

Our Lady's High School

Celebrating Our Catholic Ethos

A Message from the Head Teacher



The theme of this year's Catholic Education Week is 'Learning to be Merciful'. Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for our school community to affirm the value of Catholic Education. Our school's vision for excellence is based on Gospel values, and over the last year in Our Lady's High School we have sought to provide our young people with the opportunity to develop their faith, both in a practical and spiritual way. Since I took up my post as Head Teacher almost exactly a year ago, I have been very impressed with the sense of justice, equality and fairness that permeates all aspects of every day life in Our Lady's High School. The work of our staff in supporting our young people, exemplifies the commitment shown by both teachers and pupils in our school. Pope Francis calls on each one of us to be a witness to mercy, to show mercy to others through our words, our gestures and our actions. I hope this newsletter will give you some insight into how we are living our faith in Our Lady's High School.

Danny McNulty, Head Teacher



Mercy Prayed

Prayer is an integral part of our school life. Throughout the school year we have been putting Pope Francis' words into action by praying together at Assemblies, participating in an Advent Reflection and celebrating our school Feast Day with our Chaplain Father McKay.

All year groups have enjoyed retreats led by Net Ministries which provides young people with the opportunity to reflect on their life and relationship with God; others and self.

Mercy Lived

Pope Francis calls on us to show mercy to others which is central to life at Our Lady's High School. The school community is involved in many different fundraising projects to support those who need our help locally and internationally such as the Pensioners' Christmas Party, Malawi, SCIAF, HCPT and SVDP.



Mercy Professed



We learn more about our faith in R.E. classes so that we are confident enough to tell others about what we believe. Pupils in all year groups have learned about the major feasts and seasons of the Church as well as following the Called to Love programme about family and relationships.

All classes in S1/S2 have studied the Miracles and parables of Jesus, and life at the time of Jesus. Senior pupils have enhanced their faith with lessons on the Creed and Mary the Mother of God. All classes have visited the school Oratory for services during the season of Advent.

Teaching to be Merciful

Staff at Our Lady’s High School place a strong emphasis on the development of their own faith which is an intrinsic part of our Catholic ethos. Throughout the year there are many opportunities for staff to develop their own faith; by coming together as a community to celebrate Advent, by embracing the ‘Breaking Open Conferences’ on ‘This Is Our Faith’ and to further their faith journey by working together at a twilight session delivered by the Secondary Religious Education Adviser for the Archdiocese of Glasgow.

The Head Teacher and several Deputes have participated in the Catholic Head Teachers’ Association’s conferences to enable them to continue to support, promote and celebrate the distinctive ethos of Our Lady’s High School.



Mercy Celebrated

In our school we celebrate together as a community of faith on many occasions throughout the school year. On September 8th, our school community came together to celebrate our Patronal Feast Day. S1 and S6 pupils celebrated Mass led by Father McKay and ably assisted by S6 pupils who are working towards their Pope Benedict XVI Caritas Award. All other year groups also celebrated the Feast Day with a service led by pupils and the R.E. Department.

Our school community celebrated St. Andrew’s Day with Mass for S6 pupils which was enhanced with the beautiful choir and their lovely singing. Our Mass of Enrolment for new Primary 7 pupils was a wonderful occasion for all those involved. We were delighted to welcome a great number of parents to this joyful and uplifting celebration.

