

# THE CARDINAL'S VIRTUES

## THE OFFICIAL ETHOS NEWSLETTER OF CARDINAL HUME

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## WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ETHOS

Dear All,

It is with great delight that I unveil to you this sixth volume of the 'Cardinal's Virtues' newsletter.

As always, a lot has gone on since the last edition was in print and with that in mind this Christmas edition always seeks to bring you right up to date with many of the excellent goings on that have occurred within the school since then. I hope you do enjoy reading this sixth volume of the 'Cardinal's Virtues' and continue to do so long into the future.

The aim, as always, is to highlight to you the parents, guardians and parishioners, all the great work that is being undertaken at Cardinal Hume Catholic School. Student success can never be limited to the academic, though we are fully aware of its importance, but at Cardinal Hume Catholic School we believe the whole development of the person and their unique talents is of equal importance.

An outstanding school community allows students to flourish and develop in a number of ways and it is this approach to education we seek to nurture at Cardinal Hume Catholic School. Indeed it is this approach that is reflected in every page of the 'Cardinal's Virtues'

I hope you enjoy reading this sixth volume of our newsletter and would like to thank you all for your great support and prayers, which play such a great role in our success spreading the gospel message to our young people.

If you feel you would like to contribute to the 'Cardinal's Virtues' in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me, Mr Damian Mc Cann at [dmn@cardinalhume.com](mailto:dmn@cardinalhume.com) or the Chaplain Mrs Proctor by phoning the school.

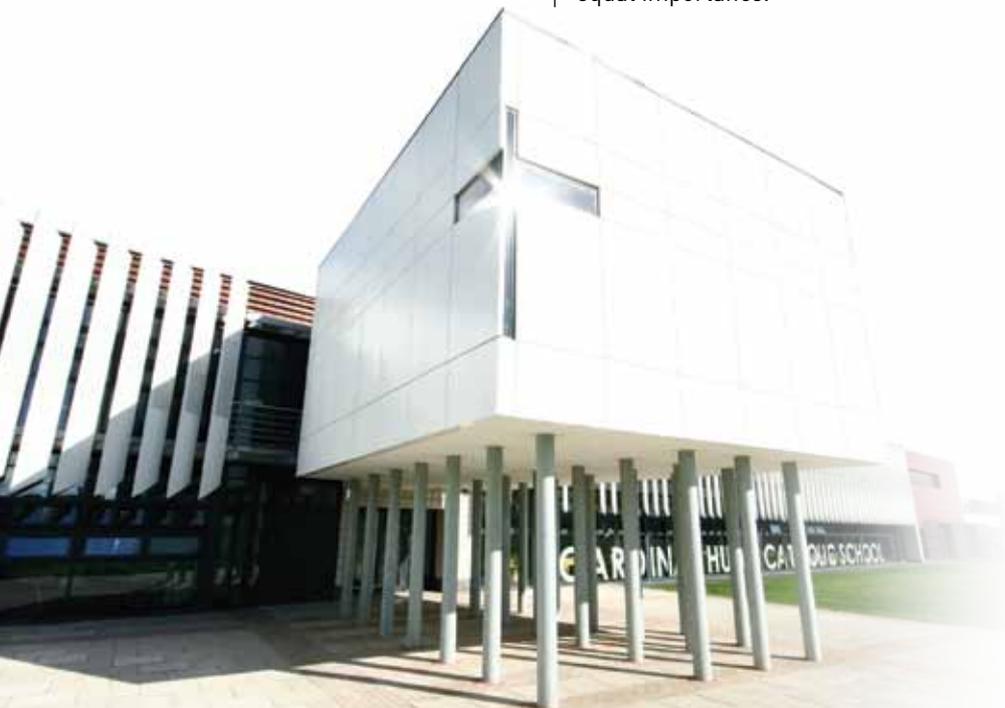
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MR DAMIAN McCANN  
DIRECTOR OF ETHOS

### A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

God of love, Father of all, the darkness that covered the earth has given way to the bright dawn of your Word made flesh. Make us a people of this light. Make us faithful to your Word, that we may bring your life to the waiting world. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



