

# Cardinal Langley's VOICE

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## Cardinal Langley's Christmas Fundraising



We are amazed, once again, at the school community's generosity as it has been another great term for our fundraising in which we support numerous local charities. Each year we aim to ensure that every child in Middleton receives an Advent calendar, and this year we had a record number of donations - 814 in total! Thank you to everyone who donated a calendar; we have now donated more than 2000 Advent calendars over the last three years.

Alongside our Advent calendar appeal, Form groups have been busy gathering items for our annual hamper collection. Students and staff from across the school gifted a range of goods that were donated to Middleton Foodbank. A huge 475kg of goods were collected, meaning over 1100 meals can be provided for families most in need at this time of year. The Foodbank pass on their thanks and are ever-**grateful for the school community's generosity.**

Finally, in the run up to Remembrance Day, Form groups wrote Prayers for Peace and raised funds for the Royal British Legion. An array of crafted chocolate, knitted and acrylic poppies were sold, with a grand total of £485.14 being raised. Cardinal Langley is very proud to support all of these charities, and it is only made possible by all of our families who donate so generously. Thank you for all your efforts and continued support.



## Exploring Rome

As part of Cardinal Langley's 60<sup>th</sup> Celebrations and the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Jean Baptiste De La Salle, staff and students set off on an unforgettable trip to Rome, where they were welcomed at the home of the Brothers - Casa La Salle. **The trip aimed to increase student's understanding about the work of the De La Salle Brothers whilst giving them the opportunity to experience Italian culture in Rome.**

Turn over to find out more about the trip, as written by one of our students, Josef.



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## A Trip to Remember - ROME!

In November, 15 students went on a school trip to Rome where we were kindly accepted into the **Brothers' house**.

On the first day, we arrived at Manchester Airport at 6.30am and flew into Rome for 12.30pm. **We arrived at the Brothers' House** and were warmly accepted by Brother Aidan. Shortly after, we hopped onto the metro and made our way to the centre of Rome. We visited many sights, including the Spanish Steps and Trevi Fountain.

We woke up early for our second day in Rome. In the morning, we visited the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel. With Mr Bridson as our tour guide, we made our way through the amazing artwork that filled the walls. In the afternoon, we **went to St Peter's Basilica and some of us walked up to the top of the dome to see amazing views of Rome**.

On our third day, we had a guided tour around the Colosseum, Palatine Hill & Roman Forum. We learnt all about the history of the Colosseum and Rome. It was a really exciting and enjoyable experience. We went to mass at the English College on our fourth and final day in Rome. We did some final souvenir shopping before making our way to the airport. It was a trip of a lifetime, filled with experiences that we will never forget.



## Success Strikes Cardinal Langley

### KS3 & KS4 Awards Evening

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, we held our rescheduled Key Stage 3 and 4 Awards Evening at Middleton Arena, where we recognised the talents and achievements of our students in all areas of the school; academic, musical, sporting and pastoral. We celebrated a range of successes, from 100% attendance to outstanding attitude to learning. We also presented several Special Recognition Awards to students who have shown exceptional commitment to various aspects of school life:

Year 7 - Angie Berry Award: Lydia

Year 8 - St Jean Baptiste De La Salle: Orla, Josef, Ethan & Henry

Year 9 - Colin Caine Award: Devon

Year 9 - Liam Fray Award: Grace

Year 10 - Keri-anne Payne Award: Kristian

Year 10 - Headteacher Award: Nathan & Elise

It was wonderful to see so many of our students showcasing their amazing talents throughout the ceremony, from our Vocal Group to our incredible Year 10 Music Group.

**We are very proud of all of our students' achievements, and happy we were able to share these with so many parents and families. We offer a very special thanks to all those who contributed to making the evening a success.**



### SEND Provision Shortlisted

In September, Mrs Lord & Miss Foster attended the National Special Educational Needs and Disability Awards 2019. Cardinal Langley had been shortlisted in the **'Most Inclusive Practice Across a School'** category in recognition of the fantastic work that takes place on a daily basis.

