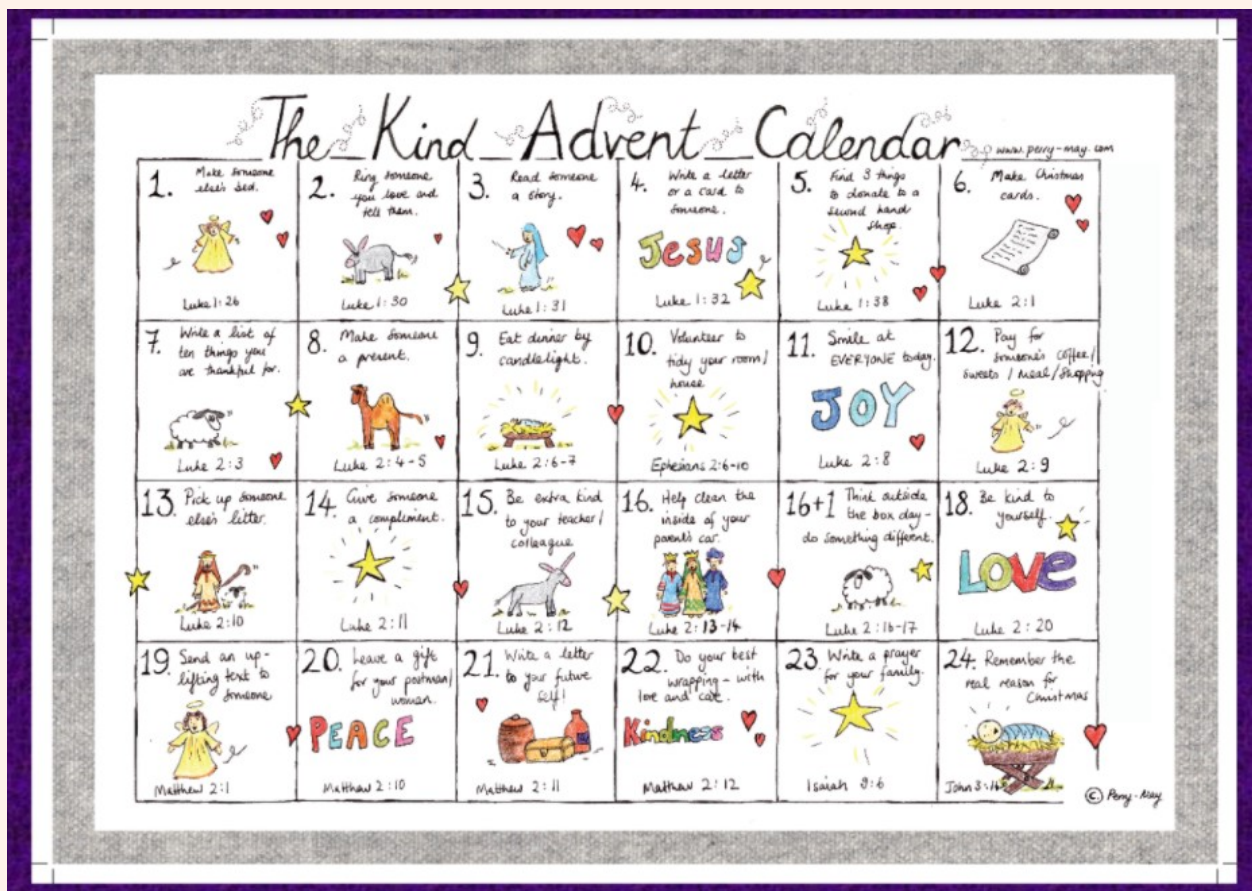
Excited to be visiting @EdwardOldcorne today to collect hundreds of stocking items for #Worcestershire care leavers. @Home4Gd @WorcsChildren Huge thanks 😊 @worcscc

At the end of October we launched our Homes for Good appeal. Thank you to everyone who donated. The generosity shown by students meant that Homes for Good were able to make enough stockings for care leavers and have items left over for next year. Homes for Good were blown away by this generosity.

In November we spent time remembering those who we have loved and lost. Our prayer boards reminded us about All Saints Day and All Souls Day. The Book of Remembrance was in the chapel and staff and students were invited to write the names of loved ones who have departed in the book.



December 2020



Throughout Advent we have many opportunities to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. The first assembly of the month was a great reminder to our community about the meaning and importance of Advent. During our daily Collective Act of Worship we reflect on different aspects of Advent by using the Walk With Me booklets and Advent calendar's as well as challenging ourselves to follow the Kind Advent Calendar.

Our chapel is a calm and peaceful place to pray during the Season of Advent. The Advent Wreath and Nativity help us to remember the meaning of Advent. Year 7 have also had the opportunity for a short reflection on Advent in their RE lessons. We also have opportunities to virtually prepare with our virtual reconciliation services and virtual carol service.



On Wednesday 2nd December students wore their own clothes to raise money to support the Fr Hudson's Society appeal. Fr Hudson's is the charity supported by our Archdiocese. Our students raised an amazing £1000 for the charity.

Father
Hudson's
Care



On Tuesday 1st December, Year 9 took part in their RSE day using the Ten Ten resource.s This was an opportunity to reflect on how we treat others in relationships.



On Friday 11th December all year groups took part in a Virtual Reconciliation Service. The chapel was open during lunch time and students spent some time in prayer to ask for forgiveness.




Fr Stephen recorded a Virtual Advent Blessing for our College community. During our tutor time Collective Act of Worship, students watched the Virtual Advent Blessing.

We would like to thank Fr Stephen for all his hard work this term and the time he has spent recording Virtual services, prayers and blessings.



Our final virtual assembly of the year reminded us of the real meaning of Christmas. The magic of Christmas is not in the presents but in the presence of Jesus.





THE SEASONS OF

ADVENT


& CHRISTMAS

CYCLE OF PRAYER

Please pray for the following intentions:


Openness to the Word of God,
Migrants and Refugees and
Expectant Mothers.

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




The Season of Advent

THE SEASON OF ADVENT - 2020




Year's 8-11 VIRTUAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES




THE SEASON OF ADVENT
Begins 4 Sundays before December 25th
It is a time of -
Expectant Waiting
Hopeful Anticipation
& Cheerful Preparation

Ready to welcome a special guest -
JESUS.


CHAPEL ADVENT LITURGIES



VIRTUAL CAROL SERVICE



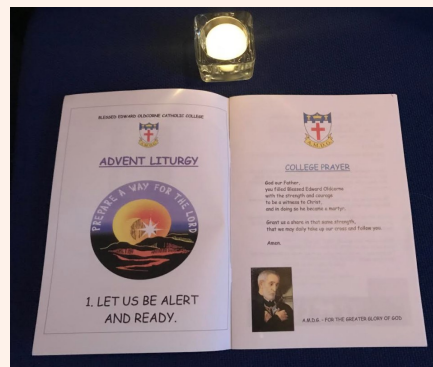
THE NATIVITY
Emmanuel - God with us



Advent

is the season that begins four Sundays before December 25,





The Nativity and Advent Liturgy booklet in the chapel.



Year 7 Advent chapel visit

**Wishing everyone a
happy and holy
Christmas 2020**

