

Blessed Edward Oldcorne Catholic College



CATHOLIC LIFE NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2021



OUTSTANDING!



Archdiocese of Birmingham

Section 48 Inspection Report

BLESSED EDWARD OLDCORNE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Timberdine Avenue, Worcester, WR5 2XD

Inspection dates:

20-21 October 2021

Lead Inspector:

Chris Martin

OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS:

Outstanding

Catholic Life:

Outstanding

Religious Education:

Outstanding

Collective Worship:

Outstanding

Overall effectiveness at previous inspection:

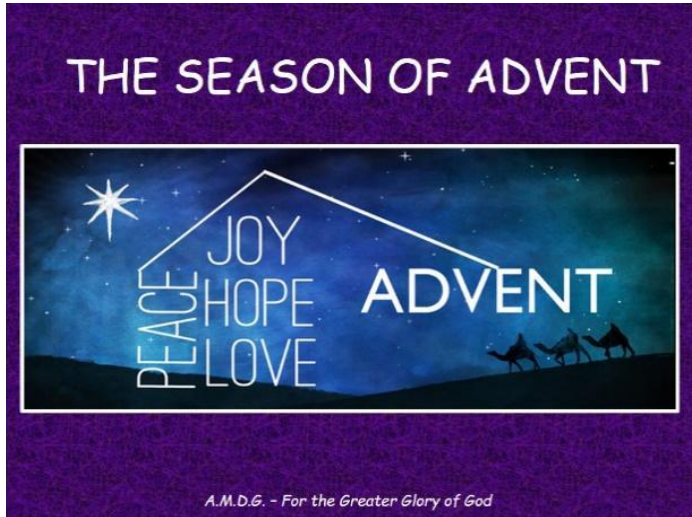
Outstanding

We recently received our latest Archdiocese of Birmingham Section 48 Inspection and are extremely proud to say that we were judged as 'outstanding' in all three areas – Catholic Life, Religious Education and Collective Worship.

Even more pleasing was the fact that this marked our third consecutive Section 48 outstanding judgement, each 5 years apart.

Many congratulations to our whole community for this outstanding achievement.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT



Happy New Year!

As a whole school community we have fully embraced the Season of Advent with Advent Assemblies, Chapel Liturgies, Reconciliation Services and transforming our entrance foyer.



Advent is a time of expectant waiting, hopeful anticipation and cheerful preparation...ready to welcome a special guest, Jesus.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

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

All of our Prayers Boards in each tutor group classroom have been updated with the latest Church cycle of prayer intentions.



Our crib takes pride of place in our chapel.

YEAR 8 ADVENT MASS

Wednesday 15th December 2021

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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

Fr. Stephen, our college Chaplain, said a special Advent Mass for Year 8.

OUTREACH WORK



Our Christmas Appeal for 2021 once again focused on supporting the Home for Good Appeal, with our outreach work going towards helping children in care.

After an initial assembly launch by Ms Parsons our Christmas stocking contribution gathered momentum with Mr. James coordinating the collation of over 100 full stockings for this worthy cause.



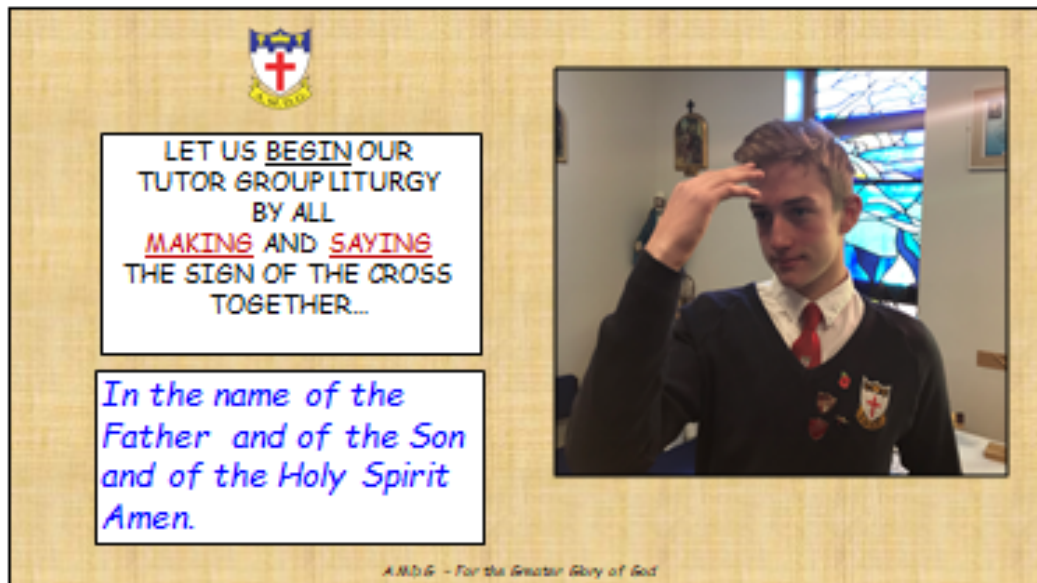
Christmas Carol Service 2021

Once again this year our Carol Service had to be a virtual one with all of the hymns, readings and musical pieces being pre-recorded. A big thank you to Mrs Thomas, Mr Bryant and Mr. Long for bringing this all together. Hopefully our Carol Service in December 2022 will be able to revert back to its usual format with a hall full of appreciative family and friends.



HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

Collective Worship



Our new Head Boy, Patrick Kennedy, and our new Head Girl, Lilia Barley, model making the sign of the cross at the start and end of every tutor group collective act of worship on a daily basis

NOVEMBER

THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE



Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War.



The Last Post



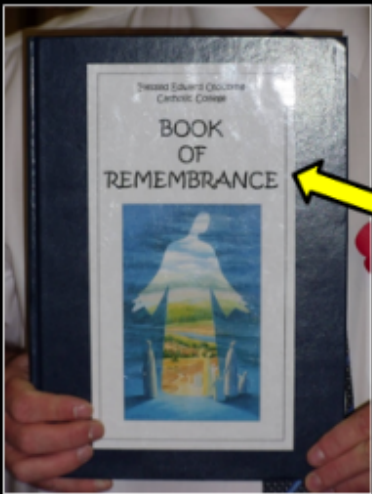
On the Altar in the Chapel

On Thursday
11th November,
at 11.00 am,
the college fell silent
for 2 minutes.

2nd November
All Souls Day
The Commemoration
of
All the Faithful Departed.

Immortal God, heavenly Father and Protector of all You have created, we raise our hearts to You today for those who have passed out of this mortal life. In Your loving mercy, Father of all, be pleased to receive them in Your heavenly company, and forgive the failings and faults they may have done from human frailty. Your only Son, Christ, our Saviour, suffered so cruelly that He might deliver them from the second death. By His merits may they share in the glory of His victory over sin and death. For all the faithful who have died we pray, but in particular for those dear to us, parents, relatives and friends, nor do we forget all who did good to us while on earth, who helped us by their prayers, sacrifice and example. We pray also for any who may have done us harm, and stand in special need of Your forgiveness. May the merits and prayers of our Virgin Mother, Mary, and those of all the Angels and Saints, speak for us and assist them now. This we ask in Christ's name. Amen.

Our Book of Remembrance was placed on the Chapel altar throughout November and staff and students were encouraged to write a message to a loved one who had passed away.



On the Altar in the Chapel

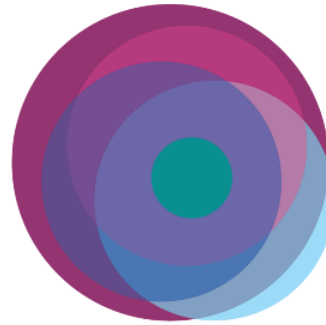
*Pause to admire, reflect
and remember all those
that have fought and
died at war.*

Students in our Textiles extra-curricular club, led by Mrs Woans, created a wonderful Remembrance Day themed dress covered in poppies.



INTER FAITH WEEK

**Inter Faith
Week**
14-21 November
www.interfaithweek.org



Students in RE lessons and tutor time experienced a range of resources during Inter-Faith Week and many interesting and informative discussions were held.

What beliefs do we have in this tutor group?



"Jainism talks about 'Anekantavada', which states that all view points are multifaceted. It is through this doctrine that we can understand each other's perspective and be more tolerant to each other's faith."

Mihir, Jain

"There is a lot of misunderstanding between faiths, especially among young people who are not exposed to those with different beliefs. We should be trying to overcome assumptions and stereotypes through dialogue."

Ross, Atheist

"It is important to be able to have quality disagreements. We can acknowledge that difference exists without undermining the fact that we also have many shared values."

Hanzah, Muslim

CATHOLIC LIFE STUDENT VOICE TEAM



Our Catholic Life student voice team met again this term to discuss a range of agenda items. These included the 2021/2022 Catholic life calendar and all of the Catholic Life/Religious Education/Collective Worship planning documents.

Our four Key Stage 4 Chaplaincy prefects escorted the lead Section 48 inspector on a tour of the school and were magnificent ambassadors for our whole community.

COP 26

The 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference took place recently in Glasgow.

All tutor groups were issued with a range of resources to work through to help them gain a deeper understanding of all the important world-wide issues that COP 26 were looking to address.

COP- 26 What does that mean?

For almost three decades, world governments have met nearly every year to forge a global response to the climate emergency.

Since 1992 every country on Earth has made a promise through the United Nations- "avoid dangerous climate change", and find ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions globally in an equitable (fair) way.

COP stands for conference of the parties under this agreement.

This year is the 26th COP meeting and will be hosted by the UK in Glasgow.



