

The English Martyrs Catholic
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**English Martyrs living out their
faith this term**



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

Laudato Si



In a powerful display of unity and commitment to environmental stewardship, students from The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth form College recently attended a diocesan event centered around a special screening of the film 'The Letter.' Inspired by Pope Francis's encyclical Laudato Si. The event brought together students, educators, and community members to engage with the profound message of care for the planet and its inhabitants. Through the stories of

the poor, the youth, indigenous peoples, and the natural world, attendees embarked on a transformative journey towards sustainability and social justice.

The diocesan event, held at Carmel College Darlington, provided a platform for all to delve deeper into the principles of Laudato Si and explore ways to translate its teachings into tangible action. The screening and discussions examined various aspects of sustainability, empowering participants to make informed choices regarding energy consumption, waste management, and ecological conservation. The event fostered a spirit of collaboration, enabling attendees to share their experiences, ideas, and initiatives aimed at mitigating environmental challenges.

The diocesan event concluded with a resounding call to action. Participants left Carmel College Darlington with renewed purpose and a commitment to implement sustainable practices within their local communities. Armed with knowledge and inspired by the stories they encountered, attendees pledged to advocate for social and environmental justice, while amplifying the voices of those most affected by ecological crises.

In response to the event, Lewis Howe a member of EMS6 created a reflection on the importance of Laudato Si for our school and local community.

Please scan the following link to view his created reflection:

'The Letter,' has left an indelible mark on all those who attended, setting the stage for a collective journey towards a more sustainable and compassionate world.



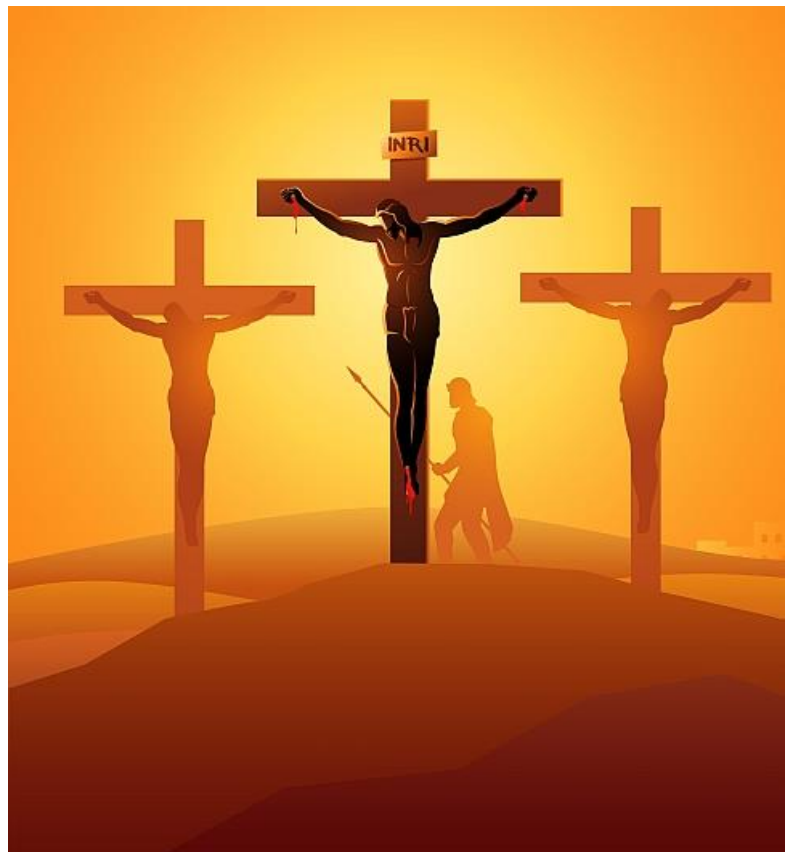
Good Friday Walk of Witness



Many of our school community were involved in the Holy Family Parish's Walk of Witness on Good Friday. This began at each of our churches and finished at Victory Square.



Lord Jesus we praise you. You love us so much that you came in person to rescue us and invite us home. When we rejected you and threw at you all the darkness in our souls, you absorbed it on the cross and died still loving and forgiving us. We thank you for a love that surpasses all wisdom and understanding. Help us to show forgiveness to others as you forgave us around us. Amen.



