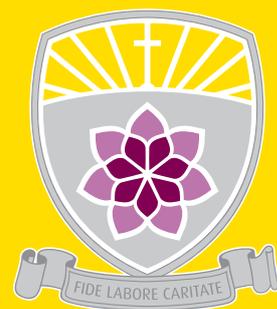


# THE CARDINAL'S VIRTUES

THE OFFICIAL ETHOS NEWSLETTER OF CARDINAL HUME



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## WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ETHOS

Dear All,

As we continue our Lenten journey in this 'Year of the Poor' we keep in mind our own spiritual life and offer prayers for Pope Francis who continues to illustrate by example our calling to help those in need. We also offer prayers that our Church continues to embrace its Christ like grounding as a Church of the poor.

In this very special 'Year of the Poor' it is with great joy that we present to you this Eastertide edition of the seventh volume in the Cardinal's Virtues series.

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'

We hope you enjoy reading this seventh 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 anyway, please do not hesitate to contact the Director of Ethos at [dmm@cardinalhume.com](mailto:dmm@cardinalhume.com) or the Chaplain Mrs Proctor by phoning the school.

*D. McCann*

MR DAMIAN McCANN  
DIRECTOR OF ETHOS

### AN EASTER PRAYER

Would we be counted among the doubters hiding in the shadow cast by that cruel cross?  
Or, when challenged, like Peter openly deny you?  
There are times, Lord when doubts assail and the distance between us seems to increase.  
There are times, Lord when sin has its hold, like a barrier between us that will not move.  
Who is there we can turn to when we feel so overwhelmed?  
Who can roll away the stone and reveal the empty tomb?  
No-one but you, Jesus, no-one but you!



# DESERVED RECOGNITION OF HEAD TEACHER'S OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

MR HURN STARTED OUT AS A TEACHER OF DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY IN 1985, THEN BECAME A HEAD OF DEPARTMENT, PUBLISHED AUTHOR, DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER AND WAS APPOINTED AS HEAD TEACHER AT CARDINAL HUME CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN GATESHEAD IN 2007. AS WELL AS BEING HEAD TEACHER AT CARDINAL HUME HE IS ALSO EXECUTIVE HEAD TEACHER AT ST ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER IN SUNDERLAND. PRIOR TO HIS ROLE AT ST ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER HE WAS EXECUTIVE HEAD TEACHER AT ST WILFRID'S RC COLLEGE IN SOUTH TYNESIDE BETWEEN 2010 AND 2013, TAKING THE SCHOOL OUT OF 'SPECIAL MEASURES' TO 'GOOD' WITHIN 12 MONTHS. ST WILFRID'S WAS JUDGED TO BE 'OUTSTANDING' IN FEBRUARY 2014. CARDINAL HUME WAS AWARDED TEACHING SCHOOL STATUS IN MARCH 2013 (THE TRINITY NE PARTNERSHIP) WITH ITS KEY PARTNERS ST WILFRID'S AND ST ROBERTS.

His motivation and general philosophy are built on ever improving standards of discipline, teaching and learning, and quality of leadership. As an Executive Head Teacher, Ofsted Inspector, NLE and school to school partner he has offered advice, support and expertise based on his experience from many schools from a variety of backgrounds. He is committed to working in partnership and believes that schools working together can achieve great things.

Cardinal Hume Catholic School was judged as outstanding following Ofsted inspections in November 2008 and most recently in January 2014. Both these inspections were followed by outstanding Section 48 inspections. The school also featured in the NCSL's Successful Leadership programme, aimed at promoting the achievement of white working class pupils and Ofsted's Raising Standards through Literacy programme. More recently the school was named in the Chief Inspectors Report for Schools in 2014 for its excellent work with 'Closing the Gap', an initiative which focuses on raising the standards of our most disadvantaged and pupil premium students.

I think we would all agree that when Mr Hurn was awarded an OBE in the Queen's New Year Honours List it was something well deserved for a lot of hard work that has



had a positive impact on the lives of many people in the Gateshead community and beyond. On March 19th Mr Hurn will be receiving his OBE at Buckingham Palace. All at Cardinal Hume Catholic School, or connected with the school in any way, would like to congratulate Mr Hurn on this outstanding success and to many more in the future.

