



# THE CARDINAL'S VIRTUES

## THE OFFICIAL ETHOS NEWSLETTER OF CARDINAL HUME

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## WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ETHOS

Dear All,

We are delighted to present to you the 10th volume of our school newsletter the 'Cardinal's Virtues.' This is a special edition as we also celebrate our 10th year anniversary as Cardinal Hume Catholic School. Our great success is down to hard work, dedication, aspiration and promotion of our Catholic ethos. It is also very much down to the support and prayers of you as our local parish/partnership communities. Something that has made these 10 years such a great success and will guarantee the success of the next 10.

We do hope that you enjoy our special anniversary newsletter 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 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.

The aim of our newsletter, as always, is to highlight to you the parents, guardians and parishioners, all of 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 and we hope this is reflected in every page of the 'Cardinal's Virtues.'

Once again thank you all for your great support and prayers, which play such a central role to our success in spreading the gospel message to our young people, and please continue to keep us all in prayer as we move forward together into the future.

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

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MR DAMIAN McCANN  
DIRECTOR OF ETHOS

### CARDINAL HUME 10th ANNIVERSARY PRAYER OF THANKS

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the great years of success that we, as a school community, have built over the years.

Thank you for all the great educational journeys students have been on in their time here.

Thank you for the commitment of staff and the graces you bestow on all their work.

Thank you for the spiritual guidance that has encouraged all at the school to fulfil their potential.

Thank you for the support and prayers of all in our parishes and community, without which, our success could not have been achieved.

Most of all Lord thank you for the continued support, and prayers of all linked to our school community, as we look to the future and the new horizons of opportunity presented to us by 'John Ingram Partnership', and all associated parishes.

Amen

# THE IMPORTANCE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Throughout history, the Catholic Church has provided a quality of education that has sought to develop the unique gifts and talents of all who have encountered it.

It has sought to promote the rigour of academia whilst at the same time nourish and develop the potential of all individuals, in light of their spirituality as creations of God.

This understanding is something that Catholic schools are still committed to and seek to promote. However, we live in changing secular times and a battle for the very soul of the place of Catholic education in a modern secular society seems to be waging.

The Catholic Church was the first provider of schools and universities in England. From the 6th Century onwards, cathedral and monastic schools were established. These were joined by schools built around larger churches and in the 12th Century by the foundation of Oxford and Cambridge Universities and their colleges. Due to the Reformation in the 16th Century, the monasteries were suppressed and Catholic education in England and Wales was forced to go underground or abroad. Many went to France and founded great schools and colleges in Douai and Louvain. By the 1800's most of the English Catholic schools which had been based in France made their way back to England.

In 1852, the recently re-established hierarchy of diocesan bishops in England and Wales held their first Provincial Council. They decided that education of the poor was a priority and put this before the building of churches. Indeed, many schools became places of worship, because of the essential need during the Irish famine. This time also saw the formation of the Catholic Poor School Committee, a forerunner to today's Catholic Education Service.

Many Catholic schools were built in the 19th and 20th Centuries with a commitment to helping the poor. This meant that at least children of poor Catholic parents could send their children to school. Service to those amongst the most disadvantaged in our society has also always been central to the mission of Catholic education.

Many Catholic schools were established in the 19th Century to meet the needs of poor Catholic immigrants from Ireland, and Catholic schools have successfully received the disadvantaged from new immigrant populations, integrated them into British society over many generations and continue to lead in this area today.

The passing of the Education Act of 1944 saw Catholic schools become 'voluntary aided' schools. This meant that they remained part of the state system but maintained their distinctly Catholic ethos through legal protections that continue to this day. 2005 saw the first Catholic school granted academy status and by 2012 all former Catholic teaching colleges had been granted university status.

Nice story, you may be thinking, but nothing new here really. Yes, that would be correct except that, in light of the changing times, something new has occurred that puts the future of Catholic education on hold. The government recently declared that all newly built Catholic schools must have a 50% cap for Catholics in place if oversubscribed. In short this would mean that Catholics could be turned away from Catholic schools because they are Catholic. That is not just against Canon law but does not even read in a just way. When we consider the line of educational history that Catholic schools have enriched and enthused in England and Wales, it seems ridiculous at this juncture to wish for an end to the building of more Catholic schools. These schools are centres of excellence that wish to nourish the education of the whole person in promotion of the common good and a just society. We need more schools with this understanding not less. We are waiting on the government to respond to whether it will lift its 50% cap, but if you haven't made your voice heard please do write to your local MP and express your concern for the future of our schools. You can also make your voice heard using the link: [catholicnews.org.uk/cap](http://catholicnews.org.uk/cap).