# STEPPING INTO THE POSITIVE

SINCE THE TIME HUMANS WERE FIRST ABLE TO COMMUNICATE THERE IS NO DOUBT, EVEN FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES, THAT THE FORMING OF JUDGEMENTS AND CASTING OF ASPERSIONS WERE PART OF THE COMMUNITY FABRIC. IT IS TO THIS DAY SOMETHING WE ENGAGE IN REGULARLY, MAYBE MANY TIMES A DAY DEPENDING ON THE BUSYNESS OF OUR LIVES, AND UNFORTUNATELY SOMETHING THAT CAN, IF NEGATIVE, IN MANY CASES LEAD US AWAY FROM OUR TRUE HUMAN NATURE AS GOD'S CREATIONS. SOMETHING THAT FEEDS THE 'DARK JOY OF GOSSIP' POPE FRANCIS REFERRED TO, AS CONTRARY TO OUR INNATE GOODNESS.

**“Do not judge and you will not be judged. In the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and the measure you use for others will be used for you.”**

Matthew 7:1-2

It is important to realise the importance of Christ's words on judging others for ourselves today. In our relationships with others we are called to be witnesses of the Gospel. We are to lead by example and develop relationships with others that are built on rock not sand. It is by doing this that the kingdom is witnessed on earth. Now that's all well and good but in reality how are we meant to deal with people who dislike us, work against us and no matter what we do disrespect us? These are difficult experiences, never mind words, we all encounter at some stage of our lives.

There is no simple answer of course, if there was, well we'd be living in a perfect world. However, it all starts by going back to the Gospel and it's teaching on judgement. We are to avoid judging others negatively, we are not to see the specks in others and be blinded to the logs in our own.

**“Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.”**

Matthew 7:4-5

We are to look to these challenges as ways of improving ourselves. We are told to 'Love our enemies' hard as it may be. But it is only by taking these steps and challenging ourselves in doing so that the real truth of who and what we are is revealed.

By doing this we are following the example laid down by Christ for us in the Gospel. We are not judging negatively because in all honesty none of us are in a position to do so.

**“Let he who is without sin cast the first stone”**

John 8:7

We understand that we do not fully understand what motivates the person we are encountering and all the pressures their daily life puts upon them. They have their own struggles and we learn to respect that by not judging.

Counting other people's  
**sins**  
does **not** make you  
**a saint**

However that does not mean we avoid judgement altogether, we need to make judgements on a daily basis in order to function. Rather we judge positively and most importantly with wisdom. We seek to motivate ourselves and others in a way that nourishes. To avoid feeding the dark joy of gossip and instead feeding the light joy of relationship. We avoid our own ego and look to support the goodness others seek to bring in response to kindness. It all comes down to an understanding of personal motivation based on gospel values and positive encouragement.

**“Open your mouth, judge righteously; defend the rights of the poor and needy”**

Proverbs 31:9

Ultimately what is most important for us all is that when we move away from negative judgement and condemnation we engage in a language of mercy and love. As a Church these are the cornerstones on which Christ's message has built itself. Without these key elements we become a Church that is stern and judgemental in itself, missing the point of what Christ taught and the example he set.

It is this understanding of developing relationships within the school and broader community that we seek to establish in the thinking of the young people in our care. We encourage an atmosphere of positive inclusivity that allows all students to engage fully in their educational environment feeling safe, nurtured and positively challenged. The relationships that students create among their peers are a blueprint as to how they will develop into our broader society. There could not be a more positive start in this process, to the benefit of the common good, then forming an educated understanding in young people that in avoiding negative judgements we are able to build positive relationships with everyone we meet in life regardless of gender, race or religion. Indeed this is what Christ calls us all to do.

So as Pope Francis leads us into this new epoch of Mother Church we find ourselves in very blessed times. Times in which the Spirit moves and is available for all. What we seek to understand as positive relationship in avoiding negative judgement is probably best summed up by Pope Francis at his final Mass in Rio celebrating World Youth Day:

**“Jesus accompanies us, he sends us to everyone. Do not be afraid to go and bring Christ into every area of life, to the fringes of society, even to those who seem most furthest away, most indifferent. The Lord seeks all, he wants everyone to feel the warmth of his mercy and love.”**

