

THE CARDINAL'S VIRTUES

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WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ETHOS

Dear All,

We are delighted to present to you the ninth volume in our school newsletter, the 'Cardinal's Virtues.'

We do hope that you enjoy it as much as previous editions and that the hard work that has gone on behind the scenes, by people too numerous to mention, has produced a newsletter the equal of past endeavours. It is also our dearest hope that this Eastertide finds you all truly blessed in the spiritual awakening revealed and extended to us all in the person of Jesus Christ.

We hope that we all, through the great leadership of Pope Francis, continue walking in shoes of mercy. That we are encouraged, as members of our school and deanery community, to understand the importance of treating every person we encounter as equal parts of God's creation. We ask that God blesses us all as we seek to be more merciful in our relationships with each other and especially those with whom we may struggle.

The aim of our newsletter, 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 development of the whole 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 we hope is reflected in every page of the 'Cardinal's Virtues.'

We hope you enjoy reading this ninth volume of our newsletter and would like to thank you all for your great support and prayers, which play such a great role to our success in 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, Director of Ethos,

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MR DAMIAN McCANN
DIRECTOR OF ETHOS

EASTER PRAYER

The Outsider born to suffer
In poverty life's journey began;
A life beyond human understanding
From which God's Truth is revealed.
The window to God
The Son of the Father
Whose suffering saved us
Whose Resurrection graced us
We give thanks to you Lord Jesus Christ
Amen



IN NEED OF THE OTHER

'MAY YOU LIVE IN INTERESTING TIMES' IS AN OLD CHINESE CURSE AND THESE TIMES ARE NOT ONLY INTERESTING BUT ARE MOST DEFINITELY 'A CHANGING.' WE HAVE DONALD TRUMP AND THE NEW GLOBAL AMERICA TO THE LEFT OF US AND WE ARE SAT CENTRAL TO A BREXIT ON THE RIGHT. THINGS COULD NOT BE MORE INTERESTING. HOWEVER, ANYTHING TO DO WITH WHAT PEOPLE PERCEIVE AS A NEGATIVE CHANGE IN THEIR LIVES IS USUALLY MET WITH A RESISTANCE WHICH MANIFESTS ITSELF IN TWO WAYS: FIRSTLY, THE NEED TO BLAME SOMEONE; SECONDLY, AN IRRATIONAL FEAR IS CREATED.

Although we may have a broad understanding that politics and politicians have let us down to a degree. It would be foolish to think that all politicians are incapable of representing their constituents in the most just way or that they are not interested in the lives of those they represent. In most cases, not only are they capable individuals committed to doing what is best for those they represent, they are called upon in these times to do so at risk to their own lives, we don't have to look back too far in time to see the tragic death of Jo Cox that highlighted what are the most frightening aspects of the times we live in: The need to blame someone furnished by an irrational fear.

What lies in many people's understanding of what we should fear most is the concept of 'the other'. This other has become a term that represents the faceless group of people that we believe are at fault for these times we live in. We associate them with terms such as asylum seeker or immigrant. It can also be summed up as anything that we don't agree with or which challenges us in anyway. It can be related to gender, religion or nationality. It is by its very existence something which promotes discord and disharmony. The real sadness in this, our creation of such understandings of our community driven by media misrepresentation, is that the discord we see as an external force is really something we generate from within ourselves. It is in these areas that the Gospel strikes it's most important note. We can eliminate our divisive thinking by simply realising that we are all part of God's creation, we are all equal and we are all called to help each other. As Christ tells us in the greatest commandments:

"Love the Lord God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.....Love your neighbour as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-40).

In real terms, the other does not exist; The other is really our brother and sister in a global sense. Part of the only race that exists in this world...the human race. Once we realise this, the best version of ourselves appears. We all benefit and develop with each other.



What we need to move forward through these times is, togetherness, respect and love. The other we have come to refer to is not faceless but a reflection of our own humanity. It says more about who we are as human beings in how we welcome people into our communities than it ever does about their arrival. This is not to say we live in a perfect world and that everyone is perfect. Human beings are by their very nature at fault, but the one thing that happens when we stretch out hands of friendship and kindness is we offer the opportunity for it to be reciprocated. An opportunity that provides a movement from the other to a sense of community inclusiveness. There is no longer the other but a neighbour and we have made it so. The golden rule in action which ensures only inclusive community prevails.