The judging panel was made up of members from organisations like the National Association of Head Teachers, Achievement for All and Nurture UK.

**Although we didn't win the award this year, it was an amazing achievement to be shortlisted. The judging panel stated 'This year saw a very high standard of entries from across the UK and yours was certainly one of them. The judges thank everyone for their**

**entries, it is amazing the work happening out there, hence the reason why we run these awards.'**

We will continue to offer an excellent level of support and hope we are recognised again next year!



### Teacher Training Wins Gold

Cardinal Langley has recently achieved an award for its outstanding commitment to, and relationship with The University of Manchester for Initial Teacher Training/PGCE programme. The Gold Plaque Award represents the efforts of a team of staff and mentors **across the school who go the 'extra mile' to help train the next generation of teachers.**

Mr Tamburro, who, as professional mentor leads **Cardinal Langley's PGCE programme**, was delighted to accept the award on behalf of the staff and governors. He said "I am very proud to work with such a talented and dedicated staff who value the importance of initial teacher education. This award is recognition of **many peoples' hard work and testament to their desire to improve standards in the teaching profession. However, we will not rest on our laurels and are always seeking to develop what we do."**



## Cardinal Langley Wins Top STEM Education Award

Cardinal Langley RC High School was honoured at the prestigious Educate Awards ceremony on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. The school won the *STEM Project of the Year Award*, fighting off stiff competition from other shortlisted schools in Liverpool and Wigan.

The awards are now in their eighth year and are the largest education awards in the North West. Over 700 guests gathered for the Educate Awards ceremony held at the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, hosted by broadcaster Simon 'Rossie' Ross.

On the night, 21 awards were handed out to schools in the Liverpool City Region, Lancashire, Cheshire and Greater Manchester.

Cardinal Langley impressed judges because of its recent representation of the North West at the **'Race for the Line' national rocket car competition**.

Three Year 7 students travelled to RAF Wittering to compete against the other regional finalists to design and build a rocket car to travel over 60 mph. They achieved second place out of all schools across the UK.

**Mr Bridson said:** "We are incredibly proud to have won the STEM Project of the Year award. The UK is a world leader in research and innovation and our students are involved in a range of exciting projects which are inspiring the next generation of scientists, designers and engineers. It is wonderful to see young people so enthusiastic about science and technology. They are developing very high level skills at such a young age and it is good to see them collaborating with other schools across the country."

**With Greater Manchester's thriving STEM community, Cardinal Langley is proudly preparing** students to enter the science, technology, engineering and maths industries as they develop the right skills for the future.

**Kim O'Brien, founder of the Educate Awards, says:** "A huge well done to Cardinal Langley RC High School on its fantastic award win. We are so proud to host an event which champions the creativity, diversity and dedication of teachers, school support staff, schools and colleges from across the North West. This year we have been inundated with exceptional entries and so congratulations to all the winners, runners-up and finalists for 2019."



## Quadcopter Success - The Sky's the Limit for Cardinal Langley's STEM Students

In October, a proud Cardinal Langley hosted the Manchester regional heats of the Raytheon STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) competition. This tasked students with designing and building a fully functioning drone (Quadcopter) which they could remotely control in a set of challenges against other schools.



Pupils worked in teams and were committed to the task in front of them; they stayed during lunchtimes and after school to design, make, test, destroy and rebuild their ideas. Resilience, communication and teamwork resonated throughout each team.

On the day, teams gave a short, ten-minute presentation on their chosen country - China - to a panel of judges from Raytheon UK and were aided by STEM ambassadors who helped construct, develop and problem solve. A team of our Year 9 students won the regional heats and went on to represent the Manchester region at the National Raytheon Quadcopter Final at RAF Cosford in November.

Now in its fifth year, the Finals of the Raytheon Quadcopter competition had entrants from 83 teams nationally who competed in preparation for careers in STEM subjects. They showcased their teamwork, problem-solving and communication skills in the form of complex flight tests and presenting to senior members of Raytheon UK, the RAF and British Army. We were very proud of our students who gave a factual, informative and humorous presentation to over 100 audience members, with Amelia and Daniel stealing the show with their confidence and humour.