# 6th FORM STEP INTO THE GAP

CAFOD AND YMT HAVE TEAMED UP TO ENCOURAGE CARDINAL HUME STUDENTS TO THINK SERIOUSLY ABOUT FOLLOWING THE TEACHING OF CHRIST HIGHLIGHTED IN THE 'PARABLE OF THE SHEEP AND GOATS.' IN ORDER TO BE GOOD CHRISTIANS WE HAVE TO SHOW OUR FAITH THROUGH ACTION BY HELPING THE LESS FORTUNATE. THE 'STEP INTO THE GAP YEAR' IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING STUDENTS LEAVING OUR SCHOOL, AFTER FINAL EXAMS, TO TAKE A YEAR OUT AND DO SOMETHING HUGELY FULFILLING THAT WILL HELP FULLY DEVELOP YOUR POTENTIAL; BEFORE THE SEQUENCE OF GOING TO UNIVERSITY, GETTING A JOB, A MORTGAGE AND SETTLING DOWN TAKES OVER. A CHANCE TO BOTH DEVELOP YOUR FAITH JOURNEY WITH GOD BY HAVING FAITH IN YOURSELF.

The idea is to get involved with the YMT and CAFOD; then being part of one, or both organisations, to visit parts of the world you would not normally get the chance to visit. Where there is need for support you will simply be there to offer it. The cost is covered by CAFOD who sponsor students accepted onto the programme by paying airfare and other costs. This enables you to be part of CAFOD/YMT team: supporting the less fortunate globally.

CAFOD co-ordinator for the North East, John McBride, has led assemblies and lessons at Cardinal Hume Catholic School. He encouraged our 6th Form by explaining that what they have to offer is immense and that participating in something like the 'Step Into the Gap Year' is hugely fulfilling, character building and life changing. In addition to being something you will remember for the rest of your life!

We were delighted to present John with a cheque of £736.46 from our recent fundraising for CAFOD. Laura Cavanagh



Collecting for CAFOD Typhoon Haiyan appeal



Go on, step into the gap

and the CAFOD group were, once again, hugely successful in raising funds for such a worthy cause. However the biggest thank you should be given to the students and staff of Cardinal Hume Catholic School, who continue year on year to give to a number of worthy charities throughout the North East and Catholic world.

As this issue goes to press, the devastation caused by Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda has just reached us. We raised £380 for our 'Family Fast Day' collection. This was partly due to

funds raised by Mr James Potter and his football predictions league. This task is a lot of hard work but brings joy to a group of football visionaries in the school as well as benefitting a great cause – CAFOD!

A huge thank you to all staff and students who gave so generously (as you always do). These funds will be sent to the CAFOD Typhoon Haiyan appeal, as will further CAFOD collections this academic year.

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# SHOEBOX MAKES GREAT APPEAL

**As part of our General RE programme the Year 13 students take it upon themselves to put their faith into action by getting involved in the 'Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal'. A truly worthwhile appeal that has brought joy to millions of the world's poorest children since 1990.**

The idea is to give the Year 13 students responsibility for a tutor group in the school and, working with a particular tutor group, fill a shoebox with simple gifts. The appeal organised by Mrs Linzi Ellender and Year 13 General RE teachers, gather shoeboxes in at the end of the collection period. The wrapped shoeboxes are then whisked off to foreign lands to bring a message of joy and hope to those who, at

the end of the day, deserve much more. A huge thank you on behalf of the school to all Year 13 students involved in this appeal for their outstanding work but a special mention

to Amy Edgar and Sophie Brown who gave up a lot of their own time to make the running of the process so smooth.

By Rebecca Heslop  
Cardinal Hume Media Group



Outstanding work

# SUMMER FESTIVAL: AKA GOD CAMP

Summer may seem a distant memory now, but thanks to the generosity and vision of Head teacher Nick Hurn, 23 students and 3 staff from Cardinal Hume Catholic School were able to attend the truly memorable 'Diocesan Summer Festival 2013'.

There's nothing like actually immersing yourself in something in order to feel its full impact. I'd heard about the summer festival (aka 'God camp') for years and have organised students' attendance to the event many times, however, I have never had the privilege of attending this wondrous event up until June 2013!

Thankfully, the whole process of organising the trip was eased by the thoroughly effective YMT, in liaison with the diocese, to ensure all aspects regarding the safe welfare of students, and all in attendance, were taken into account. This was made a much smoother process through the invaluable support from teachers and Chaplains belonging to all of our diocesan schools represented: The whole process felt like a real team effort.