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



## DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

As Father George Bowen, secretary to the Catholic Bishops' Conference's department of Catholic education and formation, states: "By forcing Catholic schools to turn away Catholic schoolchildren on the basis of their faith, the very principle of a Catholic parent's right to choose a Catholic education is under threat." We must remember that the building of Catholic schools offers Catholic parents the educational choice they want. Their children can attend a Catholic school that will nourish the young person in the faith, thus allowing a deepening and understanding that can only be offered through the expertise that is part of a Catholic school. This establishes a relationship between both school and home that help the young person understand the central place of faith in their life. However, the importance of Catholic education reaches even beyond this in the modern world. In Catholic schools today, we have many students of other religions. These students,

and their parents, are grateful that Catholic schools provide an environment where their faith is welcomed, and their spirituality encouraged. In addition, we are seeing more young people coming into schools reflecting more and more the secular society that we, by and large, generally exist within. Many young people have an understanding of what faith and religion are, but are not fully aware of the hugely positive impact they can have on their lives. Many are not from regular church going families and we are now living in the first generation of grandparents who are not bringing their grandchildren to church. The decline in congregations reflects this. This is an area where Catholic schools have a great role to play. They are the only places where some students get the opportunity to explore their spirituality. Catholic schools allow them to look up and beyond the immediate and gaze at something of the eternal. They can raise and explore the dynamics that make up the whole person in a way that cannot occur anywhere else. This helps to create a profound moral understanding of the world and is essential in enabling young people to fulfil their potential.

We hope then that the government lifts its cap and new Catholic schools can be built. This will sustain the great values that Catholic education supports, long into the future. We must also be aware of the how UK society exists in the 21st Century. There is a decline in religious practice and the creation of a secular understanding of society that does seek to include all people of faith, or lack of, within an overall legal framework.

This new world needs young people who can be of great advantage to it. From a faith perspective, Catholic schools seek to promote this through young people being engaged in an understanding of values established in the common good. Young people who have had the opportunity to be nourished in their exploration of faith and spirituality while at the same time having fulfilled their potential in the rigour of academia. Who have been fortunate to be able to attend a school whose ethos is committed to the education of the whole person. Who can make people understand that through them they can see young people led by God who understand what loving your neighbour truly means.

This brief account explains a little as to why Catholic education is important and why we must all bear witness to the great virtue that lies at its heart:

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." (Matthew 22:36-40)

# HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE

One of the most important aspects of Catholic worship is Marian devotion.

This is a special part of worship that seeks to help us understand the significance of Mary as the Mother of Christ in the story of the Incarnation.

Mary is not just a bystander who pops occasionally into the gospels in some sort of cameo part, on the contrary, she is a centre piece to the whole event. Pope Francis reminded us at the beginning of the year: "Devotion to Mary is not spiritual etiquette; it is a requirement of the Christian life... the gift of the Mother, the gift of every mother and every woman, is most precious for the Church, for she too is mother and woman."

Mary is seen as the ideal role model for all Christians. It is her unconditional 'yes' to God that places her right at the centre of God's expectation for all humanity. To trust God completely and respond with an unconditional 'yes' to what God asks of us is how we must respond. Is this an easy thing for us to do? Quite the opposite in fact, as it will ask us on occasions to swim against the popular opinion of the modern world. In this, Mary is not only a model for Church, but for us all.

This year, with the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, we will have special monthly celebrations that remind us of the significant role Our Lady can have in all our lives, if we invite her in.

"For Mary is exactly what God wants us to be, what he wants his Church to be: A Mother who is tender and lowly, poor in material goods and rich in love, free of sin and united to Jesus, keeping God in our hearts and our neighbour in our lives." (Pope Francis 2018)



# THE AWARD THAT GIVES TO ALL

What a privilege it was to be gathered with a very blessed group of people for the second presentation of the John Paul II Award at the Tyne Theatre on Westgate Road.



Joyful recipients and organisers

The award taken to the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, from its origins in Derry, by the YMT is part of a service to young people and broader society that has been much in need.

