



Blessed Edward Oldcorne
Catholic College



CATHOLIC LIFE
NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2021

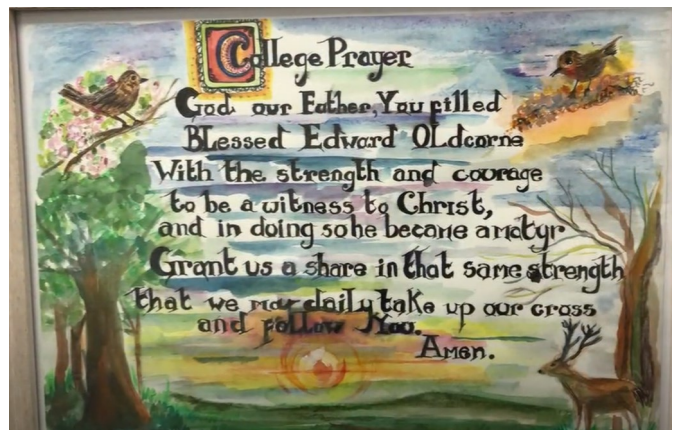
January

Welcome Back Message

Fr Stephen, one of our College chaplains, recorded a welcome back message for the start of the new term and the start of online learning. This was shared with students during our online Collective Act of Worship.

Blessed Edward Oldcorne

On 27th January we remembered Blessed Edward Oldcorne on his feast day. Mr McCormack shared a video reflecting on his life and Fr Stephen, one of our college chaplains, recorded a special message for us.



Holocaust Memorial Day

We marked Holocaust Memorial Day through prayer and reflecting on the experiences of Holocaust Survivors. Jack, a Year 10 student, read the poem Auschwitz which was a part of the Worcester Virtual Holocaust Memorial Day Service.

Auschwitz
by Charles Whittaker



St John Bosco

SAINT JOHN BOSCO

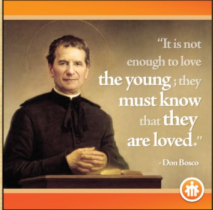
FEAST DAY - 31st JANUARY

St John Bosco was born in Italy on August 16th 1815 and worked as an Italian Priest.

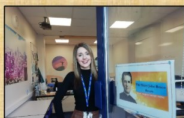
St. John Bosco was the only saint with the title "Father and Teacher of Youth".

St John Bosco is remembered as man who dedicated his life to the service of abandoned young people.

Here at Blessed Edward Oldcorne we are inspired by Saint John Bosco's example in our relationships and encounters with one another.



"It is not enough to love the young; they must know that they are loved."
- Don Bosco



During our online Collective Act of Worship and Catholic Life Google Classroom we remembered the feast day of St John Bosco.

The Season of Lent

Collective Act of Worship



At the start of Lent, during our online Collective Act of Worship we reflected on the meaning of Lent with an assembly from Mr McCormack and our daily prayers.

WE GATHER

We gather together today to reflect on the temptation of Jesus.

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.



"I was thirsty and you gave me a drink"
Matthew 25:35



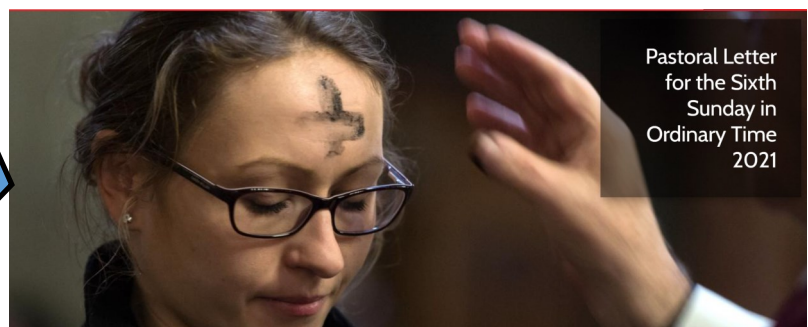
Week:	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
M	22 Feb	1 Mar	8 Mar	15 Mar	22 Mar	29 Mar
T	23 Feb	2 Mar	9 Mar	16 Mar	23 Mar	30 Mar
W	Ash Weds. 18 Feb	24 Feb	3 Mar	10 Mar	17 Mar	24 Mar
T	19 Feb	25 Feb	4 Mar	11 Mar	18 Mar	25 Mar
F	19 Feb	CAFOD Fast Day	5 Mar	12 Mar	19 Mar	26 Mar
						Maundy Thursday Good Friday Easter Sunday

