

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have received notice from Western Power Distribution informing us that there will be major road works on the Stafford Road starting from the Cannock Town end and working up towards and past Cardinal Griffin Catholic College. The work starts on Monday 3rd July 2017 and will last for 10 weeks. There will be temporary traffic lights at stages through the work.

We will be monitoring the impact of the roadworks at the start and end of the College day.



ATTENDANCE

House	16.6.2017	9.6.2017
Allen	96.6%	96.0%
Hinsley	95.3%	94.4%
Manning	92.3%	91.4%
Newman	93.6%	91.9%
Vaughan	95.5%	92.7%
Wiseman	95.4%	92.9%
Whole School	94.8%	93.3%



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Ad majorem Dei gloriam

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COLLEGE PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Morning Prayer

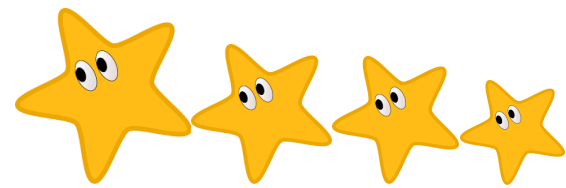
Lord, teach me to be generous:
to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the
cost;
to fight and not to heed the
wounds;
to toil and not to seek to rest;
to labour and to ask for no
reward
save that of knowing I do your
will.
Amen

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

My God is so powerful;
he made the skies and
oceans;
he made the mountains and
the stars.
My God is so faithful;
he loves me ALL the time,
and he always keeps his
promises.
My God is so wonderful;
he blesses me with family
and friends,
and he always knows what's
best for me.
Thank you God!
Amen.



This week's Star Readers

Rudiments: Harrison Hedge
Books included: The Tar man
Words Read: 127,082

Figures: Jessica Moseley
Book: Hollow City
Words Read: 208,749

New Librarians



Welcome to Catherine Woolaston and Holly Dale, who have just joined our team of Librarians!

PERFORMING ARTS



Forthcoming Talent Showcase

Come and join us towards the end of term, for an evening of entertainment celebrating the success and talents of our current pupils. The evening will feature highlights from our College show 'Bugsy Malone', performances by instrumentalists, who have been fantastically successful this year in Associated Board Examinations, A level, BTEC, GCSE Music and Drama Performances. As well as a brief taster of what we have in store for the next academic year.

Mrs Burrowes, Mrs Davies, Miss Blewitt, Mr Omer, Mr Stringer

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 25 June 2017	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 26 June 2017	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday 27 June 2017	St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Wednesday 28 June 2017	St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr
Thursday 29 June 2017	Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles
Friday 30 June 2017	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Saturday 1 July 2017	Oliver Plunket, Bishop, Martyr (E)

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 Philip Newbold
<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

LAY CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

AmDg

The gift of peace was the risen Christ's blessing to the Apostles. The gift of peace is something we pray for most for those living with illnesses of the body or mind.

The gift of peace is an occasional glimpse of the joy of heaven to help us on this earthly journey.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen.

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



End of year Mass and Sports Day

On Thursday of next week, we will have the end of year Mass at the College. The whole community will gather in the Sports Hall for Mass which is being celebrated by Bishop David McGough along with Father Peter Weatherby from the Parish of St Mary's and St Thomas More Cannock, and Father Peter Stonier from St Joseph and St Etheldreda, Rugeley. The Mass falls on the feast day of St Peter and St Paul, the two great pillars of the Church. College will end at 13:30hrs on the day and pupils will be permitted to go home. The college buses have been informed. If there are pupils who cannot be collected, please notify the college and we will supervise the pupils until 16:00hrs.

Mr Weaver and the PE Department have been organising Sports Day and we are looking forward to the College's twelfth Sports Day. Pupils should arrive in College in their PE Uniform. The College will finish at the normal time for Friday at 14:40hrs.

Congratulations to the Pupils

The weather over the last week has been challenging to say the least, however the pupils have responded well to the demands. We have had very few incidents of having to address pupils over their dress code and they have been sensible in terms of carrying their blazers around the college. We encourage pupils to bring plastic bottles for water although we do not allow sugar based drinks. The good news is that the hot weather appears to be breaking!!