If we do this, we are able to move away from Thomas Hobbes' understanding of the condition of man being... 'a condition of war of everyone against everyone,' and move towards a promotion of all people away from the idea of the other. Enabling people to be treated with the dignity and respect they deserve as God's creation. We seek to unify ourselves together in promotion of the common good. If we can do this by simple acts of welcome and kindness, then what we have achieved no longer seems tainted by irrational fear, or the need to blame, but rather a sense of love and companionship as a community. We seek to unify and overcome problems, not seek to blindly pass them onto others. The interesting times we live in may then become somewhat blessed and the bells of the ever changing times may still strike harmonious chimes. It's up to us.

CAFOD YOUNG LEADERS IN SCHOOL

On Thursday the 9th of February 2017, Cardinal Hume Catholic School hosted the second day of the 'CAFOD Young Leaders in School' event. As part of the school's Justice and Peace Group, we were delighted to be able to attend. We welcomed a large number of students from our diocese and it was great to meet such nice people from all these different schools. The day started with some great team building games, like horses and jockeys. This helped us interact with people from different schools and make new friends. Meeting new people is always a great experience and it was also very interesting hearing what other schools are like. The day was also a fantastic insight into how other schools support their local communities.



Later on in the day, we went into mixed school groups. This activity enabled us to understand a lot more about CAFOD's ethos and how they respond to a crisis. We then had to put what we had learned about CAFOD and what they do to the test. Working in groups, we tried to find solutions to problems similar to actual long-term projects that CAFOD invests in. For example, we had to work out the most beneficial way to grow orchards, and from this, use the profit made to assist in further development that supported the local community. As a team we then presented our ideas to the whole group, which was a bit nerve wracking, but which helped us build our confidence in delivering presentations. Finally, we came together as a school team to brainstorm ideas for fundraisers and activities during Lent. To conclude the day, we all came together in prayerful reflection, and gave thanks for a great day of learning as well as the great new friendships we had made. Overall, we have learned a lot and it was an amazing experience.

Jasmine Crang
Cardinal Hume Media Group



YOUTH FRIDAY IN SUPPORT OF YMT



It can unfortunately happen in life that we take great things around us for granted. The Youth Ministry Team (YMT) has been part of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle for 25 years and for some, it is difficult to remember a time without them. However, as far as recent celebrations go there is no doubt that all in our diocese would like to thank YMT for the great work they continue to do in bringing Christ to the centre of the lives of so many young people. Such work can never be taken for granted.

On Wednesday, 1st February 2017, it was a privilege to be part of a great event, the annual Youth Friday reflection, held at St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle.

The outstanding celebration was organised by YMT, along with a number of our diocesan primary and secondary schools. A huge number of our diocesan schools were also represented in their attendance.

It was a wonderful event led by Father Dermott Donnelly, who reminded us all of our call to serve others in acts of charity and kindness. There were a number of joyous songs sang and YMT and Youth Council members helped keep everything running smoothly. An excellent way to remind us of the great work YMT do and how, as a diocese, we are lucky to have them.

YEAR 13 RETREAT A GREAT TIME TO DE-STRESS



Relaxing times

All years of a student's education are of vital importance, but their last year at Cardinal Hume Catholic School is both a very important and very special year. Students are coming to the end of a cycle that began with them as young people in Year 7 and are now leaving to step into the world as young adults. They are now leaving behind an institution that has helped: form their character; where they have made lifelong friendships; been academically successful; and where they have been supported by the Catholic ethos that has sought to broaden their thinking about the world, encourage their spiritual development.

Year 13 is also the year when the academic pressure on students is highest. Students are constantly encouraged to put their best performance into their work and realise that if they don't, their grades will suffer. This is where the value of Catholic education is most important. As a Catholic school, the successful academic performance of each student is central but we also realise the mental pressure that these demands can place on our young people.

As part of our commitment to the best pastoral care for our students, in Year 13 we offer students the opportunity to attend a Retreat at the Youth Village in Consett. The aim of the Retreat is to give students a time out from the academic rigour that A Levels demand and have some time to de-stress. This gives students a time to

refocus themselves for the upcoming exams with a supportive spiritual focus that hopes to make students realise that although the pressures may at times be great, they are not something that overwhelms us. With the right focus they are something that can spur us on to do our best. The Youth Ministry Team does this work brilliantly.

It is also a special time as it is the last time, as a group, that many of them will be together. Once they leave school, life will take them all in many different directions. These times are both very exciting and challenging for Year 13 students. Our aim is to also make it a year that they remember fondly when they look on it, later in life. Our school Retreat is one of many things that seek to do just that.



Great vibes



Just chilling



Good to be together

FLAME 2017

Getting up at 3.30am is hardly the greatest start to any day. But for many pilgrims going to Flame 2017 at Wembley Arena on Saturday 11th March, it was a small sacrifice that brought great reward. 20 students from Cardinal Hume Catholic School joined 26 other pilgrims from Gateshead Deanery and made their way by bus to Wembley. A big thank you to the diocese and particularly school governor Maria Elliott for organising the bus.