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

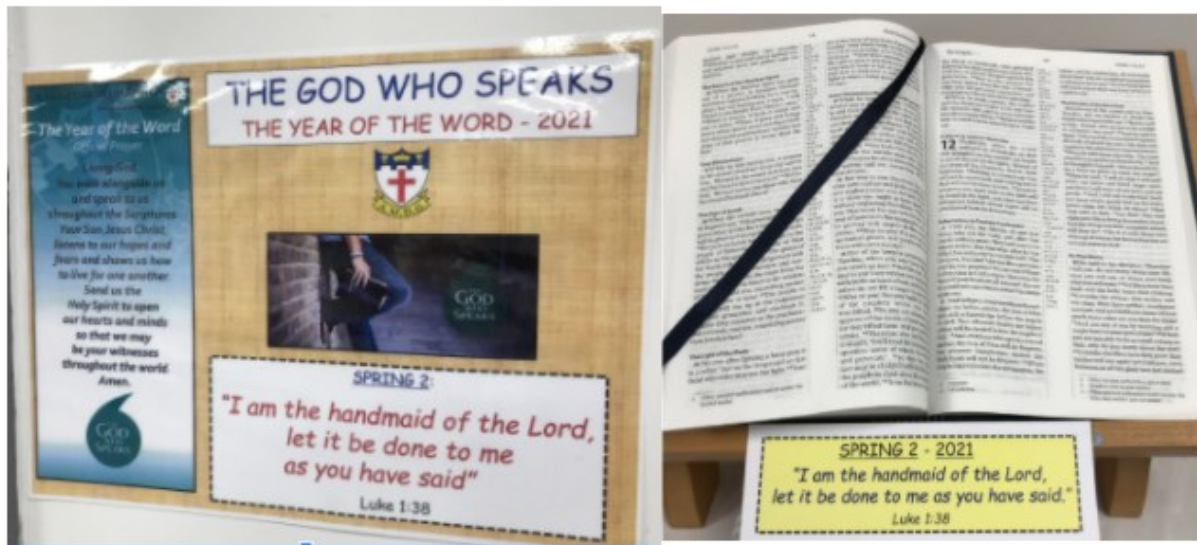
Lent calendar 2021

Cardinal Vincent Nichols' Pastoral

Students were able to access important messages through our Catholic Life Google Classroom. Cardinal Vincent Nichols' pastoral letter for the start of Lent was shared with students.



The Year of the Word



This half term we are reflecting on Luke 1:38 as part of the Year of the Word. The words from Luke's Gospel are displayed on the prayer boards in each classroom and the lecterns in the RE classrooms.

Collective Worship



During the Season of Lent our Tutor Time Collective Act of Worship prayer slides have a purple background to remind us that Lent is a time of repentance as we prepare the death and resurrection of Jesus.

OUTREACH



During lockdown staff and students took part in the Blessed Edward Oldcorne walk, run, cycle challenge. As a community we walked, ran and cycled 9714km - this meant we virtually travelled from Worcester to Athens and back again! We travelled through- England, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria, Hungary, Croatia, Montenegro, Macedonia, Greece, Bulgaria, Romania & Poland.

Day of Adoration



Friday 12th March was our annual Vocations Day of Prayer. Staff and students prayed before the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel focusing in particular on the vocations for all of those in the Church.

National Day of Reflection

On Tuesday 23rd March at 12pm the whole school took part in the one minutes silence for the National Day of Reflection. This was an opportunity to reflect on the last year since the first lockdown.