To sum up his success as an outstanding Head Teacher in more than one Catholic school Mr Hurn puts it in his own words as follows:

**"A COMMITTED STAFF; FOCUS ON RAISING ACADEMIC STANDARDS; THE IMPORTANCE OF PROMOTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR, ALL UNDERPINNED BY GOSPEL VALUES, COMBINE TO ENSURE GREAT ACHIEVEMENT IS POSSIBLE FOR BOTH THE INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY."**

## Come Join the Chaplaincy Group

Chaplaincy at its best is about helping others, being all inclusive and a pillar of support which can be very helpful in a big school like Cardinal Hume. Have you ever thought of joining chaplaincy but you weren't so sure about what we do in it? Well..... this is your lucky day!

We will tell you everything there is to know about it.

When we first joined chaplaincy, we weren't too sure what it was about but then we met Mrs. Proctor and she told us all the great things that we could be involved in.

We have helped plan and deliver assemblies; been involved in school services; gone on visits out of school like to Joe's Place in Gateshead; got involved in charity fundraising and helping create activities for tutor groups. Of course there is lots more but you will need to come along and find out for yourself.

We hope you all now have a better idea about what exactly Chaplaincy Group is about and we hope many of you join next year.

**Jemima Matuki**  
Cardinal Hume Media Group

**Paula Hidalgo**  
School Chaplaincy



# THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

THE MOVING OF THE SPIRIT AWAY FROM THE PHYSICAL AND MATERIAL TO EMBRACE A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS SOMETHING THAT IS PROFOUNDLY NOURISHING FOR US, YET FOR SOME REASON SOMETHING MANY OF US FIND DIFFICULT. WE KNOW WHAT PRAYER IS, MOST OF US HAVE BEEN PRAYING IN SOME FORM SINCE WE WERE YOUNG. WE PRAYED AT HOME, AT SCHOOL, AT OUR PLACES OF WORSHIP. SO WHY IS IT THAT WHEN WE ARE AWARE OF SOMETHING THAT IS GOOD FOR US, THAT WILL ULTIMATELY IMPROVE WHO WE ARE AS PEOPLE, DO WE STRUGGLE WITH MAKING TIME FOR PRAYER?

It is argued by many spiritual people that it is how we pray that gives us the most benefit, but we have forgotten how to pray because we cannot give it the time it requires. In addition, as Henri Nouwen points out, praying is no easy matter. It requires us to open up the darkest parts of ourselves, those things we dislike the most and expose them to God. We can find ourselves in that familiar paraphrase of St Augustine's words "Lord, make me holy, but not yet". We are clinging to the surety of a past we can control rather than open up ourselves to a new future, something that takes away ego and replaces it with a God consciousness. As stated, this is no easy matter and it all begins with prayer.

As humans we can be flooded by petty jealousies and shallow views of the world around us. We feel envious of those better paid, we want revenge on someone who showed a lack of respect or angry because someone didn't smile at you. All of course without the slightest understanding of the people who stir these feelings within us, everything is always about me, my view of things is the most important! It has to be of course to some extent, it is 'I' who am thinking, living, eating, breathing, but the choice is put before us at moments in our lives, which type of self-do we want to portray to others? That which is negative and inward focused or that which seeks to expand beyond self into positive relationship with everything around us. To develop a God consciousness so to speak which can only occur when firmly rooted in prayer.

So in developing our prayer life we must start to let go of ourselves, our attachments and interpretations. We must reveal in our prayer who we are, what our desires are, what motivates us and how we develop our relationship with others. Through our prayer life we must re-evaluate what is most important in our lives and ensure that what is most important falls in line with what God would see as most important. Our prayer life gives us this discernment through the Spirit, the opportunity to achieve what we most desire even if we haven't fully worked out what it is yet; prayer done properly is itself a revelation.



