

Liturgical Year at St Richard Reynolds Primary School

Welcome Mass

Each September in the College we have a Welcome Mass for our Reception, Year 7 and 12 pupils. This is an opportunity to welcome families to our community and pray for the pupils as they start the next stage of their educational journey. In September 2021 Bishop Sherrington blessed two benches in memory of Nerea Whitmore and Christine Brett which now sit in our prayer garden. Bishop Sherrington also officially opened the Sir Harold Hood's Auditorium and commissioned our Student parliamentarians.



Harvest Liturgy

Our Mini Vinnies lead a liturgy in October to show our care for creation and support the Cafod Family Fast day appeals. In October 2021 Primary wore a green accessory to support communities around the world who are protecting the planet. We also continued to put our faith into action and supported Richmond Foodbank.



Remembrance Liturgy

We gather together on Remembrance Day each year for prayer and reflection as we listen to the Bugle playing The Last Post before holding a two minute silence. Throughout the month of November our children write about their loved ones in our Remembrance book, giving us the opportunity to pray for the souls of the departed. Last year our Mini-Vinnies also sold Remembrance day items and raised £262.00 to The Royal British Legion.



Advent Liturgy/Mass

At the start of Advent each year we gather together for a Mass or Liturgy to reflect on how we can inwardly and outwardly prepare to receive Jesus. Last year Year 5 led our Advent Liturgy and lit the first candle on our wreath which represents HOPE. During the Advent season there is daily prayer and reflection in the Chapel before school. Our pupils, staff and parents are all invited.



Nativity Play

Each year our Reception and KS1 classes join together to perform a Nativity play. Last year Reception, Year 1 and 2 children revealed the true meaning of Christmas through their nativity play 'The Bossy King'. During the nativity the bossy king changed his ways when he finally got to meet baby Jesus. The children sang beautifully as they retold the special story and helped us to reflect on how we can welcome Jesus into our lives.



Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carols

Our children put their faith into action during the Advent season and prepare a performance for parents or a community event to raise money for charity. Last year the children sang magnificently and certainly got everyone in the festive spirit with their Christmas accessories. The performance raised an impressive £132 for St Vincent De Paul's Christmas appeal to help those who are struggling with loneliness, poverty or hardship at Christmas.



Year 5 and 6 Carol Service

We were very grateful to Fr Ulick for allowing us to hold our Carol service at St James's church each year. Through the readings and Carols Year 5, 6 and our choirs help us to reflect and consider how we can prepare ourselves to receive Jesus. Parents and guardians are invited to join us for this special time of worship. Last year we gathered together in the third week of Advent and this was certainly a time to be joyful.



Epiphany Mass/Liturgy

Each year we gather together as a whole College on the Solemnity of the Epiphany to celebrate the arrival of the Magi.



Ash Wednesday Mass

Each year the Whole College gathers together for Ash Wednesday Mass and receives Ashes. This year Canon Newby celebrated the Mass to mark the start of our Lenten season.