Tenten work with Cardinal Hume Students

From the moment we stepped off the bus, the atmosphere among all involved was electric. Among the group, the excellent Valerija Peles, teacher of maths, and the brilliant Mr Horne, teacher of MFL, along with our Year 10 and 11 students, there was a feeling that the next couple of days were going to be life-changing for us all. Students were immediately given a sense of responsibility by getting them to set up their own tents. Although a small task, this was crucial to the spiritual journey they would experience. Thankfully, this process was rain free, which always makes things easier.

"I found it very educational and challenging in many ways. I feel that it has developed me greatly, both as a young person, and in my relationship with God"



Tents up and ready to go



Cardinal Hume students read the Creed

The main events took place in a giant marquee where a perfect ambience was created for the spiritual direction that occurred during the festival.

Activities ranging from speakers to singers; drama to dance; prayer to profession, all took place here, which created a powerful bonding experience for those present... It felt truly blessed! In addition to the excellent organisation of the event, led by Father Dermott, Tony Lawless, Mary Hughes and the YMT; the excellent St Michael the Archangel security service need a well-deserved thanks and mention, as 24 hours a day for the duration of the event, they were looking after the young people and all their needs. They patrolled the site and gave a safe and secure feeling that enabled the young people to get the most out of the festival in the most positive way.

"I really enjoyed the music and hanging out at 'The Fringe Tent'. I also loved meeting new people. It has strengthened my relationship with God and got me thinking about my faith in different ways."

From the excellent YMT band to the brilliant Bud Welch the young people were fully engaged in music and witness to the powerful message of Jesus Christ laid out in the Gospel. Tony Lawless provided fantastic compere duties and Father Dermott brought a depth and understanding of Christ's message for us all through his powerful witnessing of the Word. The Catholic theatre company Ten Ten, as always, led with inspirational drama. A particularly powerful moment

was praying with the young people individually as they voluntarily laid their request for prayer on a particular issue with an adult who volunteered to pray with them in the marquee. Regardless of age or background all felt that they were part of one unifying family firmly rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ and prayer.

"It was a great experience because I learnt a lot about God and made new friends"

The festival then finished with the celebration of the Mass led by Bishop Seamus and Father Dermott. A number of songs learnt the previous days were sung in joyful worship, students from Cardinal Hume Catholic School read parts of the Creed in tagalog and Polish brilliantly. The Bishop's sermon on the importance of the young people taking the spiritual instruction gained at the festival back into the parishes was well received and understood. So to finish this piece and sum up the festival experience, it is best to let the young people who were present speak. It is, after all, their festival really, although it impacts on all in attendance; as Pope Benedict said on his visit to the UK in 2010. "Young people, you are the Church".



The brilliant YMT band

"The atmosphere when I first walked into the marquee really blew me away. The music, the singing, the smiling faces and lots of people my own age was brilliant to see and hear. It has also given me time to reflect on my life, release my worries and strengthen my relationship with God. I now go to Mass every Sunday and say a Hail Mary before bed every night."

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# A DAY AND A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Thanks to Head Teacher, Nick Hurn, one of the many great things that Cardinal Hume Catholic School does is to enable all our Year 8 students to attend an overnight residential retreat at the Youth Village in Consett – weather permitting that is!

The retreat programme aims to provide students with something beyond the grade attainment they work so hard at on a daily basis. This opportunity gives them time to focus the spiritual dimension of their human character, in a setting that allows them to concentrate on being themselves.

The Youth Ministry Team do a tremendous job in providing a programme that allows the young people to go on a journey that is fun, stimulating, reflective and profound. This year, the pupils have had the added benefit of being accompanied by some of our inspiring 6th Form students. They were nothing short of outstanding in their support of the experience, creating a thoughtful and inspiring atmosphere. In light of this, the school owes a huge thank you to: Hannah Davidson, Leah Fox, Ruth Mc Givern, Josh Mullen and Matthew Watson for their exemplary work and attitude.

Time at the Youth Village began with our Year 8 students settling into their respective rooms (after making sure they knew the health and safety regulations!) Following this, they gathered in the auditorium where they took part in icebreakers, including 'Jenga' and 'Splat,' which were particular highlights. Students enjoyed the fun activities and tasks ran by the YMT before breaking for lunch. Immediately after lunch, there was the excitement of the YMT group quiz!



