

## LOST PROPERTY



At present we seem to have collected rather a large amount of lost property, please pop along to reprographics if you have any lost items.



House	28.4.2017	7.4.2017
Allen	92.8%	93.3%
Hinsley	96.2%	94.7%
Manning	91.0%	93.1%
Newman	95.3%	95.8%
Vaughan	94.3%	94.6%
Wiseman	96.3%	95.9%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>94.3%</b>	<b>94.1%</b>



# THE GRIFFIN

## Cardinal Griffin Catholic College

*Ad majorem Dei gloriam*

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### COLLEGE PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

#### Morning Prayer

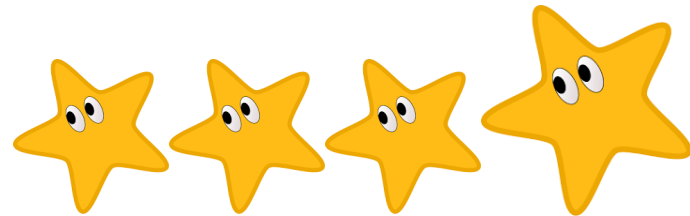
Lord, teach me to be generous:  
to serve you as you deserve;  
to give and not to count the cost;  
to fight and not to heed the wounds;  
to toil and not to seek to rest;  
to labour and to ask for no reward  
save that of knowing I do your will.  
Amen

#### 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

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
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

### Congratulations!!!

To the pupils below who have reached their  
Book Point Targets - WELL DONE

Alexia Mario  
Lewis McKinnon

Harrison Hedge  
Oakomara Rankine

### CLAN NA GAEL



On Wednesday 26 April Clan na gael took part in workshops led by myself and Mr Omer with Anne-Marie Beaumont and her Third year BMus students. Our musicians were, as ever, a credit to our College and performed with a professionalism beyond their years. We worked on traditional Irish music as well as contemporary and ended our visit with a recital in the fabulous Performance Hub. A brilliant day of music making, performing and working with professional musicians, recording engineers and lecturers.

Well done everyone!

### OUR PARISH CHURCHES

**St Mary's & St Thomas More**  
Rev Fr Peter Weatherby  
<http://www.cannockcatholic.org>  
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**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
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Rev Fr Paul Haines  
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**St Joseph & St Etheldreda, Rugeley**  
Rev Fr Peter Stonier  
<http://www.rugeleycatholicchurch.co.uk/>  
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### CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>Sunday 7 May 2017</b>	Weekday of Easter
<b>Monday 8 May 2017</b>	4th Sunday of Easter
<b>Tuesday 9 May 2017</b>	Weekday of Easter
<b>Wednesday 10 May 2017</b>	Weekday of Easter
<b>Thursday 11 May 2017</b>	Weekday of Easter
<b>Friday 12 May 2017</b>	Ss Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St Pancras, Martyr
<b>Saturday 13 May 2017</b>	Our Lady of Fatima

### LAY CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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The Gift of Life: Life is truly a precious gift. We value life, protect it and cherish it, from the cradle to the grave. However, in Christ, life doesn't mean merely existing. Rather, life means being fully human. Life is about having a living relationship with God and experiencing all that God intends for us as children of the Father. (John 10:10).

The key to knowing God's life in us is the Holy Spirit, which we received in its fullness at Baptism, in which we were strengthened at our Confirmation.

The Holy Spirit is a pledge, guaranteeing our inheritance, to the praise of God's glory. (Ephesians 1:14).

Thank you~~Javier~~

**HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE****Easter Mass**

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April, pupils in Rudiments, Figures, Poetry, and Rhetoric went to St Mary and St Thomas More Catholic Church to celebrate Easter with our college chaplain Father Peter Weatherby. The pupils and students walked the mile down from the college and managed to fill the church. In the words of a famous BBC war correspondent during the Falkland War when reporting on the flight deck of the Ark Royal aircraft carrier – "I counted them all out and counted them in."