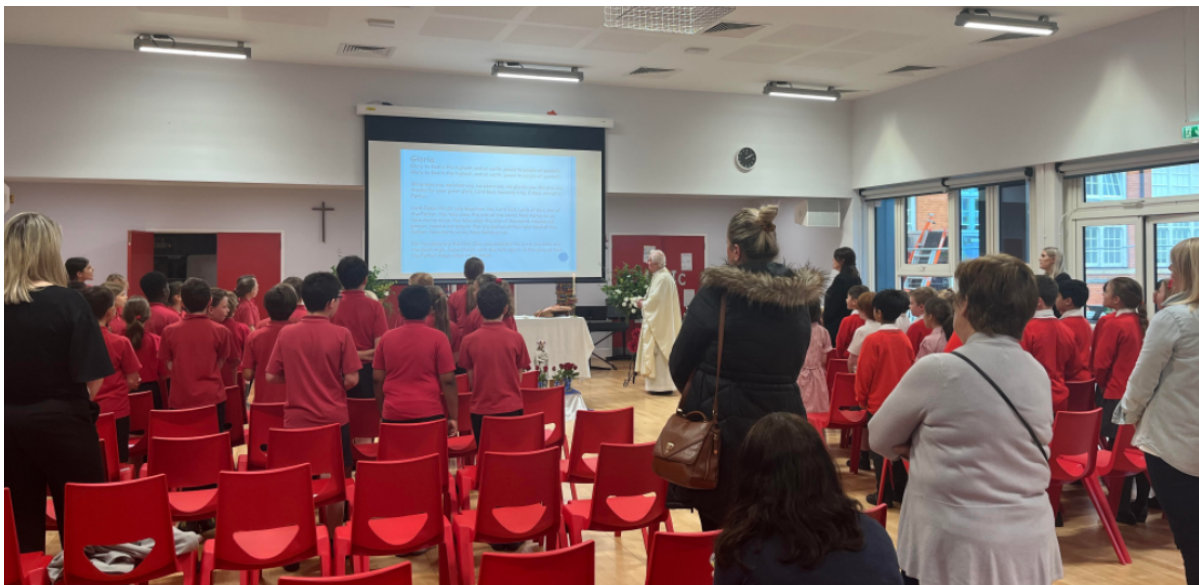
Passion Play

Each year our Year 3 and 4 classes share their Passion Play with the community. The Passion Play depicts the trial, suffering and death of Jesus Christ. Last year both classes displayed incredible talent in singing, dancing and acting during this unforgettable performance and ensured no one would forget the important message during this special time of the year.



Mary Mass

Each year our Year 4 and 5 prepare a special Mass to celebrate the crowning of Our Blessed Lady. Last year Father Rod from St Mary's University joined us in The Crowning of Mary during the month of May. In the procession our statue of Mary was crowned with a crown of flowers honouring her as "the Queen of May".



Class Liturgies

Throughout the year each class leads the school and parents in a special Liturgy linked to a theme. This year each of our Liturgies will be linked to our Catholic Social Teaching Principles.



Feast of Corpus Christi

Year 5 joined Mrs Walker, our College Chaplain, in the Chapel for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Many wrote their own prayers and shared them as part of this worship. In the afternoon, Peter House led us in a class liturgy. A special mention to Isla and Saskia who created puzzles of the symbols of Corpus Christi for their class to make and then discuss their symbolism. It is so very wonderful to see students leading their peers in such a joyful and prayerful way.



Feast Day of St Richard Reynolds

On 4th May each year we celebrate the Feast day of St Richard Reynolds with a special Mass. Throughout the month celebrations take place with music concerts and a College 'sing off' competition. Last year Fr Matt Kuczora celebrated our Feast Day Mass. He is currently studying law at Notre Dame University in the United States and came to London to study in the internship.



Pentecost Liturgy

Our RE ambassadors and High School Reps Team attended a Pentecost Liturgy on the theme of Racial Justice at Westminster Cathedral, along with other schools from across the Diocese. This was a very special event, as it allowed everyone to gather together again as a Diocese after such a long time apart in worship and praise for a very important cause.



Year 5 Pentecost Liturgy

Celebrating First Holy Communion

Each year after the children have received the Sacrament in their Parishes we gather together for a special First Holy Communion Mass. We invite families to join us for this special occasion. Last year Father John Byrne from St Lawrence's celebrated the Mass with our Year 3 children.



Retreat Programme

Throughout the year our Chaplain organises a retreat programme in the College. Our Year 5 class take part in an annual residential retreat to reflect on their faith and on themselves as a child of God. A retreat allows the children to step back from their normal routines and evaluate their relationship with God. The children also develop strong connections with their peers and teachers.



St Peter and St Paul's Whole Feast Day Mass

Each year we gather together as a College to celebrate the Feast day of St Peter and St Paul. Last year Father Carlo Mazzotta presided on the Feast day Mass. It was so joyous to see all our pupils in one place and reflecting on the importance of these Saints in our lives today.



Year 6 Thanksgiving Mass

Each year we have a Mass of thanksgiving for our Year 6 class. A majority of our children continue their journey into Year 7 at the College. This provides us with an opportunity to give thanks for the contributions they have made to the Primary School and pray for them as they embark on their next chapter. Last year Fr Philip Dyer-Perry celebrated the Mass and gave thanks to God for our Yr 6 pupils, their teachers and all those who have nurtured them throughout their time at school.



Whole College end of Year Liturgy

Primary and Year 7 gathered together as a school community to celebrate the school year and to recognise accomplishments and all things to be grateful for.