The technical design aspects of the drone were then judged, and it was noted that they had a robust and flexible design capable of withstanding a lot of knocks and bumps. The team had conducted a lot of research, and dedicated their free time to ensuring the drone was the best it could be.

The students performed brilliantly in the presentation and technical sections, ranking sixth overall, which is a great achievement for our students and staff alike. Congratulations to everyone who took part, and well done for all of your hard work, commitment and perseverance. A big thank you also goes to school staff, Raytheon STEM ambassadors and all who helped throughout the process.

If you would like to see how our students got on when they were interviewed by two local TV channels, please follow the links: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itm--nUXyTI> (That's Manchester TV) and <https://www.birminghamlocal.tv/videos/a-school-challenge-to-build-quadcopters-x7nzwwu/> (Birmingham TV).



## Out and About - Trips Near and Far!

Throughout the Autumn half term, students from a range of subjects have taken their learning outside the classroom and visited a number of exciting places...

### Yorkshire's Hidden Sculptures

Year 10 made a great start to their coursework in September by visiting Yorkshire Sculpture Park. The pupils saw an inspiring exhibition by David Smith and have since responded by making their own 3D sculptures using found items. Smith is 'widely hailed as one of the 20th century's outstanding sculptors'. This is the first solo exhibition of Smith's work in the UK since Tate Modern's 2006



project and the largest ever outside the capital. The landmark exhibition charts the development of Smith's unique visual language over four decades, crucially bringing together a number of his sculptures in the open-air that are rarely seen in this way outside the USA. The Sculpture Park also offers a unique opportunity to view works in an outdoor setting. Pupils experienced sculptures by Hirst, Chadwick, Ai Weiwei, Hepworth and Moore, stopping to draw and photograph each one. Pupils were particularly impressed with the size of Hirst's 'The Virgin Mother' standing at ten metres tall in the Yorkshire landscape.



### Museums and Galleries Galore

Year 11 Art and Design students visited Manchester Museum and The Whitworth Art Gallery to kick start their mock exam projects. Pupils chose a theme to base their studies around and began their own personal investigation into the work on display. Pupils are pictured here at The Whitworth where gallery staff allowed them to sit on the work 'Parliament of Ghosts' by Ibrahim Mahama. In this World Premiere, Mahama's major installation reflects on the half-forgotten history his home country: Ghana, whose journey from British colony to independent nation was completed barely 60 years ago.

Pupils also experienced works by Cezanne, Goya, Alock and Li Yuan-Chia. These pieces have helped to inform their own work in the run up to their final outcome, which will be produced during mock exam week. Chagua said 'I really liked the beetles and bugs in the Museum and this has inspired me to use a repeat pattern of them in my own work'. Similarly Ruby has used the work she saw to inspire her illustrations and felt confident in developing her



work post trip using both the buildings and the works on display to help her. Both staff and pupils enjoyed the day, especially Jack who relished 'the chance to wear his own clothes'.



## Marketing at Old Trafford

In October, our Year 10 Business students attended Old Trafford, the home of Manchester United. The purpose was to understand the marketing strategy of a global **business and how the club's brand was portrayed in** different countries through many media platforms (TV, internet, apps etc). The students found the educational talk very enlightening and asked high quality questions to help their studies. The students also got to visit the Manchester United museum and have a tour of the stadium, including the press room, dugouts and the changing rooms. The students had a thoroughly enjoyable and memorable day, and I hope that we can do the same with our Year 10 Business cohort next year.



## Exploring French Culture and Cuisine

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 40 Year 9, 10 and 11 students **accompanied by Ms Hamm, Miss Halliday, Mr O'Loughlin and Mr Peers** travelled to France.

