



Blessed Edward Oldcorne Catholic College



CATHOLIC LIFE NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2021

The Season of Easter Year of the Word

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The Year of the Word
Official Prayer

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.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS THE YEAR OF THE WORD - 2021



SUMMER 1: 2021

These have been written in order
that you may believe that Jesus is
the Messiah, the Son of God"

John 20:31

This half term we are reflecting on the Gospel of John. We are reminded that Jesus was the Messiah, sent by God to save us from the power of sin. We are also reminded that Jesus is the second person of the Trinity, the Son.

The Season of Easter Cycle of Prayer



THE SEASON OF EASTER CYCLE OF PRAYER



The prayer boards in each classroom have been updated as we pray for the intentions for the Season of Easter. It is important that we remember that Easter is a season and that it lasts for 50 days ending on Pentecost Sunday.

Please pray for the following intentions:

*New members of the Church,
Vocations, The right use of the media,
The Church and human Work.*

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

The Season of Easter Pupil Reception



In Pupil Reception we are reminded of the Liturgical Season and the Year of the Word.

Mary, the Mother of God

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

MAY
—THE MONTH OF
MARY

Hail Mary,

Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

*When I find myself in times of trouble,
Mother Mary comes to me,
speaking words of wisdom, **Let it be...***

May - the month of Mary

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Amen.

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

During the month of May we remember Mary, the Mother of God. During our daily Collective Act of Worship in tutor time, we will be praying the Hail Mary as we remember that Mary willingly accepted God's plan for her.

Feast Days

WE GATHER

We gather together today to celebrate the feast day of Saint Philip and Saint James.

Let us all now pause and have a few moments of stillness as we light the candle.

Let us begin our collective act of worship by making and saying the Sign of Cross together.



WE GATHER

We gather together today to celebrate the feast of the English Martyrs (people who died for their faith)

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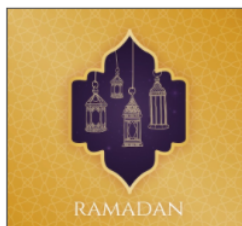


Our daily Collective Act of Worship follows the Catholic Church Liturgical Calendar. We celebrate the feast days of the saints. During this half term we have remembered the Saints Philip and James and the English Martyrs. We are also preparing to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost later this half term.

The Holy Month of Ramadan

RAMADAN 2021

ROOM 33



Please wear your mask at all times and stick to the 2m social distancing

*THIS ROOM HAS BEEN SET ASIDE AT
BREAK AND LUNCH TIMES FOR
RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE
DURING RAMADAN*

During the month of Ramadan Muslim students were able to spend time in prayer at break and lunch time.

St Mark's Gospel

Students in Year 8 and above have been given the opportunity to study Mark's Gospel as part of our extracurricular provision. Students who have a keen interest in the New Testament, developing their faith and enriching their knowledge and understanding of Christianity are able to complete some self-study and contribute to a small group discussion about Mark's Gospel.

Ascension Day

Ascension Day Mass



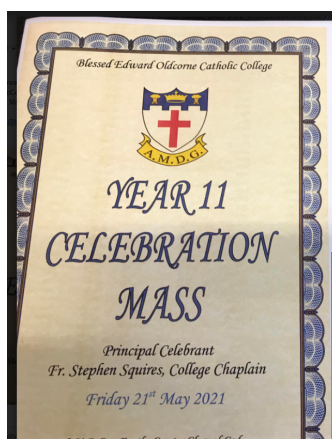
13th May - Period 3

Year 7 students celebrated Ascension Day Mass on Thursday 13th May. In preparation for the Mass, students spent time learning about the Ascension in RE lessons.



Year 11 Leavers Mass

On Friday 21st May, Father Stephen celebrated with Year 11 at their leavers Mass. This was a really special occasion to end five years at Blessed Edward Oldcorne and provided students with the opportunity to reflect on God's call for them as they leave our community to start the next chapter in their lives.



