

ADVENT 2017

Week One:

The first candle is lit and the prayer for the first week is said.

Stir up thy might, we beg thee, O Lord and come, so we may escape through thy protection and be saved by thy help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.



ATTENDANCE

House	10.11.2017	3.11.2017
Allen	95.0%	95.9%
Hinsley	94.0%	94.6%
Manning	92.5%	93.7%
Newman	91.2%	93.3%
Vaughan	91.1%	93.9%
Wiseman	95.3%	96.1%
Whole School	93.3%	94.6%



THE GRIFFIN

Cardinal Griffin Catholic College

Ad majorem Dei gloriam

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COLLEGE PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Morning Prayer

Lord, teach me to be generous:
to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost;
to fight and not to heed the wounds;
to toil and not to seek to rest;
to labour and to ask for any reward
save that of knowing I do your will.
Amen

Evening Prayer

May the Lord support us
all the day long,
till the shadows lengthen,
and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then, in his mercy,
may he give us
a safe lodging,
a holy rest,
and peace at last.
Amen

Weekly Prayer

Lord God, our light and our salvation,
we praise you for your gifts of life and faith.
We thank for the desire that you have planted in our hearts,
our yearning to see your face.
Help us to meet you in prayer,
to walk in your ways,
and to speak to others of our joy and consolation in your presence.
Give us faithfulness in this present life,
so that we may come to know and praise your beauty,
with all our brothers and sisters
in the life to come.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen

CAFOD

Just one world

This Advent, the students have been given a fundraising challenge to raise as much money as possible for CAFOD World Gifts. World Gifts are CAFOD's alternative charity that transform lives. Each form group throughout the college have a target of raising £28 to purchase a goat to support communities in Ethiopia. They can be a perfect Christmas gift that keeps giving.

By choosing an animal gift for Christmas this year our students will be making a real difference for farmers and their families. CAFOD provide training to vets that care for the animals to ensure a healthy lifestyle.

Please visit the CAFOD World Gifts website for life-changing stories and information on how you at home can make donations.



CARDINAL GRIFFIN'S DONATION TO THE COMMUNITY

During the month of October, all students were involved with the Trussell Trust campaign. With all your generosity and compassion shown, we were able to donate over 900 items to our local foodbank. A huge thank you to all of the families that took part.



OUR PARISH CHURCHES

St Mary's & St Thomas More

Rev Fr Peter Weatherby
<http://www.cannockcatholic.org>
07766 335591

Our Lady of Lourdes

Rev Fr Jeremy Howard
<http://www.ourladyhednesford.com>
01543 422576

St Joseph's, Burntwood

Rev Fr Paul Haines
<http://www.stjosburntwood.co.uk/>
01543 686266

St Joseph & St Etheldreda, Rugeley

Rev Fr Peter Stonier
<http://www.rugeleycatholicchurch.co.uk/>
01889 802531

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 3rd December 2017	1st Sunday of Advent
Monday 4th December 2017	St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church
Tuesday 5th December 2017	Weekday of Advent
Wednesday 6th December 2017	St Nicholas, Bishop
Thursday 7th December 2017	St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Friday 8th December 2017	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday 9th December 2017	St Juan Diego Cuahhtlatotzin

LAY CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

AmDg

This Sunday marks the first Sunday of Advent. It's the Church's new year; happy new year to you all! Advent is the time when we prepare for Christmas. Time for you to prepare by opening the doors on your Advent calendar. The story behind the first door will be about the Angel Gabriel, visiting a young Mary and announcing that she is to be the Mother of God.

God bless

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This year's Embrace took place on Saturday 25 November 2017 which was the Feast of Christ the King and National Youth Weekend. The theme this year was CALLED based on the Gospel of the day, Matthew 25:34, 'Come you whom my Father has blessed'.

Embrace, now in its third year, is an exciting one-day conference for young Catholics in the heart of Liverpool with Praise & Worship, Mass, Adoration, great talks and fantastic

workshops. The following students represented CGCC at Embrace, were, Cameron Wills, Layla Bate, Molly Cooper, Morna Doyle, Sorcha Doyle, Madeleine Coley, Emily Brown and Olivia Beardon. Our students were up bright and early to catch the 8.15am train and then spent a day with over 1500 other youngsters (and myself, Mrs Lyonette and Mr Doyle) in celebration, singing and prayer, returning exhausted but uplifted at 8.00pm.

All of our students were great ambassadors, not only for the College but for Catholic education and the CGCC banner was held high with pride during the Mass procession!!!

We plan to go again next year and are welcoming anyone who wants to join us.

Embrace Liverpool Catholic Youth Conferences are organised by young people for young people to show that the Church is alive! Such events give people a chance to deepen and learn about their faith and network with likeminded people. Annual conferences take place in Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral.



Little Princess Trust

A charity to provide real hair wigs for children suffering hair loss



On Friday 24 November Mollie-May McMurray decided to brave the hairdressers and have her beautiful long hair cut short all for a very worthy cause. Mollie-May wanted to donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust, a charity that provides real hair wigs free of charge to children and young adults up to the age of 24, who have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses. The Little Princess Trust was launched in 2006 by the parents of Hannah Tarplee, along with help from friends and from Hannah's school, Hereford Cathedral Junior School. Hannah was the original Little Princess. Sadly she was diagnosed with having a Wilms tumour and after a brave

battle, died in 2005. Everyone here a CGCC are so proud of Mollie-May of her fundraising for the trust and more importantly, the awareness of the young people that suffer hair loss through illnesses. Well done Mollie-May!

A Prayer for sick children: St. Gerard, who, like the Saviour, loved children so tenderly and by your prayers freed many from disease and even death, listen to us who are pleading for our sick child. We thank God for the great gift of our son/daughter and ask Him to restore our child to health if such be His holy will. This favour, we beg of you through your love for all children and mothers. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

The Griffin Mass:

On Sunday 26th November representatives from the college took part in the Mass at St Mary's, Cannock. Sunday was the feast day of Christ the King as well as celebrating Youth Ministry. The Liturgy and Worship Group led the music while members from Rudiments, Figures and Syntax ran the Liturgy of the Word. Nyasha Exton spoke to the parishioners about her spiritual experience at Lourdes. At the beginning of Mass Alice Brett-Dunning from Syntax introduced the Griffin Mass by sharing the experience of Ignatian Education within the college. The Mass was well attended by local parishioners, governors and members of the teaching staff.

Father Peter's Homily was about turning our faith into action...

"And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

COLLEGE CALENDAR

5th December 2017 Rhetoric (Year 13)
Parents' Evening
6th December 2017 **Christmas Concert**
7th December 2017 CCHS Open Evening
18:00 ~21:00
7th December 2017 Christmas Dinner for
Pupils ~ £2.25
8th December 2017 Senior Citizen Party

13:00hrs ~15:00hrs

COLLEGE SPORTS FIXTURES

Football
5th December 2017 Rudiments Boys finals(A)
Rugby
5th December 2017 Figures v Chase Terrace(H)
7th December 2017 Lower Grammar v Chase T
Netball
6th December 2017 Upper / Lower Grammar v
Cheslyn Hay (A)

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