The Mass was a wonderful occasion. The college Worship and Liturgy group lead the congregation in the singing and pupils and students from each of the years completed the readings. A number of the regular congregation of the church have contacted me to say how impressed they were with the behaviour and attitude of our students both in church and on their way to and from the college. The pupils were outstanding ambassadors.



I would also like to thank our lay chaplain, Javier Gonzalez-Fritz and all the teaching and support staff who were present and the Mass and helped escort the pupils to the church. This is the first time that we have used the church for such an occasion and Father Peter has invited the college back. We will be looking at the college calendar for the coming year to see how we can maintain the presence of the college at our parochial church.

**Celebrate**

The Catholic charismatic family conference CELEBRATE is coming to Birmingham for the first time. With lively talks, workshops, theatre, worship and liturgy, this weekend conference at Oscott College on **1-2 July**, has something for the whole family.

CELEBRATE Weekend works well for families because everyone whatever age is able to take part fully in the weekend. All ages focus on theme and families continue to share with each other after the conference. We believe that our children and young people are not just the church of the future; they are very much the church now, today. Our aim is to enable them to engage with the theme, to explore and share their faith with each other and everyone else at the conference.

**COLLEGE CALENDAR**

**3 ~5 May 2017** Rudiment Bush craft  
**9 May 2017** AS German Exam  
**15 May 2017** HPV Vaccinations  
**18 May 2017** Syntax Leavers Mass

**COLLEGE SPORTS FIXTURES**

**Basketball**  
**9 May 2017** Figures Tournament ~ SUA  
**Athletics**  
**11 May 2017** Lower Grammar & Upper Grammar ~ Aldersley Stadium

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A notable feature of these conferences are the 'streams' that provide exciting and relevant activities for young people of all age groups, freeing their parents to enjoy the conference. There will be a crèche for parents to take children who are not yet in school. The children will be in groups as follows

Creche:	Children under Reception age.
Little fishes:	Reception Year 1 & 2
Bright Lights:	Year 3 & 4
Living Waters:	Year 5 & 6
Ignite:	Year 7 & 8
Chosen	Year 9 & 10
Revelation	Year 11, 12, 13

At the closing Mass, the stream will lead the conference in helping all to reflect on the readings and they will lead us in prayer and worship. Leaflets and posters are available from the college office and from our Lay Chaplain, Javier.

**Migrants, refugees and asylum seekers**

As members of Cardinal Griffin Catholic College, one of our roles is to support the Society of Jesus within the world today. The Jesuits are currently supporting migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in several places around the world.

There are now 78 million people classed as refugees who are fleeing their homes due to war, famine or other catastrophes and there are 244 million migrants who are seeking a better life. According to the United Nations, this movement represents the greatest human movement since the Second World War.

Pope Francis, who is himself is a Jesuit directly line manages the Migrant and Refugees Directorate in the Vatican. However, unlike many leaders who have presented migrants, refugees and asylum seekers as a problem, Pope Frances believes that although there are certainly challenges, there are also great opportunities. He has called for "prophetic and bold gestures". Speaking to American bishops he stated that there were four verbs and actions that he would expect of the Catholic church and its institution, including schools:

- To welcome.
- To protect.
- To integrate.
- To seek opportunities.

Forty five years ago, 27,000 Ugandan Asians were expelled from Uganda by the then dictator Idi Amin. They were permitted to take only one suit case per person and no cash. Their story is a remarkable story of triumph, those penniless refugees became Britain's most successful immigrant community. From arriving with only the clothes on their backs, Ugandan Asians have risen to the top in all walks of British life.

On the way they had to defy warnings that there was no space for them in crowded Britain. It is a debate that continues today. But for some campaigners the successes of the Ugandan Asians over the past 30 years sends the opposite message: immigrants represent opportunity, not a threat.

As a group, they contribute through their tax payments, the greatest amount compared to any other group in the UK to the common exchequer that pays for our schools, hospitals, and housing.

Our own experience in the college has been that the children who have joined the college as a consequence of their experience as migrants, refugees and asylum seekers have contributed a great deal to our life and experiences.