College Prayer

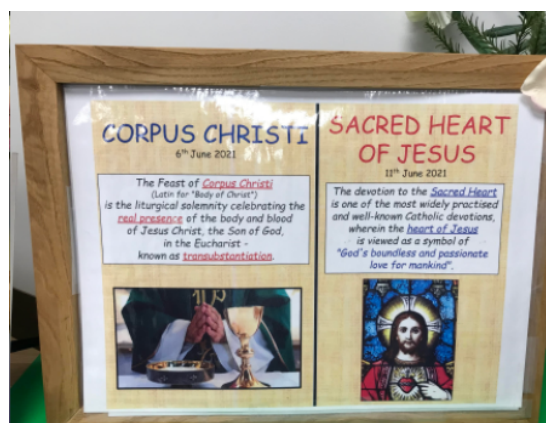
God our Father,
You filled
Blessed Edward Oldcorne
with the strength and courage
to be a witness to Christ,
and in doing so

When oceans rise,
my soul will rest in
Your embrace, For I am
Yours, You are mine



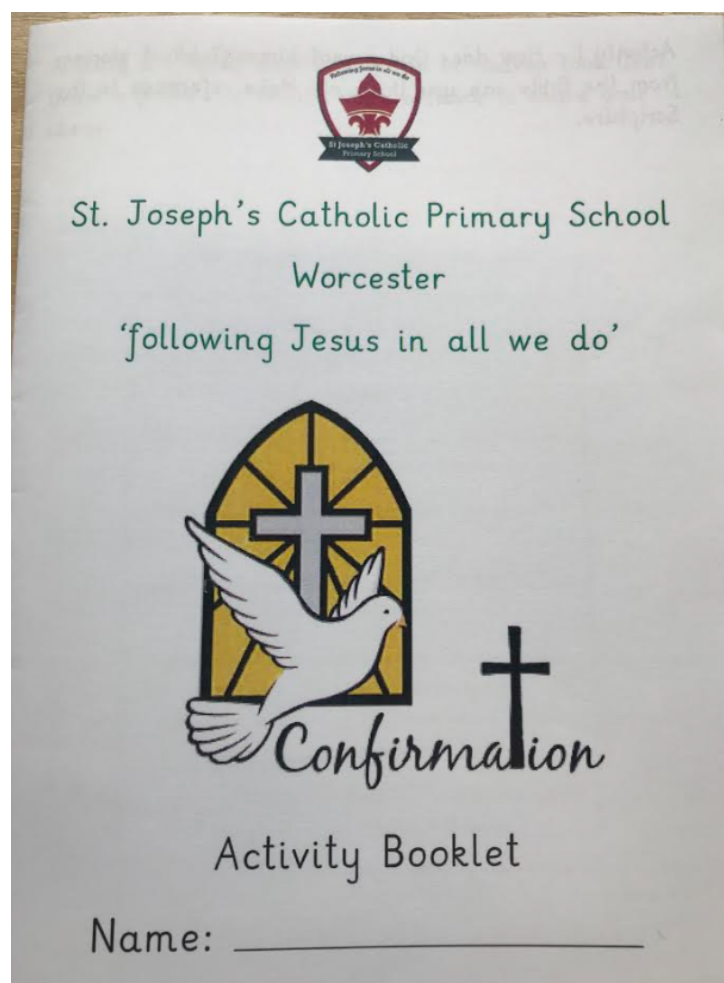
Pupil Reception

In Pupil Reception we are continued to be reminded of the liturgical year and the key events that are celebrated throughout the year.



Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

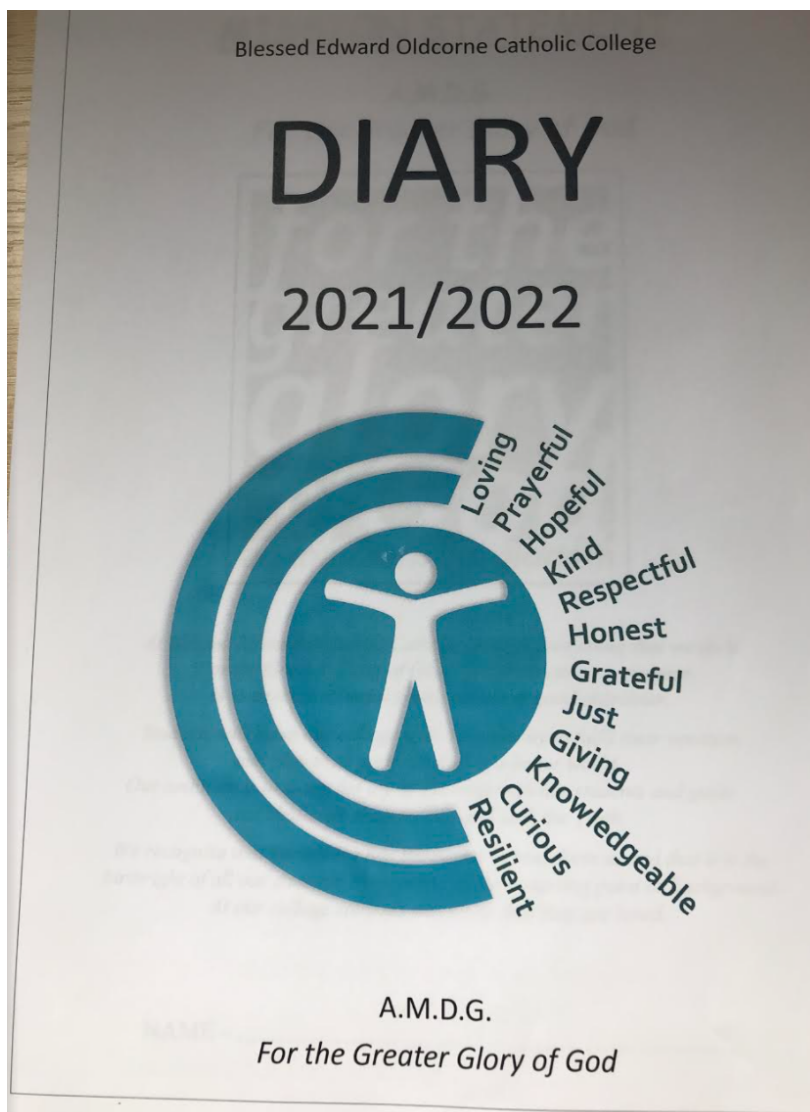
Mr McCormack has been supporting students at St Joseph's Catholic School as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Mr McCormack has led the preparation sessions so that the children can receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in July.



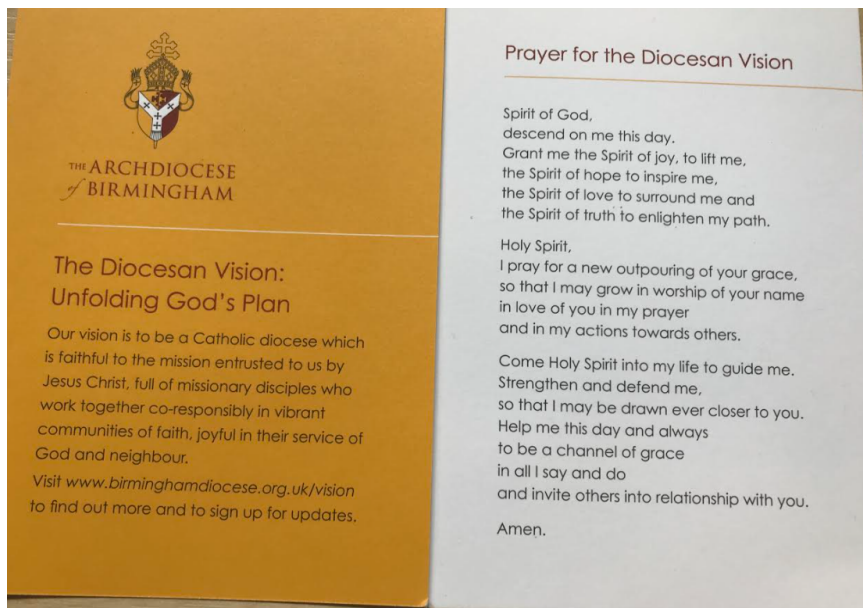
Staff Diary

Mr McCormack has been working hard this term preparing the staff diary for September 2021. The diary supports staff with following the Liturgical Year. Inside the diary there are the Bible references for the Gospel reading each Sunday as well as quotes from saints and popes. The diary supports staff with their own faith.

