



St Margaret Ward Autumn Term

Chaplaincy

Commissioning Mass

2023:

In September, we visited St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham, to attend the Archdiocesan Chaplaincy Commissioning Mass. This was a special Mass celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, the Archbishop of Birmingham, to celebrate the work of Chaplaincy in our Catholic Schools across the



Archdiocese. Music was led by Jo Boyce and there was a special moment where staff and students made a commitment to serving their schools through the work of Chaplaincy. Our Lasallian Ambassadors were excellent role models and we look forward to seeing them getting stuck in to the work of Chaplaincy across the school year.

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Combined Schools Mass 2023:

Every year in October, all the schools across the North Staffs Deanery gather together for the Combined Schools Mass. It is a great occasion to see all the schools from across the Newman Collegiate and beyond together to celebrate our Catholic faith together.

This special Mass was celebrated by Canon Paul McNally, the new Episcopal Vicar for our area, in place of Bishop Stephen Wright, who has since



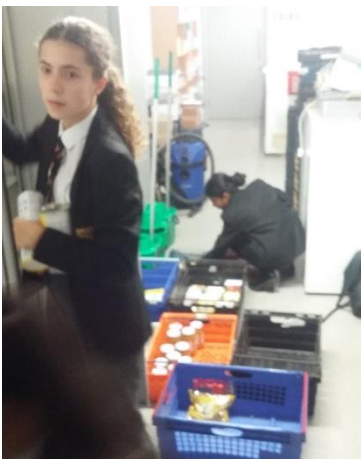
been appointed as Bishop for the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle



by Pope Francis. Canon McNally spoke of the call each of us receives from Jesus to follow him, in our daily lives and the commitment we can make in following Jesus. As well as giving the young people a great example of someone who did this at a young age, Blessed Carlo Acutis.

Lasallian Ambassadors help with Food parcels:

This November, members of our chaplaincy team helped package Food parcels to be distributed among our community to families who may be in need. They worked really hard to make up boxes, divide items and seal them ready for delivery. It was great to see them working together, working hard and putting our Lasallian value of Concern for the Poor into action, they really exemplified what it means to be a member of our Lasallian Catholic community at St Margaret Ward!



Mock Exam season:

During the month of November our Y11 students are particularly in need of your prayers as they enter into the season of Mock exams, they have been working hard and so please keep them and their teachers in your prayers during this busy time.

Everyone at St Margaret Ward wishes our Collegiate and Parish families a happy Advent and Christmas when it comes!