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Our Lady's
Catholic High School

CATHOLIC LIFE & MISSION

A NEW CHAPTER OF FAITH AND COMMUNITY

At Our Lady's Catholic High School, Christ is at the heart of everything we do. Guided by our mission to love, learn and grow together, we seek to nurture each person's God-given gifts so that all may flourish and become men and women for others.

This new half-termly newsletter celebrates the life of faith that shapes our community — sharing how pupils and staff live out our mission through prayer, service, learning, and love.



GUIDED BY OUR VIRTUES

Our “Being One of Ours” virtues express who we are and who we are called to be.

At Our Lady's, we strive to be:

grateful and generous, attentive and discerning,
compassionate and loving,

faith-filled and hopeful, eloquent and truthful, learned and wise,

curious and active, and intentional and prophetic.

These virtues guide every aspect of our life together — in the classroom, in worship, and in the way we care for one another.



LIVING OUT OUR MISSION

In this first edition, we share moments that reflect the heart of our Catholic life:

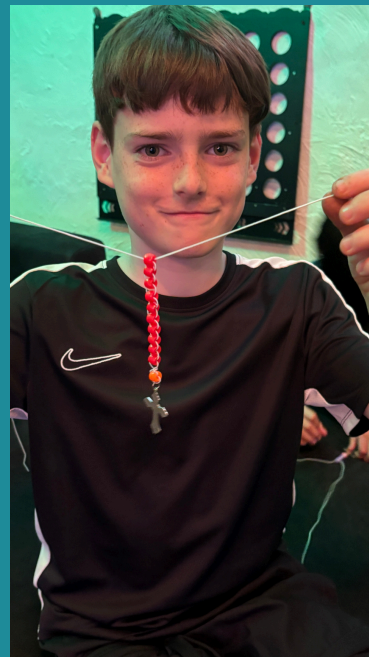
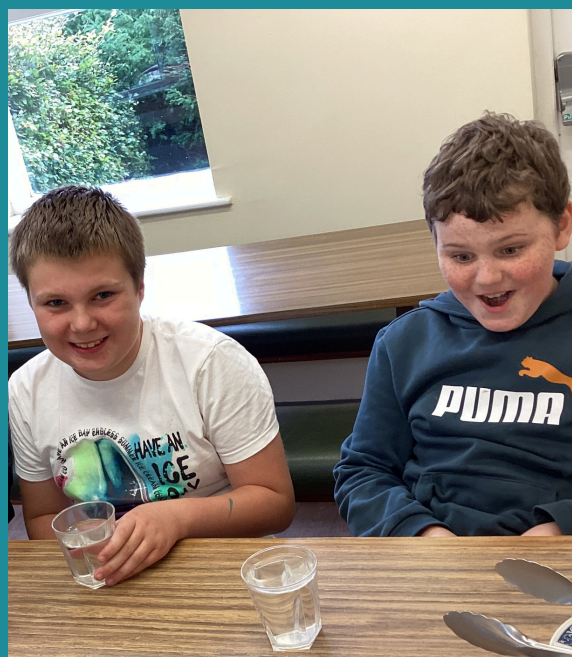
- Year 7's Retreat to Castlerigg Manor, a time of friendship, reflection, and growing in faith.
- Afternoon Tea with our local community, where pupils served with kindness and joy.
- Pilgrimage to Lourdes, as our older students lived their faith through compassion and service.

Each story reminds us that faith is not only something we speak about — it is something we live.

LOVE, LEARN, GROW

CASTLERIGG RETREATS.

GROWING IN FAITH



Pupils in Year 7 spent two days at Castlerigg Manor.
Our theme this year was
'Growing in Faith'.



YEAR 7 RETREAT AT CASTLERIGG MANOR: A JOURNEY OF FAITH, FRIENDSHIP & GROWTH

Our Year 7 students have embarked on an unforgettable retreat to Castlerigg Manor. This trip wasn't just a break from the usual classroom routine; it was an opportunity for the students and staff to grow in faith, build friendships, and create lasting memories.

From the moment we arrived, the pupils were immersed in a variety of activities including arts and crafts, talks and quizzes. Our walks offered moments of quiet reflection, laughter, talk, fresh air and ice cream!

Mealtimes were a highlight, bringing everyone together to share food and strengthening our sense of community. We also enjoyed a range of games that encouraged teamwork and friendship, reminding everyone that growing in faith is also about supporting one another.

Each day included dedicated time for prayer and reflection. Time spent in the chapel was particularly special—quiet moments in this sacred space helped us to deepen our faith and find peace. We also celebrated Mass together.

Overall, the Year 7 retreat to Castlerigg Manor was a wonderful blend of spiritual growth, fun, and friendship.