The award created around the great hope that John Paul II had for the youth was prevalent in all aspects of this special night. Proceedings opened with the wonderful music of St Thomas More, Blaydon musicians performing the Leonard Cohen classic 'Hallelujah', which set a wonderful tone for the evening. This led to compère, Tony Joy, leading us all through the events of the evening before Father Dermott Donnelly brought us together in prayer.

There was then an excellent question and answer session with students led by Diocesan Secondary Schools RE Adviser, Andrew Barron. This was followed by words of great spiritual nourishment from Bishop Seamus to all present. In particular to the youth gathered and the great work of YMT. We then had the main presentation of the evening where numerous young people received an award for great work that had a hugely positive impact on both themselves and communities that they worked within.

The presence of Barry and Margaret Mizen added something special to the evening. In 2008 their son, Jimmy Mizen, was tragically killed in an unprovoked attack in a bakery in South East London. Rather than cry out for vengeance Miriam and Barry spoke of compassion and forgiveness. A message that has had a huge impact on many people who knew of the story. Since the tragic death of their son, they have worked tirelessly in promoting forgiveness and peace in an increasingly fractured world. Their organisation [forjimmy.org](http://forjimmy.org) is easily accessed via the internet and gives a powerful testimony to outstanding work, which is firmly grounded in their faith.

The night was rounded off by an eloquent gift of thanks by Mrs Maria Matthews who reminded us of the journey that the John Paul Award can take people on and the hard work that's done to make it all happen. As we sang 10,000 Reasons together at the end of the night, the words of John Paul II came to mind:  
 "Have no fear of moving into the unknown. Simply step out fearlessly knowing that I am with you, therefore no harm can befall you; all is very, very well. Do this in complete faith and confidence"  
 John Paul II

As young people beginning their life journeys and the challenges that will raise themselves before them; they need only look to Christ to find all the strength they could ever need. The award that gives to all.



Bishop Seamus brings spiritual guidance to the youth



Powerful testimony from Barry and Barbara Mizen



Great questions and answers



Olivia Drummond receives her award



Joseph Dodds receives his award



Lucy McBride receives her award



St. Thomas More A Cappella



Eve Daly receives her award



Olivia Milburn receives her award



Hannah Ferry receives her award



Tony Joy

Maria Matthews

All photos courtesy of Xabier Javier @ Youth Ministry Team

# RAINBOWS NORTH EAST

Rainbows Bereavement Support GB. A well-respected national charity offering support to children and young people who have experienced a significant loss in their lives.



Rainbow delegates gather together

Rainbows North East provides help through peer support groups, facilitated by trained adults, following a structured 12-14 week programme with age appropriate materials. These groups provide an emotionally safe environment.

Introduced into Great Britain in 1992, the charity now operates in over 750 schools in England, Scotland and Wales. It is currently available to over 72,000 children and young people.

Rainbows came to schools in the North East in 1995 supporting many grieving children and young people.

Rainbows North East, a region of Rainbows Bereavement Support GB, was formally established in 2012 to ensure continuity and further development of this important ministry. The Rt. Rev Seamus Cunningham, Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle is our patron.

Cardinal Hume Catholic School was delighted to host the Rainbows North East Conference on Friday 9th February. It is a time when directors and facilitators come together from primary and secondary schools across the Diocese. They share good practice of what has worked well throughout their schools and plan for improved provision for Rainbows North East through a shared forum and focused agenda. For example, a SEN provision recently proved to be a successful initiative raised and implemented by the group.

As with all such noble endeavours, Rainbows North East and all associated with it, step in to support those feeling vulnerable through a great sense of loss and who have had their world turned upside down so to speak. What they offer is priceless. They offer young people hope in the most difficult times. Like the rainbow itself they are a great image of hopeful light and promise in what can feel like a very dark place.

What lies at the heart of Rainbows North East is perhaps best summed up in the words of Pope Francis: *"Our loved ones have not disappeared into dark nothingness: Hope assures us that that they are in God's good and strong hands. Love is stronger than death."*

# CAFOD: YOUNG LEADERS DAY 2

On Tuesday 30th January 2018, the Year 10 Justice and Peace Group attended the second session of the CAFOD Young Leaders training.

Throughout the day we took part in various games, which encouraged us to meet new people.

There were CAFOD young leaders from lots of other Catholic Secondary school there too. As a group, we discussed what being a leader was about and what are good communication skills. A few ideas were: projecting your voice, eye contact and good listening.

