

Collective Worship



Every morning students get the wonderful opportunity to take part in Morning Prayer with their Tutor.

This is a lovely way to start the day in prayer and reflection so that staff and students alike can start their day focused on God.

Collective worship is at the heart of our school with prayer, assemblies and Mass following the liturgical calendar and themes.

We have had some amazing Tutor Prayers where tutors have planned and delivered prayers with their form class.



The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College

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Putting our faith in action this term!



This publication is a celebration of all the wonderful opportunities taken this term to put our faith into action at EMS

Meet the Team



Mr A Morrison



Mrs E Wilson



Mrs L Skinner-Howe



Miss M Smith



Mr N Dunn



Mr B Casey



Mrs R Fawcett



Mrs R Blaylock



Miss E Dunn



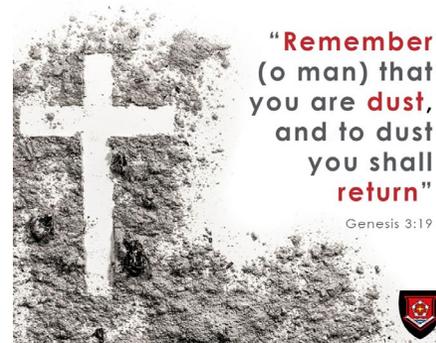
Mr S Conway



Canon P Douthwaite

Lent and Stations of the Cross

ASHWEDNESDAY
BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT



Lent is the most important time in the liturgical year for Christians. We began this time by remembering Ash Wednesday, even though we were off, we felt it was important to mark this special day on social media.

Throughout Lent we have posted regular Gospel readings which correspond with each week of Lent. Students in Year 7 have also participated in Stations of the Cross in their RE class to create a truly prayerful atmosphere during this special time.



Strength Through Unity



Our Strength Through Unity group have been reflecting on the importance of inclusion and diversity and throughout this. They term have designed and created a banner which will be displayed in a central space in our building. It is nearly complete and I am sure you will agree the hard work of the students has paid off. It is absolutely fantastic and a great celebration of Strength Through Unity.

Years 9 and 10 Retreat



On 8th-10th March some of Year 9 and 10 students went to the Youth Village for the second retreat of the year.

Students had an opportunity to reflect on their own faith and to learn more about what it means to be a Christian.

Amongst all the prayerful activities students had time to take part in an escape room activity.

The students were an absolute credit to the school and themselves, we are very proud of them all. Miss Smith and Mr Cooksey also had a wonderful time!



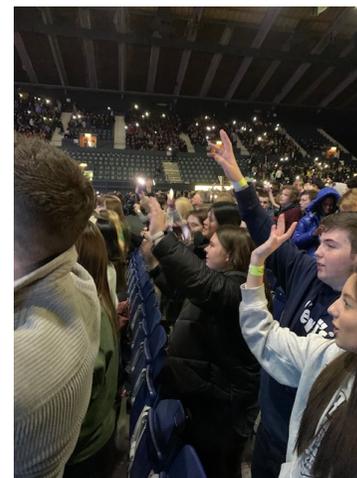
Holocaust Memorial Day

To remember Holocaust Memorial Day, students participated in various activities both inside and outside of the classroom.



A wreath was placed in the school chapel in memories of the victims of the Holocaust and other victims of genocide. Students were invited to reflect on how they can make sure they can prevent injustice and promote peace today.

Flame, Wembley Arena



On March 4th, a group of students from English Martyrs joined with the diocese on a pilgrimage to Flame. The day was filled with musicians and speakers reflecting on the theme 'Rise Up!' and how we could all make a difference. Highlights were the rapper Guvna B and visiting speaker Cardinal Tagle, as well as a video appearance from Ant and Dec!

Our students had a fantastic day and now we are reflecting on how we can make a difference in our own communities, starting with our school community.



Flame Celebration



Students who took part in the Flame event have been invited by Mrs Blaylock to take part in a celebration to reflect on their experiences. Students will be invited to put into practice the challenge to make a difference in their school and local community by putting their faith into action. The celebration took place on 30th March in Mr Dunn's room.

Pope John Paul II Award



It was a wonderful event with the Youth Mission Team, and Bishop Emeritus Seamus present to celebrate. The awards were presented by Adenike who also entertained us with some wonderful singing. A truly joyous celebration, well done to all who received their awards!

