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Catholic Life at St Cuthbert's **AUTUMN TERM 2016**

As promised (in our parental feedback from our Catholic Life Questionnaire last term) here is our first 'Catholic Life at St Cuthbert's' newsletter.

KS2 CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

The parish community, Father Jim, parents, children and staff joined together for our 'Christingle' service in school on 22nd November 2016. It was a calm, peaceful and reflective way to start our Advent journey towards Christmas and remind ourselves what we are waiting for during this special liturgical season.

This is probably best summed up by the feedback from parents and parish members;

'a peaceful, beautiful service which was really enjoyable'

'The Christingle service was a lovely time to reflect with the children...'

'As a parent it was beautiful to watch the Christingle service at school. All the children enjoyed singing the hymns...'

'Really enjoyed the Christingle service. All the children sang lovely and were very well behaved... a pleased parent from Class 6!'



The School Choir joined the Parish community on 8th December to sing festive songs during their coffee afternoon for Christmas. Mrs Craig and the children sang beautifully and fun was had by all!

KS1 ADVENT LITURGY

KS1 held an Advent Liturgy in school. Parish, parents, children and staff gathered together to mark the start of this special liturgical season as we wait patiently for the coming of Christ on Christmas Day.

Parents had lots of lovely feedback about the liturgy;

'The children are the future of our Church - Lovely. Praise the Lord'

'The Advent liturgy was lovely - the children showed understanding of Advent.'

KS1 NATIVITY

KS1 Nativity was well attended by parents - the children shared the true meaning of Christmas.



KS2 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

KS2 displayed their many talents during their Christmas production at St Cuthbert's Church - our budding brass instrument players gave the audience a real treat!

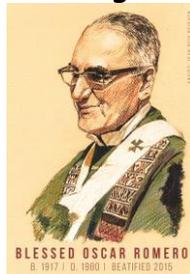


YEAR OF OSCAR ROMERO - 1st JANUARY 2017 TO 31st DECEMBER 2017

In school and as a Diocese we are celebrating the life of Oscar Romero during 2017. Oscar Romero was Archbishop of San Salvador. He was assassinated on Monday March 24th 1980 as he was celebrating Mass in the chapel of the Divine Providence cancer hospital where he lived. Thirty five years later, he was declared a martyr of the Church, killed out of hatred of the faith, and was beatified on May 23rd 2015. He gave his life speaking out for the poor, needy and suffering. His actions remain an inspiration to millions across the World who work for justice, peace and reconciliation.

From 1st February each class will have a faith bag linked to Oscar Romero. Each month we will be focussing on a different aspect linked to Oscar Romero. Every child will have the opportunity to bring home the 'Oscar Romero' bag to share at home with you.

During January we are introducing ourselves to his life and work.



We are asking children to research Oscar Romero as a home learning project. Any research, pictures, writing, artwork etc. that your child can do at home will be welcomed into school to add to our floor book on Oscar Romero which we are compiling this year.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs J Wilson