The Syntax pupils have virtually completed all their GCSE's and Mr Duffy has been delighted with the large numbers who attended the 07:30hr revision sessions. For the pupils, many have commented on how the final revision session bore a close resemblance to the questions on the exam, so well done to all the teachers!!

Matthew Gallear

Congratulations to Matthew Gallear who has been selected to represent Staffordshire County Cricket at U14. This is the third year in a row that Matthew has represented the county at cricket and we wish him a successful season.

Polly Porter

Polly has been offered a place with the English Youth Ballet and will be performing in September at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre. She will be in the ballet's productions of Ballet Etudes and Nutcracker Suite on 29th and 30th September 2017.

There will be a College trip to see these productions. Further details from Mrs Burrowes.

COLLEGE CALENDAR		COLLEGE SPORTS FIXTURES	
26th June 2017	4:1 Split Starts Poetry/Rhetoric Transition New Rudiment's Parents Evening (18.30~19.30hrs)	Football 27th June 2017	Figures, Rudiments Lower Grammar and Upper Grammar Girls 7-a-side (Home)
29th June 2017	Whole College Mass	Cricket 27th June 2016	Upper Grammar v Cheslyn Hay (Home)
30th June 2017	Sports Day		
5~7th July 2017	Bushcraft Trip Lower Grammar		
6th July 2017	Rhetoric Prom		

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Behaviour

Over the last week, I have had to deal with an incident that does not reflect well on the College.

It involves those who collect pupils and students at the end of the day. Cars are often parked in front of the drives of our neighbours on Westbourne Road. On one occasion last week, when this driver was challenged by the house owners, the response was unacceptable. The College works hard to live in peace with our neighbours, however there are a small minority of drivers who believe that they are entitled to break the by-way laws for their convenience.

Cannock Chase Leisure Centre allows those collecting pupils and students at the end of the day to wait in their car park, there is ample parking. I would remind all those who collect children at the end of college of their responsibilities. I am inviting Traffic Enforcement Officers to visit the College at the end of the day over the next two weeks to re-enforce this message. I have informed them that all those collecting pupils have been warned of this action and that they should respond accordingly.

United Arab Emirates: Mosque named after Our Lady

Following the three recent events in London of the attacks at Finsbury Park Mosque, London Bridge, and Borough Market, it is worth reminding ourselves that there are millions more Christians and Muslims who are working and praying together than there are of the small minority who seek to divide us. We pray for all the peace makers in the Christian and Muslim communities.

I saw an article that lifted my heart after the dreadful news that we have experienced of late.

A leading mosque in the United Arab Emirates has been renamed after Our Lady. The mosque in Abu Dhabi, was renamed last week as the Maryam Umm Issa (Mary, Mother of Jesus Mosque), a decision taken by the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed. Previously it was named after him. The mosque is immediately adjacent to the Catholic Cathedral, the Anglican Church and the Coptic Orthodox Cathedral in Abu Dhabi.

Lord Alton of Liverpool has praised the decision. "The renaming of the mosque is powerful evidence of the commitment of the United Arab Emirates to the principles of religious tolerance." he told the Emirates News Agency, WAM.

"The Virgin Mary is of enormous importance in the beliefs of both Christians and Muslims, while Jesus is, of course, highly respected as a prophet in Islam," Lord Alton said.

"At a time when enormous intolerance to Christianity and Christians is to be found across much of the Middle East, this decision by HH Sheikh Mohamed is particularly welcome," he said.

Girls' Skirts

The following stock is now available:

Uniform Plus ~ Burntwood Grey and Tartan Checked Pleated Skirts ~ all sizes.

Crested School Wear ~ Cannock Tartan Checked Pleated Skirts ~ all sizes.
(Grey Pleated Skirts will be in stock July 2017).

Clive Marks ~ Walsall Grey and Tartan Checked Pleated Skirts ~ all sizes.

All the Uniform Shops have been advised of the appropriate length (to the knee) and that by 2018, only the Tartan Check Pleated Skirt must be sold for Cardinal Griffin Catholic College.