So when we want to pray we must go openly before God revealing all aspects of our self to Him including that which we try to hide because of our own distaste for what is within us. We must remember the words of the angel to the women at the tomb "Do not be afraid." Don't be afraid of fully engaging in a relationship with God. Don't be afraid to offer your hate, resentment,

frustration and disappointment to the One who is unconditional love. This is you allowing the opportunity for God to step in and take up the burden, to free you from what is negative and fill it with positive light, taking you on a journey that has an expression of love and trust at its very centre.

There is a danger that we will try and hide what we don't like about ourselves in our prayer life in an attempt to show our best side to God. This becomes exhaustive, we hide behind excuses and don't fully reveal who we are, we fail to re-evaluate and so remain spiritually static. This in itself can be a great frustration. In prayer, there is a practical format we can take through beautiful prayers such as the Rosary, but the call to enriching and nourishing prayer is the time we take on reflection. Following our mind in the distractions we have in prayer, these distractions we think take us away from prayer but actually lead us into the heart of our prayer, what our prayer is truly seeking out before God. Sitting before the Blessed Sacrament is a powerful way of enabling this type of prayer to occur.

To develop our prayer life is a real opportunity to develop ourselves, it allows us to positively move forward in the light and dispel dark negativity to the past. There is no such thing a wasteful prayer or prayer which is too long or too short, too formal or informal. All it requires is taking the time to fully engage, not easy but immensely worthwhile. It could be said that if we do it well, all our prayers will be answered.

# DYNAMIC DELOITTE DESIGNERS

A dynamic team of sixth form students from Cardinal Hume Catholic School have recently been working on a collaborative project with Deloitte to design and present a new concept of mobile phone. This was part of the TMT (Technology, Media, Telecommunications) challenge run by Deloitte with schools across the country. The team won with their brilliant design and will now go on to the national final competing against the winners of the Technology and Media sectors.

The team who delivered a fantastic presentation consisted of Kieron Robson, Elvira Morris, Callum Richards and Owen Lambert. The following pupils were also involved in the research and development stages – Lloyd Simpson, James Dadley, James Brewis, Sophie Morris, Morgan Steele, Sam Stoker.

**M. Stobbs**



Final model

# 6TH FORM RETREAT

**One thing that becomes quickly apparent when working in the world of education is the amount of work both staff and students put into making sure grades of attainment are the best they can possibly be. However, although this focus is how great achievement occurs, at Cardinal Hume Catholic School we are also aware human beings are not robots and in order for them to give their best, we must nurture the whole person.**

It is with this holistic approach to education that Head Teacher Nick Hurn creates an opportunity for our 6th Form students to attend a retreat in Year 13. The idea is to give our students a time out, a time to de-stress and refocus themselves before their final and most important school exams. So it was with this in mind last December that our Year 13 students arrived at the Youth Village in Consett for a relaxing spiritual breather.

From the moment of arrival we were warmly welcomed by the outstanding Youth Mission Team and talked through health and safety before being allocated rooms. Students were then brought through a number of icebreakers, which they thoroughly enjoyed, before various members of the YMT discussed the positive impact that God has had in their lives. A variety of activities nicely placed with time around them to allow students just to talk and be themselves was greatly appreciated by all our young people. The theme was based on the realisation that God is always with us, this led to the YMT group explaining that with a God focus in your

life all things are possible. The mountain before you becomes a small hill and regardless of the amount of pressure you feel, prayer can alleviate the stress and give you a positive refocus. As we were about to leave the snow arrived with the general feeling from students being another few days here would be great. A truly inspiring group of young people from YMT connecting with another truly inspiring group of young people from Cardinal Hume led to a hugely positive experience for all.



The retreat begins

Our young people loved the event and the whole experience is best summed up in their own words:

- "It was a very good and useful break away from school and the exam pressures we are all facing. It helped us recharge our batteries for the upcoming key exams. It was also very funny and relaxing."
- "It was a fun experience with my year group. It was interesting to see and feel how religion shapes and influences people's lives."
- "I really enjoyed the retreat; it was a

great break from the stresses of school with really nice staff from the YMT."

- "The retreat was really enjoyable and proved a great time for some reflection."
- "Nice to have a completely different experience away from school. A time to reflect on our purpose in life."
- "It was a great time of self-reflection that enabled me to rethink my relationship with God."
- "Coming from a non-Catholic school to join Cardinal Hume 6th Form, I really

did not know what to expect from the retreat. To be honest it was better than I could have hoped for. I felt comfortable when I was there as the atmosphere was calming and spiritually positive. It was a nice trip with my friends as well."