We also practiced our persuasion skills by debating different topics. An example of a topic was we had to design posters

that raised awareness of the effects of extreme poverty on young children.

We also learned about CAFOD's new campaign - Give it up! This focuses on raising money throughout Lent. We watched an inspiring story about two young people called Karen and Choolwe, who help grow food for their community.



Schools in Communion



Young Leaders

Overall, we had a brilliant day learning about CAFOD and meeting new people. We came away feeling inspired to share what we have experienced with others back in Cardinal Hume School. We are already looking forward to the third and final day.

Catherine Fairless

# IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE REMINDER: LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

Parents and carers are reminded below about the current rules regarding taking children out of school during term time. Government regulations state that "head teachers may not grant leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances." While leave of absence may be granted during term time it is entirely at the discretion of the head teacher and is not a parental right.

If a parent wishes to take their child out of school during term time they must apply in writing to the school using the following procedure.

- Fill in an application form requesting leave of absence during term time. These are available from school or can be downloaded from the school website.
- The school will consider this request.
- The parent will be informed in writing whether or not the leave of absence has been granted.
- Reasons will be given if leave of absence is not granted.
- If the request is granted the absence from school will be authorised. (This will only be in exceptional circumstances.)
- If the leave of absence is not granted and the parent still takes their child out of school, the absence will not be authorised and the school may refer the matter to the local authority. In such cases a penalty notice may be issued by the local authority. This could result in a fine being issued.
- The penalty notice is £60 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days and £120 per parent, per child if paid after this date, but within 28 days.
- Failure to pay any such fine could lead to prosecution in a Magistrates Court.
- If a parent removes their child without requesting leave of absence from school, it is likely the school will apply to the local authority for a penalty notice to be issued.

Holidays taken in term time are not generally considered to be exceptional circumstances and will not usually be authorised.

Each request for leave of absence will be considered on its merits. The following factors may be taken into consideration;

- The child's stage of education and progress to date.
- The overall attendance pattern of the child.
- The nature of the planned absence.
- Rare and exceptional circumstances.

# 3d Health & Fitness Cardinal Hume FUNDRAISER: 'JOIN FOR A TOY'!



At the end of 2017, 3d Health & Fitness Cardinal Hume launched their fundraising campaign "Join for a Toy". The campaign was designed to raise as many toys as possible to take to Gateshead's QE Hospital over the Christmas period. Any new members joining throughout the month of December, received the rest of the year free upon donation of a toy.

In addition to this, the club also encouraged all existing members to donate a toy, in turn entering them into a prize draw to win 1 month's free membership. The campaign was a great success and the team took a total of 6 sacks to the deserving children on the Paediatrics ward.

3d Health and Fitness Cardinal Hume opened in April 2017, providing fantastic facilities at an affordable price. The site consists of a fully equipped gym, exercise class studio as well as Cardinal Hume's existing facilities including sports hall, astro turf pitches and dance studio. Not only is it used by school students and staff but it is also open to the general public.

For more information regarding gym memberships or sports bookings, you can contact the gym on 07960 773825 or by emailing: cmch@3dhealthandfitness.co.uk.

James Lavelle

## CARDINAL HUME'S NEW GYM

**SCHOOL PARENT MEMBERSHIP**

**FANTASTIC MEMBERSHIP RATES AVAILABLE**

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As a school parent member of Cardinal Hume Catholic School, we are delighted to bring you this fantastic offer.

- Exceptional gym facilities
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# EASTER MESSAGE 2018



In February 2004, the film, 'The Passion of the Christ', was released and broke all records, achieving a global box office of \$612 million. The director, Mel Gibson, is now ready to start filming the sequel, 'The Resurrection of Christ.'

Will it have the same 'pull'? We shall see. We know what death by crucifixion is like, and his film was able to depict the event very graphically and realistically. But it is not so clear what resurrection is, and therefore it could be much more difficult to portray it on screen.

So, what is resurrection anyway? Firstly, it is not the same as the resuscitation of a dead body, as when Jesus miraculously raised Jairus' daughter and Lazarus from the dead, and who later died, when their life on earth came to its natural end.

The witnesses, who encountered the Risen Lord, were confronted with what for them was an entirely new reality, far beyond the limits of their experience. This was a new form of life, a new dimension of human existence that affects everyone, that opens up a new kind of future, which could be described as an 'evolutionary leap' for mankind.