The Feast of the English Martyrs

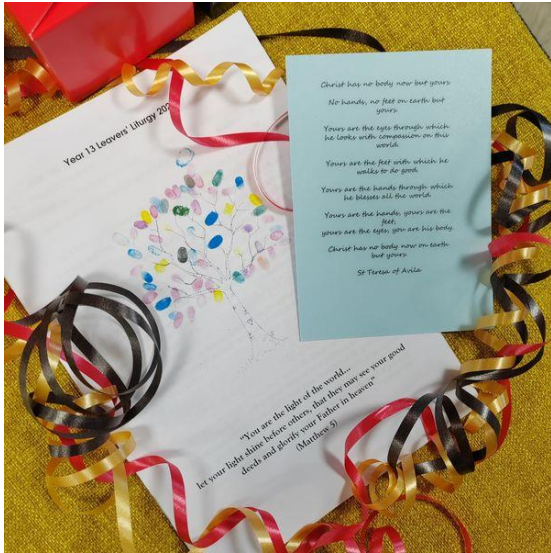


On the 4th May, our school community celebrated the Feast of the English Martyrs. Through the RE curriculum, our Key Stage 3 pupils had the opportunity to learn more about the English Martyrs and we reflected in our morning prayer on their importance to us today.

We ask for the intercessory prayers of the English Martyrs to guide each member of our school community to be witnesses of Christ in our daily lives.



Year 13 Leavers' Liturgy



On May 26th, we wished our Year 13s well, and marked the end of their time with us with a Leaver' Liturgy. This was one of the last times they'll all be together before they leave EMS6. Each student was given a small gift of a little bag of happiness with various small tokens each with their own special meaning. Each student received a prayer card with the famous words from St Teresa of Avila reminding our students to be Christ like and follow his example through our words and actions.

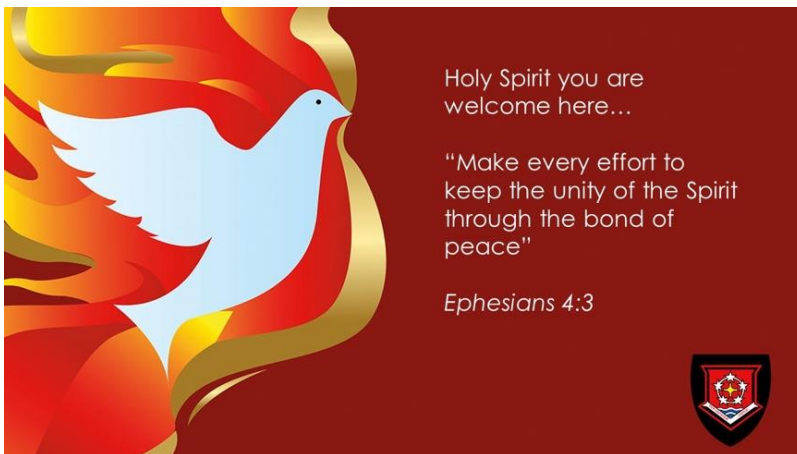


Pentecost



The feast of Pentecost marks the coming of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' disciples after his resurrection. On Pentecost, the faith community comes together to celebrate the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is a time for Joy, unity,

and a reminder of the importance of faith in our lives.



To celebrate this feast day, Mr McCartie and his Year 8 class held a Liturgy and celebration where pupils prayed for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to descend upon our school community.

Lourdes



Year 12 student, Lewis Howe on pilgrimage to Lourdes with Middlesbrough Diocese.

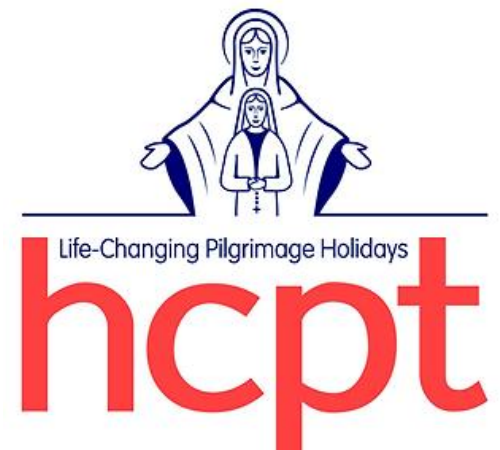
Lewis is pictured here, praying for the community of English Martyrs at the Grotto.