- "We often forget about the spiritual aspect of our human condition in the busyness of daily life and thinking about what awaits us in the future. Events like this, run by YMT, remind us all of the importance of the spiritual and how if we get the spiritual right, everything else falls naturally into place."

## FAITH IN ACTION

**Being a Catholic school means we have a duty to create awareness amongst all our young people of the importance in being considerate to the needs of those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Indeed, it is important to instil in our young people the understanding that their faith journey is not only based around worship but is encouraged also by action.**

This is at the heart of Catholic Social Teaching and is the founding rock on which great places such as 'Joe's Place' are built. We remember from the Letter of James:

*"What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in pace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead" (James 2:14-17).*

The first thing that strikes you when entering Joe's Place is the calm, warm, welcoming environment. The volunteers go out of their way to make their guests, whether regular or just visiting, feel part of a caring community and most importantly, at home. The volunteers are mostly retired people who have been blessed with an understanding of the need for their efforts to ensure that Joe's Place can function on a daily basis. Their efforts are greatly appreciated by all their guests and though these volunteers would never seek praise for their work, what they do to help those less fortunate cannot be praised enough. In their work is Christ.

Just before Christmas, students from Cardinal Hume Catholic School arrived at Joe's Place and were fortunate to hear some of the outstanding St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Choir before taking to the stage themselves to sing for the guests at Joe's Place. Christmas dinner was served during the singing, which was organized and cooked to perfection. Students then chatted with a number of guests and volunteers before making their way back to the school, all commenting on how welcome they had been made to feel and the great service that Joe's Place provides for the local community. We look forward to returning.

Below is some information about Joe's Place if you would like to volunteer or visit:

Joe's Place, in the heart of Gateshead, opens its doors every Wednesday to support some of the most vulnerable people in the area, including those who are homeless, have little or no money, are living with addiction or have mental health issues. Run by a team of dedicated volunteers Joe's Place is a drop-in with a difference, offering table service and a choice of free, hot and cold food and refreshments from a varied menu. As well as food and shelter, the volunteers also provide friendly conversation and a listening ear and are able to signpost anyone in need of additional support to agencies and organisations able to help. However, the main purpose of Joe's Place is to be a warm, welcoming, friendly place where anyone in need can call in and feel at home.

How to find us:

Joe's Place, St Joseph's RC Church, Walker Terrace (off High West Street), Gateshead, NE8 1LX

Every Wednesday from 10am - 1pm - Free

# SACRAMENTAL DEVELOPMENT

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF BEING EDUCATED IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS THE LINK THAT EXISTS BETWEEN SCHOOL, FAMILY, PARISH AND DEANERY. IT IS THIS SUPPORTIVE LINK THAT ENABLES YOUNG PEOPLE (YEARS 9 – 13) TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN THEIR SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY, WHICH BEGAN AT BAPTISM AND CONTINUES IN THE FINAL SACRAMENT OF INITIATION - THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.

It is something that many young people feel is a very important part of their lives; it gives them a sense of fulfilment and maturity, as they now take on the responsibility of their own faith journey. However, it is also something they feel that nourishes them, something they believe will give them strength as they step beyond school life and leave behind the familiar surroundings of home.

The encounter with the Holy Spirit through this precious sacrament is something that will journey with our young people through all of this earthly life and into the next. It is a gift that dispels both loneliness and fear while at the same time making all things possible in the lives of our young people. Indeed, we must all remember that as Catholics, whether we are young or old, we all received this gift of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation. This gift enables us all to truly rejoice and feel blessed when things are going well, while at the same time, in the darker moments of life's struggles, it gives us all strength, hope and renewal. As God's creations we are all children in His eyes and so we strive daily to be the best versions of ourselves that we can be with the gifts of the Spirit.