We departed from school bright and early on Friday morning at 5:00am and had a sleepy and relatively traffic-free coach journey to Dover where we caught the Ferry at lunchtime. We arrived in France at around 2:00pm and then drove to our accommodation at Chateau d'Ebblinghem, which is located in the north of France near to the coast in the Nord-Pas-de-Calais region to the south of Dunkirk and to the east of Boulogne-Sur-Mer.

**The Château d'Ebblinghem, where we stayed, has been specially adapted to accommodate school groups but** was originally, and still is a beautiful 19<sup>th</sup> Century French country house set in beautiful grounds. The food was great with plenty of variety and staff were very friendly and attentive. They did their all to make our experience truly unforgettable; including several French themed quizzes and activities in the evening, of which a particular favourite was crêpe making and we also got to try snails.

The itinerary was packed and included a variety of activities to keep everyone busy. These included: a visit to a local market in St. Omer, a demonstration at a traditional French bakery and French lessons – both entirely in French, a visit to Disneyland Paris, a town trail in Boulogne, a visit to a goat farm and the chance to sample the cheese, a demonstration in a local sweet factory, a visit to a hypermarket and finally a visit to a chocolate factory where we had the opportunity to decorate our own chocolate bar.

Student behaviour was exemplary and the trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved.

À bientôt,



In November, 30 Spanish students from Years 11 and 12 were transported from the cold, grey environs of Middleton to a vibrant and colourful world of exotic tastes and alluring aromas. Namely, Viva España Tapas restaurant in Horwich, Bolton.

Viva España is an amazing little restaurant in Bolton, perfect for a trip out for Spanish food of the highest quality at a good price. Originating in the Spanish city of Murcia, the owner and head chef Javier has created a true Spanish menu made up of authentic Spanish dishes with the desire to treat the palate of any who enter his restaurant. Tapas are different varieties of dishes ranging from seafood to potato and vegetables, where you can pick and choose what you want. Dishes include: seafood, meat, potato and vegetables, salads and cold dishes.

Now to the main event. The restaurant could be described in one word as unforgettable as some may say it looks out of place to be such a small part of Spain hidden away in the middle of Bolton but I felt as though it was a magical experience, you could simply go there to escape the outside world for a while immersed in all aspects of Spain; the music, the vibe, and the décor. For the size of the restaurant I was delighted that it could handle the demand for the 30 students that attended the trip. The aesthetic was traditional and what you would think a Spanish eatery would look like, not surrendering to the outside world and remaining independent in its Hispanic roots.

When seated by the excellent staff they spared no time before sending out the appetisers of bread and traditional Spanish meats. When they began to serve the main dishes the waiters started to bring out food in waves as you typically would expect. In my opinion the food was amazing but there was an absolute mountain of it, speeding quickly on and without sparing any time for a break we were straight into dishes of *pollo a la cerveza*, which is chicken served in a beer sauce, that was quite delicious, and a serving of *patatas bravas*, which is deep fried potatoes in a fiery tomato sauce. At first I didn't really like the taste of the sauce as it was a bit spicy but as I nearly finished the dish, I began to like the combination of the two together and thought that they had complemented each other nicely. Then there was *tortilla española*, which was a traditional Spanish potato omelette dish and I would say it was a nice simple dish with a unique flavour. The next dish that was speedily delivered out was the *cordero al vino tinto* and *albondigas jardinera* which is lamb stewed in a red wine sauce and meatballs in a vegetable sauce. But my favourite dish had to be the *chorizo al vino* which was traditional Spanish sausage cooked in red wine. The meat was so tender and it had soaked up some of the wine so when I ate it, the full flavour of the chorizo hit my mouth. Amongst the seafood dishes we tried were *calamares a la romana*, deep fried battered squid and my favourite *gambas al ajillo* which is pan-fried prawns in a garlic and chilli oil. I really enjoyed the prawns as they were cooked to perfection and the combination of garlic and chilli oil was not too overpowering. The final wave of savoury dishes was the paella of course since it would not be a traditional Spanish meal without it. It would feel incomplete. In its entirety the mains we were served were phenomenal. I was definitely more partial towards the paella as it was a more easily recognisable and familiar dish, but I thought it was a great experience to try new things and I would definitely want to go again.