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Afternoon Tea

**A wonderful afternoon with
our local community.**



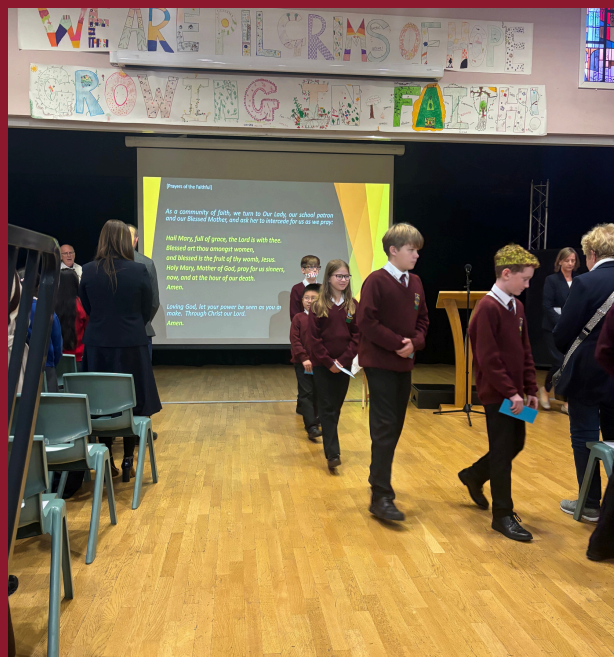
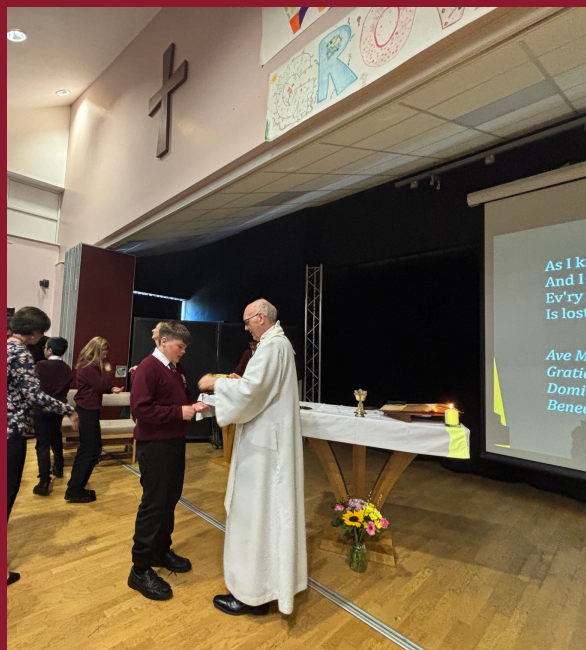
We were delighted to host a wonderful afternoon tea at school last term, bringing together members of our local community for a special afternoon of tea, cakes and friendship.

Our pupils were fantastic hosts – helping to serve tea using beautiful vintage cups and saucers, with cakes and sandwiches presented on elegant cake stands. The attention to detail and care they showed made the event truly special. Guests were also treated to some lovely entertainment from our pupils, who performed music and readings that added a joyful and personal touch to the afternoon.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us – and to our amazing pupils for their hard work, kindness, and talent in making the event so memorable!



Happy Retirement to Canon Peter Draper



This term, we said a fond farewell to the wonderful Canon Peter Draper, who has celebrated some very special moments with us over the years — including our whole school Mass, Leaver's Mass and our Year 7 Mass of Welcome.

Canon Peter's warmth, wisdom, and gentle presence have made a lasting impression on our school community. We are so grateful for the time he has spent with us, guiding us in faith.

We will definitely miss him, and we wish him every blessing for the future.

Thank you, Canon Peter!



Lourdes 2025

We are very proud of our Year 10 and 11 pupils who recently went on a pilgrimage to Lourdes, our school taking the most pupils across the Diocese. They helped look after elderly and sick members of our diocese with care and kindness.

Alongside their hard work, there was plenty of fun and laughter, making the experience both meaningful and memorable for everyone involved.

Well done to all the pupils for representing our school so well!

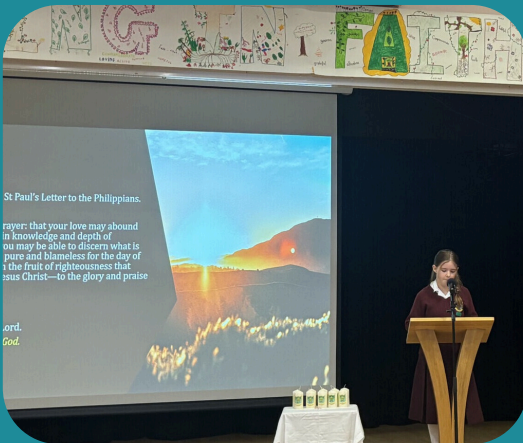


**FUNDRAISING AT OUR LADY'S.
FROM CAKE SALES TO HOOK A DUCK, WE HAVE BEEN
PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO ACTION BY SUPPORTING
CHARITIES LIKE CAFOD THIS YEAR.**



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YEAR 7 MASS OF WELCOME GROWING IN FAITH



In September, we gathered as a school community to celebrate the Year 7 Mass of Welcome marking the beginning of our Year 7 students' journey with us. This year, our theme was "Growing in Faith" - a reminder that faith is something we nurture together, day by day, through learning, friendship, prayer, and service. As they settle into their new surroundings, we pray that they will grow in knowledge, confidence, kindness, and faith – supported by our school community.



FAITH *in* ACTION

The Faith in Action Award, created by CYMFed (the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation of England and Wales), is an exciting opportunity for young people to put their faith into action through service, reflection, and prayer. This award recognises and celebrates the ways students live out their faith in their daily lives – whether through helping others, supporting their parish or school community, standing up for justice, or deepening their relationship with God.



**Phoebe serving
coffee at a local
community event.**

Every Wednesday a form group prepares and hosts Holy Mass in our beautiful chapel.

Thank you to the wonderful clergy in our deanery who support our staff and pupils by celebrating with us.



CENTENARY TOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

We were the first school in the Lancaster Diocese to receive this beautiful statue. After a blessed three days, we presented the statue to St Anthony's Primary School in the form of a joint assembly with readings and hymns.



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