Brilliant Music

Cardinal Hume Catholic School is committed to outstanding academic achievement for all its students, but is also fully committed to the spiritual development of the young people in its care. With this philosophy underpinning school life, Head Teacher Nick Hurn was delighted to enable the Gateshead Deanery Confirmation Programme to take place at Cardinal Hume Catholic School in 2014/15. This event was first run in 2012/13 when Father Ian Patterson and Father Adrian Dixon approached the school to ask if it would be a deanery centre for the Confirmation programme. The school was delighted to assist and the event culminated in a wonderful Confirmation Mass led by Bishop Seamus and held at Cardinal Hume Catholic School which all present thoroughly enjoyed, a truly blessed evening.



Catechists and Organisers

With the Bishop's moratorium on Confirmation now ended and the addition of the Sacrament of Confirmation being taught as part of the Religious Studies syllabus in Year 8, Gateshead Deanery began the new Confirmation programme on the 6th of October 2014 at Cardinal Hume Catholic School. In preparation for the meeting, clergy and laity met in July 2014 to discuss how the programme would be run. Everyone agreed that what had gone before had been a success and with additions from the new excellent diocesan resources,

the new deanery programme looks even better than the last. In making sure the programme will be a great success a huge thank you must go out to all the catechists who are supporting our young people on this journey, without their support there would be no Confirmation programme. Our young people are extremely grateful for all your efforts as are clergy, school and deanery.



Creating Awareness

There are 3 sessions left which will culminate with Bishop Seamus celebrating the Confirmation Mass on Wednesday May 13th at 7.00pm at St Patrick's Church, Felling. Could we please ask that you all keep the young people of Gateshead Deanery in your prayers as they take part in this next chapter of their Sacramental journey. There is nothing more important than establishing spiritual awareness that can develop at all stages in life. The Sacrament of Confirmation as the final sacrament of Initiation sets our young people up for their journey through life with all its joys and challenges. Your prayers for our young people on this journey are not only prayers for individuals, parishes or deanery, but prayers for the future of our communities as places that seek to encourage all to be the best people they possibly can be as God's creations.

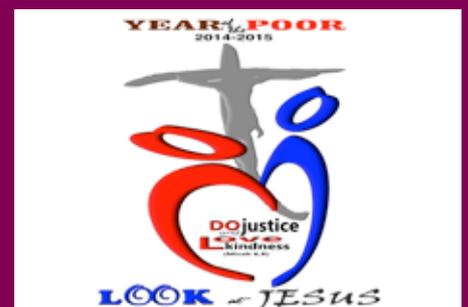
## 2015: THE YEAR OF THE POOR

"Whatever you have done or not done to one of these the least of my brothers and sisters, that you have done or not done to me"

In December, the Catholic Bishop's Conference of the Philippines declared 2015 as the Year of the Poor. An extract from the CBCP message at the beginning of this year reads; "In this the year of the poor, we are being asked in silence to peer into the eyes of the crucified Lord" and the image of Jesus on the cross is one of the main focuses of the message as it is one which shows Jesus as poor, yet triumphant as we dare to gaze into his eyes and heart- we

are called to commit to Christ's mission and to always take the side of the poor and the oppressed, especially where there is injustice and lack of basic human rights. Compassion towards all sons and daughters of the Lord is important this year and every year, and we are called by Pope Francis to hear the cry of the poor and to work towards a better and fairer structure of society that benefits us all.

So this Lent and this Year of the Poor through acts of charity, prayer and fasting let us all join together as a school and community to do what we can to help those in need.



Isobel Thompson  
Cardinal Hume Media Group

# SCHOOL DIRECT - OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS FOR YOU?



**PART OF OUR ROLE OF RESPONSIBILITY AS A CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS TO ENCOURAGE A VISION AND UNDERSTANDING THAT DOESN'T JUST END WITHIN THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT BUT STRETCHES BEYOND IT INTO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.**

This happens both through the development of the young people in our care and also in the role of service the school provides to the local community. Another great recent achievement for Cardinal Hume Catholic School was the 'Designated Teaching School Status' awarded to it in June 2014. With

this award, the school has now taken a leading role working alongside partner Catholic schools: St. Robert of Newminster, St. Wilfrid's College and St. Benet Biscop, in providing a wide range of services as part of the new Trinity North East initiative. Trinity North East has already had the pleasure of working with a number of local schools at both primary and secondary level.