Virtual Reconciliation Services



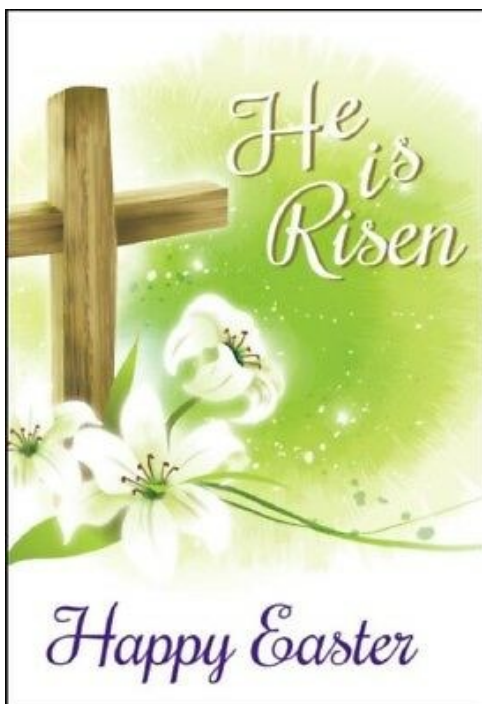
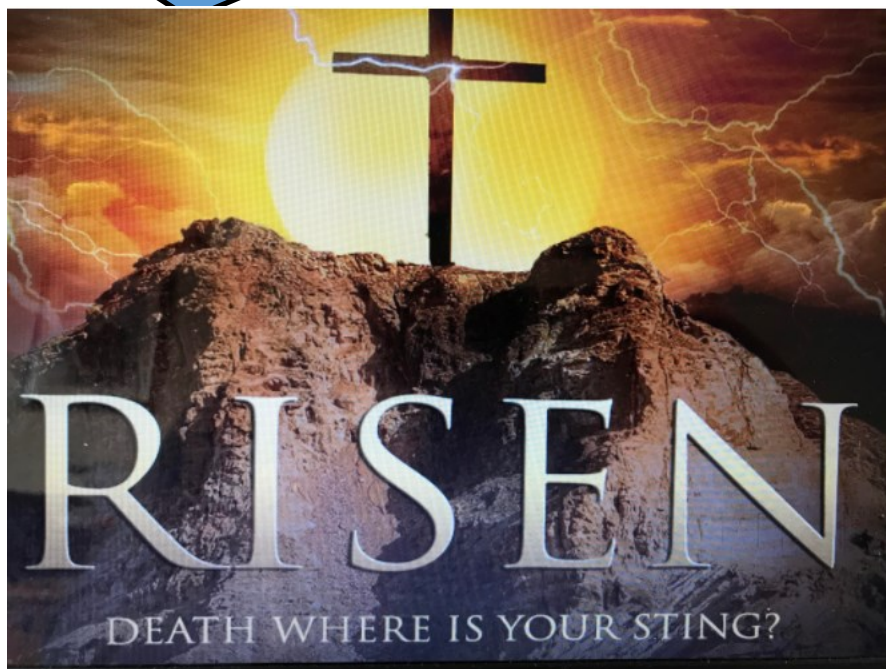
On Thursday 25th March and Friday 26th March, all year groups took part in a virtual Reconciliation Service. Staff and students were invited to the chapel on Friday lunch time to say a prayer for forgiveness. The service was an opportunity to reflect on our own lives, thinking about what we need to say sorry for and is there anyone in our lives who needs our forgiveness?

Year Group Collective Act of Worship

Our Year Group Collective Act of Worship began again on Monday 22nd March. Each year group gathers together one day a week to reflect and pray. This week was an opportunity to reflect on the changes from the last year.

Virtual Easter Liturgy

To mark the end of term and the start of the Easter Season, all students took part in a Virtual Easter Liturgy during their morning Collective Act of Worship. The Liturgy reminded us that Jesus died on the cross to save us from sin and that we share in Jesus' suffering on the cross. Easter Sunday is day of celebration as we remember that Jesus defeated death when he rose from the dead.



The staff and students at Blessed Edward Oldcorne wish you a happy and holy Easter.