Cardinal blesses the boat



Ex student Leah shares her CAFOD story



Great words of wisdom

Arriving in Wembley at 10.30am, the day soon flew by. The superb music from 'One Hope Project' was soon followed by a great set of dancers, dancing on 'God's dance floor.' We were then treated to some great words of wisdom from Cardinal Charles Bo of Myanmar and Cardinal Vincent Nichols delivered a personal message from Pope Francis to us all. The message being that, we are all called meet the challenge of the gospel and set the world alight with it.

This wonderful day continued with great words from Father Augusto Zampini Davies, who spoke of the wonderful work done by CAFOD. This message was given even more focus when one of our very own ex students, Leah Fox, spoke movingly of her volunteer work in Lebanon and the importance of helping the less fortunate. The day throughout was lead and supported by the great music of Matt Redman. David Wells also spoke brilliantly, addressing criticisms of Church from the voices of young people.

This all lead to the conclusion of the ceremony. In Wembley arena was an actual boat that brought 37 refugees across the Mediterranean Sea from North Africa, saving their lives. This boat was blessed by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, who reminded us of our duty to help those most in need. Perhaps most impressive was the 10,000 young people gathered at the end of the day gathered in silent, respectful, reflective adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

Father Dermott Donnelly the Chair of CYMFED (Catholic Youth Mission Federation) and the man behind the whole Flame concept, expressed his thanks and amazement to all at the success of the day. Explaining that the 10,000 young people gathered, along with those supporting them, are now reasons to be hopeful for the future of the Church on, as Pope Francis describes our world, 'God's construction site.'

Cardinal Hume Media Group



The pilgrims progress

TEAMUP: TRAINING WITH ENGLAND



The 16th of January 2017 brought great excitement to us as a year 11 netball team, from Cardinal Hume Catholic School in Gateshead, as we were given the opportunity to travel down to Loughborough and meet England Netball. It was a chance to meet England's best netballers and train with the best coaches. This was all part of a competition ran with TeamUp Sport. The aim is to develop the leadership skills of young people in sport and get more girls participating in sport, in our case Netball was the focus. As a school,

we were entered into a prize draw and were delighted to come out winners. The highlight of the trip for many of us was meeting and talking with the girls from the senior England team. This included two of the England defenders: Ama Agbezee, also England's captain, and Geva Mentor. As well as one of England's top shooters, Helen Housby and other exceptional players such as, Jade Clarke, vice-captain, and the North East's own professional netballer, Leah Kennedy. We were also given the chance to talk with the players and get autographs

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as well as photos, how exciting. It really was a special time for us and left us all feeling inspired as we returned to school to continue our own sporting journeys.

Photos and more information about our trip can be found on the schools twitter account @CardinalHumeCS and TeamUp Sport's twitter account, @teamupengland.

**Enya Niamh Basquil, 11RRN,
Cardinal Hume Media Group**

JOHN PAUL II AWARD EVENING

There are times when you feel truly blessed to be present at certain events. It could be a great sporting or music event but, the point being, you realise you are witnessing a truly special evening. This same feeling was experienced by all at the first 'Diocesan John Paul II Award Evening' held at the Tyne Theatre on Thursday 2nd March 2017.

The aim of the award is to encourage young people to become involved in their local parish and community, in ways which help the young people grow, and also support those around them in the process. Activities range from helping out in the local church, working in local charity shops, helping the elderly and many more.

Students from Cardinal Hume Catholic School along with Gateshead Deanery were delighted to receive an award for their outstanding contributions in recent months. The grateful and delighted recipients were: Zoya Edwin, Ethan Kelly, Aleksandra Laskowska, Isobel Thompson, Abbie Towner and Liam Waugh. Great work done by wonderful young people. However, the lady who makes all these things work by pulling the strings of parish and school together is the brilliant Kathleen Byrne, so a huge thanks to Kathleen from all of us.

An evening of great celebration and thanks



The whole event, organised by Tony Joy and Mary Hughes, was introduced by Father Dermott who then gave way to the fantastic musical vibrancy of the Filipino Youth For Christ (YFC) musicians, who had everyone clapping and singing. This was followed by an interview of students by Secondary Diocesan Adviser Andrew Barron which was in turn followed by the presentation of the awards to students themselves.

The night was summed up firstly by Bishop Seamus who spoke of how proud he was

of the young people and the importance of the evangelisation work YMT do. Father Paul Farren (from Derry) went onto say how honoured he felt, as this was the first time the award had been presented anywhere outside of Ireland, and how all of what we do grows from our understanding of the Mass. The evening was ended by some lovely words of thanks from committee member Mrs Maria Matthews to all involved and the sounds of YFC left everyone's departure buoyant and blessed. A truly joyful celebration.