As part of his overall vision, Executive Headteacher Nick Hurn, along with our partner schools, is offering a fantastic opportunity for anyone interested in a teaching career through the exciting new teaching initiative - School Direct at

Trinity North East. It is a great way to get into the teaching profession with a real immediate step into what working in a school is like. It could be that you fancy a change of career or see this as an ideal alternative to a PGCE, either way, if you feel teaching is a profession you would like to explore, check out the Trinity North East website and make a real difference to the lives of young people by sharing your talents and expertise through the noble profession of teaching.

For further information teacher training and the range of services also available go to [www.trinityteachingschool.com](http://www.trinityteachingschool.com)

## SPEEDSTERS MAKE VALIANT ATTEMPT

NOT SINCE THE GREAT FORMULA 1 BATTLES BETWEEN AYRTON SENNA AND ALAIN PROST HAS THERE BEEN SUCH COMPETITION IN THE WORLD OF FORMULA 1 BUT, ON TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY A GROUP OF YEAR 11S AND YEAR 13S TOOK PART IN A FORMULA 1 CHALLENGE COMPETITION AGAINST A NUMBER OF OTHER SCHOOLS IN THE NORTH EAST.



*Pictured left to right: Georgia Crabtree, Bethany Taylor, Paige Evans, Joshua McAnaney, Kieron Brand, Matthew Tweddell*

The team performed brilliantly, having to present their design to a panel of judges, produce a display, secure sponsorship and race. They finished a very respectable 7th out of 18 teams. This is after many months of hard work both by designing a well-engineered car and securing sponsorship from some local companies. Well done Team Hunting Speed.

**J. Pinsentt**

## TEENAGE CANCER TRUST

**IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, I FOUND OUT THAT ONE OF MY CLOSEST FRIENDS HAD BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH FOLLICULAR CARCINOMA, A RARE FORM OF THYROID CANCER. THIS WAS A MASSIVE SHOCK, BUT I REFUSED TO JUST SIT BACK AND WATCH THIS UNFOLD, IT WAS AT THAT MOMENT THAT I DECIDED THAT I WANTED TO HOLD A SERIES OF FUNDRAISERS FOR THE TEENAGE CANCER TRUST.**

The idea was to have a cake sale and a raffle to start with, and then see how it could progress. With the help of my phenomenal tutor Miss Gray, the word was spread and members of staff were asked to donate gifts for the raffle. The outcome was far better than I could have ever anticipated the true generosity of the members of this school shone through.

On the day, sweet treats, raffle tickets and wristbands were sold in the Atrium and in the Sixth Form Street Area, over the course of one morning; a grand total of £272.27 was raised for this amazing charity. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every single one of you for your contribution, even buying a mini muffin made a difference. A special thank you goes to 13LGY who supported me through this process and helped with the running of the stalls, Priscilla and Jemimah Matuki who helped to decorate 300 cakes from 7am on the Friday morning.



Treatment has begun for my friend and I know that the road ahead will be tough, but with the support of the Teenage Cancer Trust, I am sure that the outcome will be positive.

Thanks again,

**Sarah Gascoigne**

# POPE FRANCIS VISITS THE PHILIPPINES

THE PHILIPPINES IS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD MADE UP OF OVER 7,000 ISLANDS. BY ITS VERY GEOGRAPHY HOWEVER, IT IS PRONE TO EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS.

On 8th November 2013 Typhoon Haiyan, the strongest storm ever recorded on land, hit the city of Tacloban which caused great devastation. As a Catholic school with a duty to help those who are in need we raised almost £2,000 in donations for the CAFOD appeal dedicated to helping those affected by the typhoon.

When Pope Francis saw this happen he immediately made plans to visit the Philippines. Pope Francis arrived in Manila on January 15th and was greeted by huge numbers who were delighted he had come to visit them. He visited Tacloban and expressed his heartfelt sorrow for all the suffering the people endured in the wake of Haiyan and related this to the trials and suffering Christ endured as part of His journey on Earth.