In the next academic year there is a focus on Pope Francis' new Encyclical, *Fratelli tutti*. This will help staff to become familiar with the key messages from Pope Francis.



Prayer for the Diocesan Vision



The Archdiocese of Birmingham reflects on its mission to be faithful to the mission entrusted to them by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together. This is the Prayer for the Diocesan Vision

Pastoral Letter - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



PASTORAL LETTER
OF THE
MOST REVEREND BERNARD LONGLEY
ARCHBISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM
FOR THE 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 12/13 JUNE 2021

I will take a shoot and plant it myself...it will sprout branches and bear fruit.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Friday 18th June, staff and students listened to Archbishop Bernard Longley's Pastoral Letter. Archbishop Bernard Longley encouraged Catholics to be guided by the Holy Spirit to be inspired to build-up the Body of Christ following the pandemic. In his video, Archbishop Bernard Longley encouraged young Catholics to step up to the challenge by supporting food banks and our neighbours, and to use our time and energy to serve others.

WE LISTEN

'...young people have faced real challenges in the last year, yet we are learning to deepen our trust in God's loving care and to respond in ways that express our care for each other.'

'The pandemic has focused our minds on our faith and on the role we play in society.'



WE GATHER

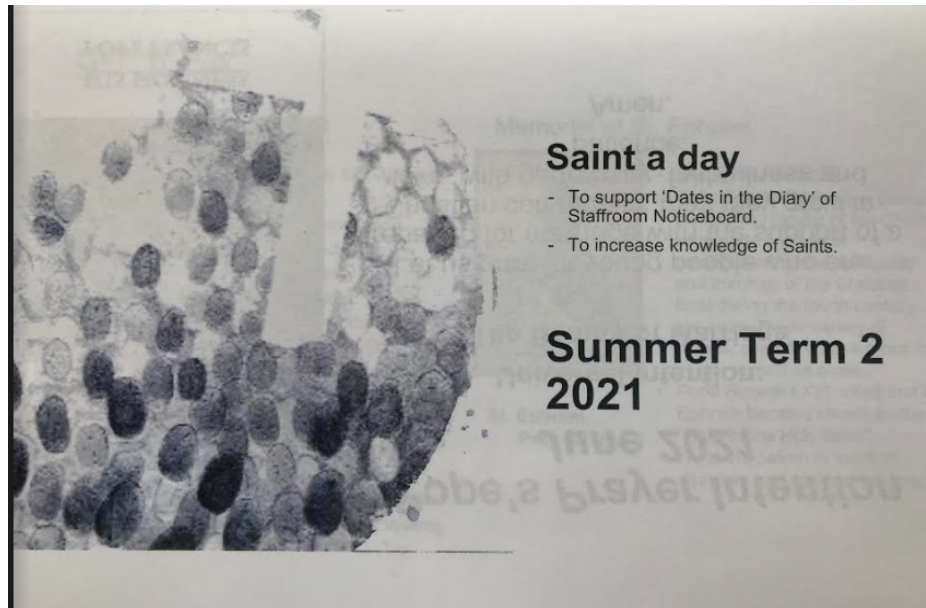
We gather together today to Reflect on the words of
Archbishop Longley.

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Saint a day

Each term staff and students have the opportunity to reflect on the saints each day. This enables our community to think about how we can strive to be more like the saints in our everyday lives showing faithfulness to God.



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Catholic Life SEF

This term our Catholic Life leaders have continued to reflect on and evaluate our Catholic Life, Collective Worship and Religious Education provision.



Catholic Life Governor's Visit

At the end of June, Fr Brian our Catholic Life governor, visited the school meeting with Miss Parson, Mr James and some of our student Catholic Life team.



As we come to the end of a challenging school year, we would like to say a massive thank you to our students, who have shown resilience throughout the year and have continued to embody our college virtues in everything they do.

We wish you all a restful summer break and look forward to seeing you all back safely in September to welcome the new members of our college community.

PRAYER TO END A SCHOOL YEAR

God of Wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year. We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ, and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school.

We ask you to bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace. We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.