Y12 & Y13 A LEVEL D&T STUDENTS VISIT TO ROBERTSON TIMBER ENGINEERING, SEAHAM

On Wednesday, 7th Feb 2017, A level D&T students visited Robertson Engineering Timber manufacturing facility in Seaham to learn about the materials, processes and Quality Control (QC) systems employed in the manufacture of panels to be used in the construction of timber frame buildings.

Barry Armstrong, Sales Director at Robertson's, gave a tour of the facilities and a presentation to the students based on the role and growth of timber frame buildings within Construction. Students were even invited to consider and apply for possible roles within the Robertson group, which has an annual turnover of £640m.

Students were impressed with the scale of the operation, learning important lessons in how QC is applied in an industrial setting. Robertson's also made a very generous donation of timber to the Design & Technology department at Cardinal Hume. Many thanks to Barry Armstrong for arranging the day.

**Mr M Stobbs
Head of Design Faculty/STEM Coordinator
Cardinal Hume Catholic Academy**



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EASTER MESSAGE 2017

"Fake News" is a phrase directed at the media by the President of the United States of America as a result of some of the coverage he has been receiving.

Could that phrase have been uttered by those who first heard the news of Mary of Magdala, who found the tomb empty on the first Easter morning?

She struggled to understand what she had discovered herself. This is reflected in her words to Peter, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb and we do not know where they have put him" (John 20: 2). Even Peter appears not to have understood when he went to the tomb; it was the unnamed disciples who accompanied him "who saw and believed."

In a society that is distancing itself more and more from the Christian faith, we are left with the questions: Was the tomb empty? Is Jesus risen from the dead?

The answer to these questions cannot be found in the world of the media, but it is revealed through the word of God passed down to us through the scripture and the teaching of the Church.

So why not discover for yourself if the tomb really was empty by attending the Easter celebrations in any of the Churches in our school catchment area. The times of the services can be found on this page. You can be assured of a warm welcome and hopefully an answer to some of your unresolved questions.

Father Ian Patterson

Easter Services in the Deanery

	SATURDAY	PALM SUNDAY	MAUNDY THURSDAY	GOOD FRIDAY	HOLY SATURDAY	EASTER SUNDAY
St. Peter's and Corpus Christi			Mass of the Lord's Supper in Corpus Christi Church 7pm	Stations of the Cross 10am in Corpus Christi; Passion of Our Lord at both Corpus and St Peters 3pm	Easter Vigil Mass 7.30pm in St Peters Church	Mass 9.15am Corpus Christi; 11am St Peters Church
St. Patrick's and St. Alban's			The Mass of the Lord's Supper in St. Patrick's Church at 6.30pm	Stations of the Cross in St. Alban's Church at 10am; The Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion in St. Patrick's Church at 3pm	The Solemn Celebration of the Vigil of Easter in St. Patrick's Church at 6.30pm	Mass of Easter Day in St. Alban's Church 9am; St. Patrick's Church at 10.45am
St. Anne's			6.30pm	Stations of the Cross 10am; Service 3pm	Easter Vigil 6pm	Mass 10.30 am
St. Augustine's	Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Mass 10am	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3pm	Easter Vigil Mass 7pm	Mass 10 am
St. Joseph's	Vigil Mass 6pm	Mass 8.15am and 10am	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm; Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament Till midnight	Passion of Our Lord 3pm	Easter Vigil Mass 8.30pm	Mass 8.15am and 10am
St. Oswald's			Mass of the Last Supper 7pm; Procession to Altar of Repose and Watching till 9pm	Commemoration of the Passion of Our Lord 3pm	Easter Vigil and First Mass of the Resurrection 6.30pm	Family Mass of Easter 10am
Holy Rosary			Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm	Passion of Our Lord 3pm	Easter Vigil Mass 7pm	Mass 10 am

Important upcoming dates at Cardinal Hume Catholic School

SUMMER TERM (MAY – JULY 2017)			
Date	Time	Event	Ethos and Assemblies
Monday 22nd May		Year 7 Exams	
Friday 26th May		Year 13 Leavers	
Sunday 28th May – Friday 2nd June		Half Term	
Monday 5th June		Year 8 Exams	
Monday 12th June		Year 9 Exams	
Monday 19th June		Year 10 and Year 12 Exams	
Monday 26th June			Diocesan 6th Form Festival
Wednesday 28th - Friday 30th June			Diocesan Youth Festival
Tuesday July 4th		Year 6 Parents Evening	
Friday 21st July		End of Academic Year	