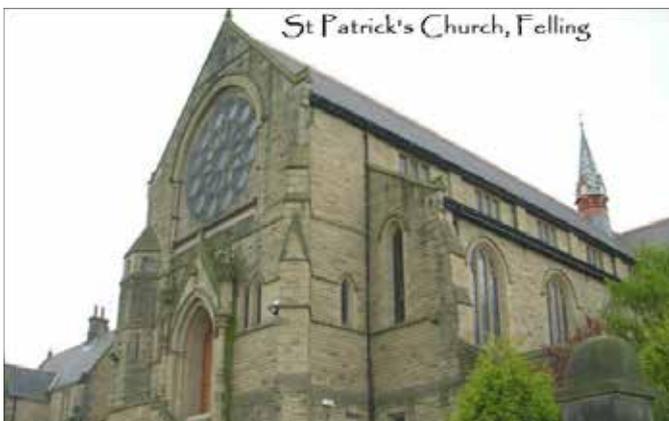


A Mass on the last day of the papal visit attracted over 6 million people to join the celebration. A particular moving moment was when a 12 year old girl who had lived homeless on the streets asked why God allowed children to suffer so much. A visibly moved Pope Francis replied: "Only when we are able to cry are we able to come close to responding to your question." He added that the world needed to learn how to cry with those in need. "Those on the margins

cry. Those who have fallen by the wayside cry. Those who are discarded cry. But those who are living a life that is more or less without need, we don't know how to cry," he said. So a great Pope, yet again, illuminates lives and minds through actions and words. We hope that one day he can also come to England.

**Denzel Mae Faeldo**  
Cardinal Hume Media Group

## LOCAL CHURCH HISTORY



**ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, FELLING, HAVE RECEIVED A GRANT OF ALMOST £90,000 FROM THE HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE STONE STEPS LEADING UP TO THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH.**

To promote the heritage of the Church, an interactive electronic book entitled 'The History of St. Patrick's RC Church, Felling 1895 - 2014' has been released.

It documents the history of Catholicism in Felling and has extensive photographs & a video of the interior of the Church. This book is available as a free download from Apple's iBook Store.

To download the iBook: Open the "App Store" and download the iBooks app (free). Select either "Featured" or "Purchased" and enter either "**The History of St. Patrick's RC Church, Felling 1895 - 2014**" or "**Tom R Sterling**" into the search field. Select the book, click "GET" and the book will download automatically and will appear in iBooks.

## SLAM POETRY INSPIRATION

**ON THE 6TH OF FEBRUARY 2015 STUDENTS AT CARDINAL HUME CATHOLIC SCHOOL WERE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM SLAM POEMS. A SLAM POEM IS A TYPE OF POETRY EXPRESSING A PERSON'S PERSONAL STORY/INTERESTS. THE POEMS CAN BE SERIOUS WITH MORALS OR INCLUDE COMEDY.**

The presentation of poems took place in the main hall in the form of a 'Slam Off'. A slam off is a poetry slam competition where poets have the chance to read their own original work. The performances are then judged on a scale of 1 to 10 by previously selected members of the audience.

During the slam off the year 9 tutor groups met a local slam poet called Rowan McCabe. Rowan is from Hebburn and his work usually includes elements of stand-up comedy, storytelling, rap and each one of his poems are a reflection of his varied lyrical interests. Furthermore, his poems are also well known for: tongue-in-cheek jokes, political commentaries, rhythms and free dramatic verses.

The pupils of the year 9 tutor groups were each assigned to a member of staff from our exceptional English department for the IAG lessons. In each lesson students worked in groups with peers to form a slam poem of their choice. Students were also delighted to hear of Mr McCabe's success as a Next Generation Poetry Slam winner in 2012 and about his upcoming one man show and nationwide tour.

It was great to be part of this great event and to have Rowan guide us through the session. However, the real praise should be given to all the students brave enough to get up and do their own slam poetry, truly inspirational.

## EASTER MESSAGE 2015

Sadness, guilt, anger and loneliness are just some of the emotions we might feel when someone we love dies. These same emotions would have been felt by the women who went to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus on the first Easter day. Their hopes and dreams had been dashed, having witnessed their beloved Messiah put to death on the cross.