Next academic year, EMS6 are invited to partake in a pilgrimage to Lourdes with Mr McCartie during the Easter Holidays with HCPT and our Trust service group based at Carmel College Darlington.

To find out more about the work of HCPT and the Easter pilgrimage, please scan the following QR Code:



Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us.



Feast of The Most Sacred Heart



Here at English Martyrs, not only do we have extremely talented students but also very talented staff.

For the feast, the community of English Martyrs presented Sacred Heart Primary with a signed card from former students, flowers and a fantastic design of the Sacred Heart of Jesus designed by Mr Carless.

Daily Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

*O Sacred Heart of Jesus,
filled with infinite Love, broken
by our gratitude and pierced by
our sins, yet loving us still, accept
the consecration we make to You
of all that we are and all we have.*

*Take every faculty of our souls
and bodies, only day by day
draw us nearer and nearer to
Your Sacred Heart, and there,
as we shall hear the lessons,
teach us Your Holy Way.*

Amen



Year 11 Leaver' Liturgy

On 15th June, we marked the end of Year 11 for our class of 2023 with a special Liturgy. This was followed by special celebrations and other activities to celebrate the end of this stage of their EMS life. Students were involved in the planning and the delivery of the liturgy. We wish them well!



50th Anniversary of English Martyrs

The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth form College celebrated its 50th anniversary on Saturday 24th June.

Former Heads David Relton, Joe Hughes, Mike Lee joined with serving Headteacher Sara

Crawshaw to celebrate the school's rich legacy and shared vision of academic, pastoral and spiritual formation of each child.



Central to our 50th celebration was the celebration of Mass concelebrated by Canon Paul Douthwaite, Father Shaun Purdy, Father Jim Angus, Father Anthony Hogarth, Father Phil Marsh and Deacon Jeff Parkes. We are grateful for the service of



our priests within our diocese and their dedication to our school community.

New School Hymn 'Be the Light'



Continuing in our 50th Celebration, a new school hymn was commissioned entitled 'Be the Light'.

The hymn speaks directly to the students and staff of The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College and the importance of being the light that shines through in the darkness and to trust in the Lord.

The hymn was sung beautifully by Sister and Brother Jasmine and Finley Weatherill.

To listen to our new school hymn, scan the QR code:



Faith is like a bright ray of sun
light. It enables us to see God in all
things as well as all things in God.

Saint Francis de Sales

St. Cuthbert's Resurrection Crucifix



We believe that Christ is at the centre and central to our Catholic identity.

To mark our 50th Anniversary Canon Paul Douthwaite and parishioners of St Cuthbert's, Hartlepool kindly donated the crucifix which now hangs in our main school entrance.

The beautiful cross has rich provenance and carries huge sentiment for the Catholic community in Hartlepool.

The crucifix was blessed and installed as part of school's anniversary Mass.

We again thank the parishioners of Hartlepool for their very kind gift. The crucifix will be treasured by the community of English Martyrs.



Prayer for Tomorrow

Students of English Martyrs have recently taken part in CAFOD's A Prayer for Tomorrow. Students were invited to answer the Pope's call by writing a Prayer as God to guide us in our efforts to care for our common home and leave a better world for future generations.



9JB1 Prayer

We pray today for this beautiful planet.
Help us to protect the natural world that
we inhabit from harm and to preserve its
splendour for future generations.

Man-made pollution is destroying our
world, threatening the lives of the most
vulnerable communities.

Every day we have the opportunity to
do something positive to improve our
world.

We need to make the right choices.

Guide us.

Amen

8J11 Prayer

Dear Lord, we pray for our brother and
sisters who are struggling to deal with
climate change.

We pray that they are able to get the
support that they need.

We pray that those who are more
fortunate will hear the calling to help
those who are less fortunate.

We pray that together we can make a
difference and help to save our planet
and make the Earth a safe place for
future generations to live.

Amen

Canon Paul



On 27th June Canon Paul Dowthwaite celebrated his Silver Jubilee at St Joseph's Church.

The mass was attended by students and staff of English Martyrs who prayed for the ministry of Canon Paul.