On Sunday 12th March Charlotte Bowman travelled to the Hilton in Gateshead to receive her Pope St John Paul II award, supported by Mrs Skinner-Howe. Charlotte over the last year has undertaken many hours of work in her local parish and in the community to earn this award and has given back tremendously to her local community.



CAFOD's Big Lent Walk



This Lent we have come together with people all across the UK and as a school to support CAFOD and help fight global poverty.

As a school we have come together and aimed to walk 200km and asked for donations to raise money for CAFOD's Lenten Challenge. We hope to raise as much money as possible to support this fantastic cause!

Currently as a school we are 23rd out of 532 teams in the country!

You can donate by following the link below.

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Youth Celebration



Mrs. Crawshaw and Mrs. Ranson took a group of students to Durham Cathedral to participate in a fantastic Celebration of Youth at Durham Cathedral. Thank you to Mrs Sue Snowdon, HM Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham, for her kind invitation to students from EMS. Our students were a credit to themselves and the service was a powerful and moving event.



Student Lead Mass



Students planned, organised and lead a Mass celebrated by Canon Paul. This Mass was open to all Sixth Formers and was a joyous celebration in which our Sixth Formers could share and celebrate their faith as a community.

EMS Easter Card

Olivia Jeffries designed a fantastic piece of artwork which was chosen to become this years EMS Easter card. Olivia's design has been professionally printed and distributed. Well done on a fantastic achievement!

Happy Easter!



Forgiveness, Peace and Justice Conference



In January ten Year 9 students visited the Our Lady and St Bede School, Stockton accompanied by Mrs Fawcett. The group took part in the Forgiveness, Peace and Justice Conference and they got to listen to some fantastic speakers who told their own stories about their experiences involving forgiveness, peace and justice. The students prepared a presentation about misogyny. Jessica and Charlotte confidently shared our students vision for the future.

Philosophy and Ethics Conference



In January Mrs Skinner-Howe and a group of Year 11 students visited Our Lady and St Bede School, Stockton to take part in a Philosophy and Ethics Conference. The Conference was led by the inspirational Peter Vardy who engaged students with some very interesting topics such as the rise of Artificial Intelligence and different ethical approaches to euthanasia and abortion. Students actively took part in debates and offered responses to challenging topics. Well done Year 11!

Candlemas BBQ



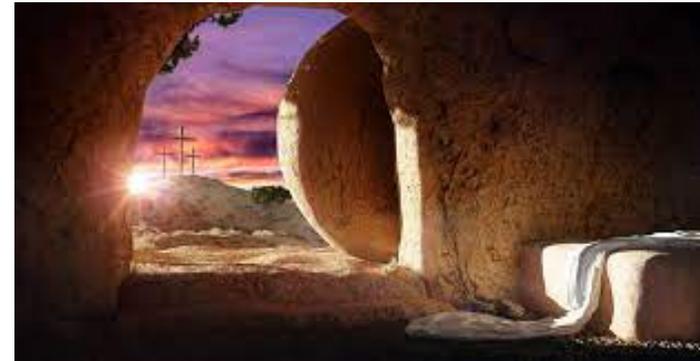
On 12th March, many of our students were involved in our Holy Family parish Candlemas BBQ, led by Miss Malcolmson. This involved craft activities before a service, with a selection of students reading and others involved in leading the music. Many burgers, hot dogs and marshmallows were enjoyed after the service finished outside, around the fire.



Parish Masses over Easter

Please see the parish Mass times for the celebration of Triduum.

	Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper	Good Friday – Solemn Passion	Easter Saturday – Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday
St. Mary's	8pm	6pm	6pm	
St. Joseph's	8pm	3pm	8pm	10am
St. John Vianney's	6pm	3pm	8pm	11am
St. Patrick's	6pm	6pm	6pm	9pm



Save the date!

EMS 50th Celebration



Remember to save the date for English Martyrs School 50th Anniversary celebration which will take place on 24th June.

There will be Mass at 12 noon, to begin the celebration of 50 years of EMS! All are welcome!

Easter Message from the RE Department

After a busy and successful term, the RE department wish you an Easter filled with Hope and Joy.

Have a happy and holy Easter, from all of the RE department at English Martyrs.