But they found the tomb empty and a heavenly messenger with unbelievable news: "Jesus is risen, he is not here." Again they are overcome with emotion. This time with feelings of shock and disbelief. Jesus is risen, just as he said he would.

So what is our reaction to this Easter message? Do we treat the news with disbelief? Do we shy away from the implications of believing in the risen Christ, because we want a quiet life? Are we afraid or embarrassed to pass on the message of the Resurrection out of fear of what others might think of us?

The news of the Resurrection is unsettling. It turns our world upside down. But it is news that, if we allow it to, will transform our lives, our relationships and our values. Christ invites us to rise with him in the new life of the Resurrection. The disciples and the women ran away from the tomb and kept silent about what they had seen. Will we do the same?

On behalf of the priests and deacons in our deanery, may I wish you all the blessings of Easter and assure you of a warm welcome at our Holy Week and Easter services, the times of which you will find elsewhere on this page.

**Fr. Ian Patterson**

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT CARDINAL HUME CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SUMMER TERM (APRIL -JULY)		
Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 28th April 2015	All Day	Parents Consultation Day (Years 7, 8, 9, 10)
Monday 4th May 2015		Bank Holiday (School closed for all pupils)
Monday 18th May 2015		Module 3 Assessment Week
Friday 22nd May 2015		Year 13 Leavers Service
Friday 22nd May 2015	3.15pm	End of Half term
25th - 29th May 2015		Half Term Holidays
Monday 1st June 2015		All pupils return to school
Monday 1st June 2015		Module 3 Review Week
Tuesday 16th June 2015		Yr 6 SEN Welcome Day (SEN Pupils Only)
Friday 19th June 2015		Yr 12 Futures Day
Monday 22nd June 2015		Yr 12 Employability Week
Monday 22nd June 2015		Sixth Form Festival
Tuesday 23rd June 2015		Yr 6 Welcome Day (All Pupils)
Wednesday 24th June 2015		Yr 11 Induction Day
24th - 26th June 2015		Diocesan Youth Festival
29th & 30th June 2015		Year 6 Curriculum Days
Tuesday 30th June 2015	6.00pm	Year 6 Parents Evening
Friday 3rd July 2015		Inset Day (School closed for all pupils)
Tuesday 7th July 2015	6.30pm	Sixth Form External Applicants Evening
7th - 9th July 2015		School Production
Friday 10th July 2015		Yr 11 Prom
Monday 13th July 2015		Year 10 Work Experience Week
Monday 13th July 2015	6.30pm	School Sports Presentation Evening
Thursday 16th July 2015		Annual School Trip
Friday 17th July 2015	12.45pm	End of Term
Thursday 13th August 2015		A Level Results Day
Thursday 20th August 2015		GCSE Results Day

## EASTER SERVICES

Date	Time	Venue	Event
Maundy Thursday	6.30pm	St Patrick's	
Maundy Thursday	7.00pm	St Anne's, Sacred Heart Byermoor, Corpus Christi	The Mass of the Lord's Supper
Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	St Oswald's, St Augustine's	The Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	10am	St Augustine's	Ecumenical Prayer
Good Friday	10am	Corpus Christi, St Alban's	Stations of the Cross
Good Friday	3.00pm	Corpus Christi, St Peter's, St Anne's, St Patrick's, St Oswald's, St Augustine's, Sacred Heart Byermoor	Passion of Our Lord
Holy Saturday	6.00pm	St Oswald's	Vigil of Easter Mass
Holy Saturday	6.30pm	St Patrick's	Vigil of Easter Mass
Holy Saturday	7.30pm	St Peter's, St Anne's, Sacred Heart Byermoor	
Holy Saturday	8.00pm	St Augustine's	Vigil of Easter Mass
Easter Sunday	9am	St Alban's	Mass of Easter Day
Easter Sunday	9.15am	Corpus Christi	Mass of Easter Day
Easter Sunday	10am	St Oswald's, St Augustine's	Mass of Easter Day
Easter Sunday	10.45am	St Patrick's	Mass of Easter Day
Easter Sunday	11am	St Peter's	Mass of Easter Day