Reflective thoughts

After an activity-filled evening, came a time of stillness for personal reflection and prayer that students thoroughly enjoyed. Pupils eagerly spent an hour discussing the Sacrament of Confirmation, reflecting on the impact it could have upon their lives and how they can now go on to make their Confirmation. The air was bubbling with excitement as the pupils managed to settle into their beds in anticipation of the next day.

Starting early with a filling 4 star breakfast, saw students ready to tackle the next stage of the retreat. An action-packed morning, led by the YMT, eventually brought students back to the auditorium to consider their time at the Youth Village. Small groups of pupils presented their reflections on the themes they had been involved in over the two days.



Chilling out

This was a truly worthwhile event that all students absolutely loved: the minute they got off the bus, students were asking when they could go back!

A huge thank you to all Year 8 tutors and staff involved in the retreat in anyway: Mr Richard Pinnock, Ms Amy Parkin, Ms Jane Youngs, Mrs Kylie Charganis, Mr Dean Horne, Mr Martin Bell, Ms Jennifer Eyes, the Chaplain Jo Proctor, Mr Steve Faircloth, Ms Ashley Wilson and Mrs Jayne Harwood for giving their time and organisational skills to the retreat. Without their support it would not have been such a smooth and successful event.



Outstanding 6<sup>th</sup> Formers



Careful now

These events, as always, are best summed up in the words of those involved:

"I enjoyed all the activities and fun games" (Year 8 student)

"The bit I liked most was when we were told that God loves us no matter what" (Year 8 student)

"It is important to use your voice and have confidence in yourself." (Year 8 student)

"No matter how lost you feel God is close by and loves you." (Year 8 student)

"I enjoyed all the games and learning. It was an awesome opportunity that the school gave us." (Year 8 student)

"The YMT were great and the students loved it. A really blessed opportunity for us all." (Year 8 tutor)

"It was a brilliant time and the students got a lot out of it. I also really enjoyed the time there, more than I even thought I would" (Year 8 tutor)

"The 6th Form students were amazing! YMT in the making." (YMT)

Enya Basquil

Cardinal Hume Media Group

## THE UNSEEN SEEN AT FAITH 13

THE DIOCESAN WORK BEHIND THE SCENES WAS AT FULL THROTTLE OVER THE SUMMER, A BIG THANK YOU TO DEBORAH FOX ON THIS OCCASION IN HER ROLE AS DEPUTY DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, BUT IT ALL PAID GREAT DIVIDENDS AT THE BRILLIANT FAITH 13 CONFERENCE HELD AT THE SAGE IN GATESHEAD LAST SEPTEMBER.

3,000 lively students from all the diocesan primary schools and Year 8's from all the diocesan secondary schools came together in worship and to listen to inspirational speakers as the hugely successful 'Year of Faith' launched by Pope Benedict XVI draws to its close. Indeed what a Year it's been with so many changes including most importantly the arrival of our new Pope, Francis.

Tony Lawless kept the young people engaged in the preliminary sessions before Father Dermott led us all in a wonderful reflective liturgy. The Faith 13 band, mainly drawn from the excellent YMT, kept everybody singing, dancing and swaying throughout. Inspirational speakers were paralympians who really were just that, an inspiration.

Josef Craig MBE, Paralympic Gold Medal winner from 2012 and local Hebburn lad made it very clear that hard work and commitment will bring you success. Josef was followed by Stef Reid, Paralympic Silver Medallist from London who lost her leg in a terrible accident. In her powerful testimony she explained how she prayed to God for a new leg and now has 4 legs instead! She



Josef Craig MBE



Stef Reid - inspirational speaker



Year 8's at Faith 13

then showed her legs, one for running, one for high heels, one for the day to day and one for swimming. The students were enthralled.

Bishop Seamus brought a deep spiritual understanding to proceedings while Father Dermott and the band brought proceedings to a close. However, the last words went to Joe Hughes the Diocesan Director of Education when he explained that when he was asked how Catholic education was in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle he had a long and a short answer. His short answer was "It has Christ at its centre and is supported by all the Catholic schools".

The great beauty of the Faith 13 event was exactly what Joe Hughes touched upon and what the conference itself was based on, the idea of faith. It's not often in our everyday existence that we get to see active faith among gatherings of people but that is what Faith 13 gave us and in doing so faith as the unseen became seen and it was a joy to behold.