Jesus has now entered into the vast breadth of God himself, and it is from there that he reveals himself to his followers. After their initial hesitation and astonishment, the witnesses could no longer ignore the reality. He is alive. He has spoken to us. He has allowed

us to touch him, although no longer belonging to this world, but living now and forever in the power of God.

The followers had not expected a crucified Messiah and certainly not a resurrected one, and now they had to search the Jewish Scriptures to make sense of both the Cross and the Resurrection, which would lead them to believe in Jesus as the Son of God.

The Resurrection was such an overwhelming real happening, confronting them so powerfully, that every doubt was dispelled. They were impelled to bear witness to what happened, and they stepped forth before the world with an utterly new fearlessness, in order to proclaim 'Christ is truly risen.'

A ray of light issues from Jesus, growing brighter across the centuries. The light of God truly shines into the world, building up a worldwide community with the power of truth at work within it. Jesus is alive. We entrust ourselves to him, knowing that we are on the right path. With the apostle Thomas we confess "My Lord and my God," (John 20:28). We meet Jesus in the Eucharist every Sunday, which is a 'Little Easter,'" and our hearts are filled with overflowing joy. Easter Sunday itself is the greatest Christian feast day of the year. We are the Easter People, and 'Alleluia' is always our signature song! Happy Easter to you all.

**Father Paul Zilenski** - Partnership Dean

## Easter Services in the Deanery

PARISH	HOLY THURSDAY	GOOD FRIDAY	HOLY SATURDAY	EASTER SUNDAY
St. Anne's	7pm Mass	11am Stations of the Cross 3pm Passion of Our Lord	7pm Easter Vigil and Resurrection Mass	
St. Augustine's	7pm Mass	3pm Passion of Our Lord	7pm Easter Vigil Mass	10am Easter Sunday Mass
St. Joseph's Birtley	7.30pm Mass	3pm Passion of Our Lord	8.30pm Easter Vigil Mass (Solemn)	8.30am and 10am Easter Sunday Masses
St. Joseph's Gateshead and St. Wilfrid's	7pm St. Wilfrid's Joint English and Polish Communities Mass	11am St. Joseph's - Stations of the Cross 3pm Passion of Our Lord (St. Joseph's and St. Wilfrid's) 6pm St. Wilfrid's - Passion of Our Lord (Polish)	6pm St. Joseph's - Easter Vigil Mass 7pm St. Wilfrid's - Easter Vigil Mass (Polish)	9.30am St. Wilfrid's - Easter Sunday Mass 11am St. Wilfrid's - Easter Sunday Mass (Polish) 12noon St. Joseph's - Easter Sunday Mass (Latin)
St. Oswald's	7pm Mass	3pm Passion of Our Lord	5.30pm Easter Vigil Mass	10am Easter Sunday Mass
St. Patrick's and St. Alban's	6.30pm St. Patrick's - Mass	10am St. Alban's - Stations of the Cross 3pm St. Patrick's - Passion of Our Lord	6.30pm St. Patrick's - Easter Vigil Mass	10am Easter Sunday Mass (St. Patrick's and St. Alban's)
St. Peter's and Corpus Christi	7pm St. Peter's - Mass	10am Corpus Christi - Stations of the Cross 3pm Passion of Our Lord (St. Peter's and Corpus Christi)	7.30pm Corpus Christi - Easter Vigil Mass	9.15am Corpus Christi - Easter Sunday Mass 11am St. Peter's - Easter Sunday Mass

## Important upcoming dates at Cardinal Hume Catholic School

### SUMMER TERM APR - JUL 2018

DATE	TIME	EVENT	ETHOS AND ASSEMBLIES
Friday 25th May		Year 7 Written Reports	Year 13 Leavers Service
Friday 15th June		Year 8 Written Reports	
Friday 22nd June		Year 9 Modular Reports	
Monday 2nd July			Sports Presentation Evening
Tuesday 3rd July	6.00pm		Year 6 Parents Evening
Wednesday 4th July			Race for Life
Friday 6th July		Year 12 Modular Reports	Inset Day
Monday 9th - Wednesday 11th July			Production
Wednesday 11th July	6.30pm - 7.30pm	Sixth Form External Recruitment	
Thursday 12th July			Year 11 Prom
Friday 13th July		Year 10 Written Reports	Year 10 End of Year Celebration
Monday 16th - Friday 20th July			Year 10 Work Experience
Friday 20th July			End of Term