At this celebration, the community of English Martyrs sang 'Maria of the Lord'.

We ask for the intercessory prayers of Our Blessed Mother for the Priestly service of Canon Paul and all those who serve our Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.

Canon Paul pictured here with his Mother, Father and Brother.

Ad multos annos Canon Paul from the staff and students of English Martyrs!



Feast of Saints Peter & Paul



To celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul our morning began with the celebration of Mass for staff and students.

Our school community fully lived out their faith through making donations to St Aidan's food bank and also walking the trail of St Peter and Paul in St Francis' Garden.

Mr McCartie and the SEND department worked together to create feet and hearts which shared the dreams and ambitions of our students. These were placed as a trail throughout St Francis' Garden and as students walked the trail, we prayed for each member of our school community that their dream and aspirations for the future are fulfilled through the intercession of Saints Peter and Paul.



You can watch our trail by scanning the QR Code:



Faith Leaders



On 10th July Mr Gardner Trust Head of Catholic Life joined Mr McCartie to install our newly appointed Faith Leaders. Each leader was presented with a badge and signed their names on the leaders as a pledge of their ministry within our school community.

Next academic, faith leaders will be working collaboratively with staff and students in developing the Catholic Life of the school.

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle



English Martyrs were delighted to attend and celebrate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral for the intentions of students and staff within our diocese.

On Wednesday 19th July Bishop Stephen Wright will be installed as the fifteenth Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle.

We ask for the prayers of St Cuthbert to bless Bishop Stephen as he begins his new ministry.



Collective Worship

'EACH OF YOU RECEIVED A SPIRITUAL GIFT. GOD HAS SHOWN YOU HIS GRACE IN GIVING YOU DIFFERENT GIFTS. AND YOU ARE LIKE SERVANTS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR USING GOD'S GIFTS. SO BE GOOD SERVANTS AND USE YOUR GIFTS TO SERVE EACH OTHER.' 1 PETER 4:10

Thursday 20th July 2023
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Sign of the Cross and Gather

Today we give thanks for a year of hard work.
We pray for God's protection in the holidays.

We go forth

*At the end of this school year we give thanks to God:
For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school,
both in and out of the classroom.
For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that
have been faced;
For the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have been
healed;
For the respect and care that has been given.
We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those
that have grown. For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles,
For the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days
And for the love that has kept us going.
We give thanks for the community that we are, and we ask you Lord -
Bless our families as we take our holidays, may our time together
leave us with memories to cherish.
Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to
continue our journey together.
We make this prayer through Christ
our Lord.
Amen*

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

Our day starts with prayer where we as a faith community come together to in the presence of God. Each morning we are challenged to live out the Gospel values.



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

Students of English Martyrs have demonstrated wonderful pupil led liturgies within their form communities.

Christ Lives in Me!



The Pastoral Theme that will guide our prayer and action during the Academic Year 2023/24 is 'Christ Lives in Me.'

'It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. This life that I live now, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave his life for me.'
Galatians 2:20

As we journey together throughout the academic year, we pray that we may become more aware of Christ who lives in us, and share His Light and Life with all we meet!

Each week we will be fed by the Gospel used at Sunday Mass. Our reflections will link to our Trust virtues and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, and how we might put into practice Jesus' command to 'live life to the full.'
(John 10:10)

A Prayer for Students

Dear Lord,

We pray for the students of English Martyrs as they embark on their summer holidays.

As they step away from their studies and embrace this time of rest and rejuvenation, we pray that you bless them with joy, peace, and meaningful experiences. May their summer be filled with moments of laughter, friendship, and exploration.

Grant them the strength and motivation to continue nurturing their love for learning during this break. Inspire them to delve into books, engage in creative activities, and broaden their horizons through new experiences. Help them to discover the beauty of the world around them and to find inspiration in unexpected places.

Guide them towards activities that will develop their character, foster their talents, and ignite their passions. May this time away from the classroom be a period of growth, self-reflection, and personal development.

We ask for your protection over each student, keeping them safe from harm and danger throughout their summer adventures. Surround them with loving family and friends who will support and encourage them during this time away from school.

We pray that when the new school year begins, they return refreshed, energised, and ready to embrace new challenges.

Amen.

English Martyrs, Pray for us.