Father Dermott brings us together

## ARMISTICE DAY

In 1918 on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month an armistice was signed that brought about the end of World War One. A day of jubilation but also one of great tragedy as the loss of life was remembered by the loved ones of those who lost their lives amidst the horror of the battlefields.

Our annual remembrance service organised by Andrew Johnson who, along with students, led our school community in a solemn service that reflected on all those who have lost their lives in war. Student observance was impeccable in the most respectful manner. In addition, it being the month of Holy Souls, a reflection was kindly incorporated into the service to remember in prayer all those in our local and school community who had passed on.

In addition a number of 6th Form students went to the brilliantly organised remembrance service in Low Fell led by Cllr Susan Craig. If you are not aware there is a memorial to the fallen from the Boer War which was erected in 1902. It was a beautifully held service in which St Peter's Catholic Primary School and Cardinal Hume Catholic School were some of the schools who lay wreathes at the memorial. The overall prayer for peace and respect for the dead brought quiet reflection even amongst the daily traffic and passers-by.

Taymar Gibbons

Cardinal Hume Media Group

## SVP AT THE HARVEST



SVP express delivery

As part of the school 'Mission Week' leading up to our Harvest Festival students were encouraged to bring in cans of food, dried food etc., and put it in the boxes in the atrium which formed a 'pop up shop' organised by our school Chaplain and Year 8 students. It proved a great success with more than 20 boxes of food donated to SVP. After the collection had finished, the SVP van came to pick up the parcels from the school.

Encouraging us with this work, we were delighted to have Sisters Theresa and Vivienne from the 'Daughters of Divine Love' order who were attending the Harvest Festival. A wonderful order that was born out of the terrible Nigerian-Biafra war. If we ever needed witnessing to the love of Christ in this world we don't have look further than the birth of the 'Daughters of Divine Love' order.

The Harvest Festival itself was a lovely event organised by the Chaplain which included all our Year 7 students. They focused on how we are to be thankful to God for what we have as there are many who go without on a daily basis. Thanks to all Year 7 tutors and tutor groups who performed brilliantly but a special thank you goes out to RE teacher Ms Melissa Stewart and 7MST who performed throughout the whole event.

As a school, our Mission responsibility is to enable all students to fulfil their potential in the light of the Gospel teachings and values. Part of that is to make students aware of their responsibility in helping the less fortunate everywhere, both in the local community, and globally. On that note, if any of you reading this article and are age 16 or above, Jill Davison our local SVP link, has mentioned that they could really do with

some helpers in the Wrekenton branch, though I am sure any SVP branch would love some help. This not only develops you in your own human and faith journey but looks good on university or any other job applications. So please call into the shop or phone Jill on 0191 4879269 or by email at stvincentswrekenton@yahoo.co.uk and explain that you would be interested in promoting justice in the world by helping out at the store.



The pop up shop

The whole idea of promoting justice through charity is best summed up by the venerable St Vincent De Paul in his own words:

**"We must be full reservoirs in order to let our water spill out without becoming empty, and we must possess the spirit with which we want them to be animated, for no one can give what he does not have"**

**"Who will excuse us before God for the loss of such a great number of people, who could be saved by the slight assistance we could give them?"**

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## THE POWER OF TUTOR PRAYER

One of the key elements in sustaining the Catholic ethos of a school is to offer regular opportunities to pray for all. One of the many ways that we encourage this to happen is through the tutor prayer each morning which gives all tutors and students the opportunity to pray together. This is a precious time that allows tutor and student to bond with a spiritual focus before the educational day begins in earnest. The theme can be tutor or student led but on occasions there are times when a theme will be presented to all tutor groups for a focus during a particular week.

*To pray  
is to let go  
and let God take over.*

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

All themes are equally important but one example that revealed to us the power of prayer and the importance of unifying as school and broader Catholic community was when all at Cardinal Hume Catholic School joined in a week of prayer at the request of Pope Francis that war in Syria would be averted. As the Patriarch Gregorious III, spiritual leader of the Greek Catholic Church said:

**"I believe in miracles and Pope Francis, in his appeal to fast and pray, he avoided the attack on Syria and he brought new vision in the world: peace. America and Russia changed its tone, and so did England and Germany."**

The result of the focused prayer regarding Syria was nothing short of miraculous, but equally important is creating a prayer community within a school. It is with our tutor prayer time and other regular opportunities for prayer already available to all, that we seek to make the prayer life of the school an integral part of Cardinal Hume Catholic School community.