Prayer for COP26

Loving God,
We praise your name with all you have created.

You are present in the whole universe,
and in the smallest of creatures.

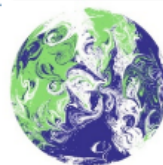
We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us
as stewards of your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they
seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.

Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions
for the poorest and most vulnerable,
and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen

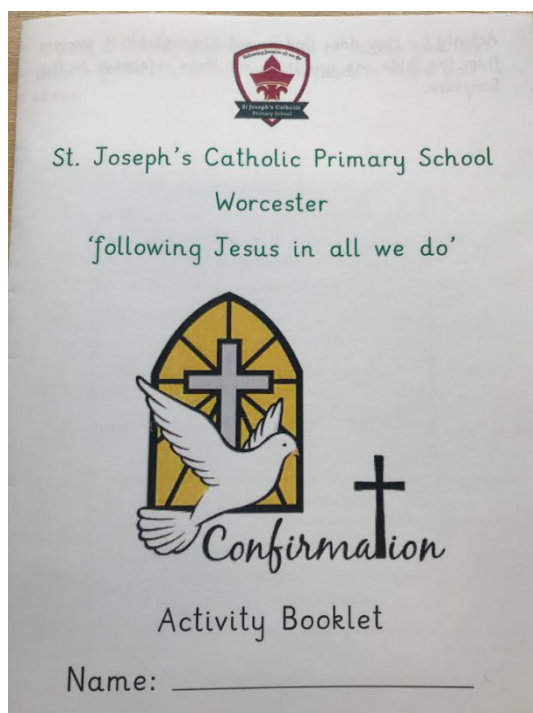


**2020 YEAR
OF CLIMATE
ACTION**

YEAR 7 WELCOME MASS

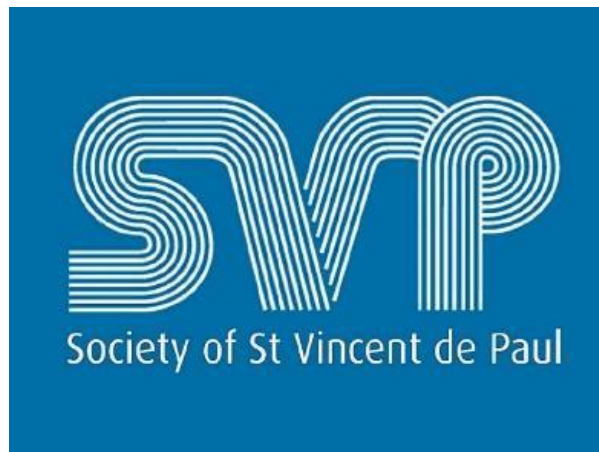


Year 7 enjoyed their first ever Mass at Blessed Edward's and many of them enjoyed leading the readings, the offertory and being part of the choir.



Earlier this term 19 of our Year 7&8 students made their Confirmation at St. Joseph's Church in Worcester. Blessed Edward Oldcorne RE teachers carried on the preparation work begun in Year 6, which enabled these students to finally receive this Sacrament.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



Thanks to Mrs Ball, our Youth SVP group continues to flourish.

We recently received a visit from Marie Yates, the chairperson for SVP at Our Lady Queen of Peace and she spoke to our group about making and sending Christmas cards to the lonely and housebound in the local area this Christmas.

The group, which is now over 30 in number, also made arrangements to support the local food Bank at St. George's.

Finally, our SVP have also recently voted on their new leadership positions which are as follows -

President: Martha Dobson

Vice President: Summer Shaw

Finance Officer: Eddy Perry

Marketing Director: Jenny Webb

Secretary: Shehnai Fowler

Worship Leader: Luba Lubagakene

Congratulations to all of these students and a big thank you to the whole team for their tremendous outreach work.



FINAL PRAYER

Finally, we wish all of the Blessed Edward Oldcorne family
a joyful and holy Christmas.

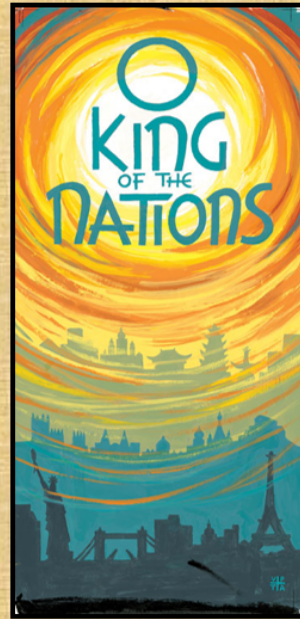
LET US PRAY

We pray with joy, Lord,
at the end of this busy term.

As we head into the Christmas holidays,
just remind us why we celebrate
and who we celebrate.

As Jesus is born in Bethlehem,
we pray that he may be born in us too,
and that we make take his good news
to everyone we meet.

Amen.



Walk With Me.....

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