Prayer is a way of joining with God and the more we do it the closer we get to Him. To enrich our prayer life is to enrich the very essence of our lives and provide us with the understanding and discernment needed to fulfil our potential as God's creations. It is also on a practical note a way to unburden ourselves of the stresses that gradually build on us through daily living and working.

# CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2013

It was really quite an insignificant event, which went unnoticed by most of the people in the city of Bethlehem. After all, no-one was born in a stable, let alone the Son of God.

Here, in the western world, the birth of Jesus often goes unnoticed as it becomes swamped by the commercialism and materialism of twenty first century Britain.

Perhaps there is a message for us amidst the devastation caused by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. As we are presented with scenes of the total destruction of homes, lives and families, in the midst

of it all the faith of the Philippine people shines through, as they loudly proclaim that despite having lost a great deal, they still have their faith. "Jesus is with us and he will see us through it all," one lady told a reporter as she stood on the rubble which was once her home.

The Feast of Christmas reminds us that Jesus is still living among us too, in the lives of all those who have been baptised and it is this presence that will hopefully lie at the heart of your Christmas celebrations this year. Enjoy the company of your family and friends, the festivities and the

exchange of gifts, but try to make time to celebrate and give thanks to the creator of it all, Jesus Christ, God's Son made man, born on Christmas Day.

You will find the times of the Christmas services in the neighbouring churches on this page. I can assure everyone of a warm welcome in whichever parish you might choose to attend.

On behalf of the priests and deacons of our deanery, may I wish you and your family a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Father Ian Patterson

## Christmas Services in the Deanery

|                 | Christmas Eve Carols   | Christmas Eve Mass | Christmas Day Mass        |
|-----------------|--|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Corpus Christi  | 7.30pm   | 8.00pm             |                           |
| St. Alban's     | See St. Patrick's (6.30pm)   |                    | 9.00am                    |
| St. Anne's      | 6.30pm   | 7.00pm             | 10.00am                   |
| St. Augustine's | 6.30pm   | 7.00pm             | 10.00am                   |
| St. Joseph's    | 4.30pm   | 5.00pm             | 9.00am (Latin)<br>10.30am |
| St. Oswald's    | 5.00pm   | 5.30pm             | 10.00am                   |
| St. Patrick's   | Carols, Readings and 1st Mass of Christmas 6.30pm (with St. Alban's) |                    | 10.45am                   |
| St. Peter's     |  |                    | 10.00am                   |

## Advent 2013

### Penitential Services

**Monday 16 December**  
at St. Augustine's 7.30pm  
Leam Lane

**Friday 20 December**  
at St. Anne's 7.00pm  
Harlow Green

### Confessions

Usual Parish times  
and **Saturday 21 December**  
at St. Joseph's 11.00am-1.00pm

## Important upcoming dates at Cardinal Hume Catholic School

| SPRING TERM (JAN - APRIL)    |             |  |
|------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Date                         | Time        | Event  |
| Monday 6th January 2014      |             | All Pupils return to school                            |
| Wednesday 8th January 2014   | 7.00pm      | Sixth Form Awards Evening                              |
| Wednesday 29th January 2014  | All day     | Parents Consultation Day (Years 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13) |
| Tuesday 11th February 2014   | 6.00pm      | Options Evening  |
| Friday 14th February 2014    |             | Break up for Half Term                                 |
| 17th - 21st February 2014    |             | Half Term Holidays                                     |
| Monday 24th February 2014    |             | All pupils return to school                            |
| Wednesday 26th February 2014 | 6.45-8.30pm | Sixth Form Information Evening                         |
| Wednesday 2nd April 2014     | 4.00-6.00pm | Year 10 & 12 Parents Evening                           |
| Wednesday 3rd April 2014     |             | Easter Service (Years 11, 12 & 13)                     |
| Thursday 4th April 2014      |             | Easter Service (Years 7, 8, 9, 10)                     |
| Thursday 4th April 2014      |             | End of Spring Term                                     |