The final course of the trip was *el postre*, the dessert, which was a simple but effective bowl *arroz con leche con canela*, rice pudding with cinnamon on top. Then, unfortunately, the spell broke as we left the restaurant and stepped back into Horwich, England, where the coach arrived to safely deliver us back to Middleton.

¡Hasta la próxima - Viva España!

By Terence and Alyssa



Year 10 GCSE Food and Nutrition students attended Saddleworth Cookery School at the beginning of December to build on their

complex skills in preparation for their GCSE. They were able to make choux pastry into profiteroles or eclairs and filled them with cream before topping them with melted chocolate, alongside making their own fresh pasta, being able to make them into different shapes and adding a selection of colours.

It was a fantastic morning and each student that attended gained valuable experience and built confidence in their own cooking skills.



## Updates - What Have Departments Around School Been Up To?

### Mathematical Marvels

I would like to take this opportunity to praise our Year 10 and 11 students on their exemplary attitudes towards their mock exams.

Our Sixth Form students have had a busy term.

We sent a team of mathematicians to the University of Manchester to take part in a maths challenge, competing against 27 other schools. A massive thank you goes to James for stepping in at the last moment. The team competed hard and gave their all, of which Mr Mundy could not have been prouder.

Bryanna, Fraser, James and Bailey - well done!

And if that wasn't all, we entered our Sixth Form students into the Senior UK Maths Trust, a nationally recognised event with an international reputation. There are 3 standard types of award in the UKMT and the following students achieved a bronze award:

Bailey, James, Ben, Daniel, Sam and Fraser.

We did have one stand out performer though who not only went beyond bronze, silver and gold but also beyond the next level and is an official maths Olympiad, a fantastic achievement in itself and someone we are very proud of, Hollie.

Hollie has sat the Olympiad paper and we are awaiting her results.

### Spreading some Festive Cheer

Year 9 and 10 Health and Social Care students have been making Christmas cards for the elderly community of Middleton. Next week Miss Gaffney, Mrs Mason and Mrs Smith will be delivering the cards to local residential care homes. Victory said, **'I really enjoyed making Christmas cards for the elderly because it was such a positive thing to do'.** Sophie said, **'it makes me happy knowing we'll put a smile on someone's face'.**



*May knowing Jesus bring you  
Peace to bless each day,  
Hope for each tomorrow,  
And Joy in every season.*





## Updates from the PE Department: Condover Hall

Four netball teams travelled down to Condover Hall in Shropshire on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 for a fun-filled weekend of netball and outdoor activities.

We arrived on site at 4pm and the girls were given their rooms and a tour of the campus followed by a fish and chip tea. 6pm arrived and the evening activities started with rock climbing, leap of faith, archery, a silent disco and cinema room.

All teams played a full morning or afternoon of netball followed by a full itinerary of activities. The following day began with an early start (a 7am breakfast) as the first game was at 8.30am in the glorious sunshine. Year 8 became Condover Hall Plate Champions 2019. The girls created many memories, and if you would like to be involved next year, please collect a letter from the PE Office. Dates are: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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Year 8 Red Squad

Girl of the Tournament: Maddie



Year 8 Squad

Girl of the Tournament: Lucy



CH Plate Champions 2019

Girl of the Tournament: Mia



Year 9 Squad - 3rd Overall

Girl of the Tournament: Leah

## Updates from the PE Department: Football

**It's been a busy term for our football teams; each year group has competed well and played some excellent football.**

Year 7 have been very successful in all competitions. They won their side of the Rochdale League and qualified for the play offs which will take place after Christmas. Player of the term: Frank.

Year 8 are unbeaten in all competitions with some great away trips so far! The boys have already wrapped the league up and are concentrating on the national competition this time round! Player of the term: Alfie.

Year 9 had a rollercoaster start to the year, after being knocked out of the Rochdale Cup, a cup they have won two years in a row. They have since bounced back and won every game! Player of the term: Joe B.

Year 10 - Whenever the boys play, goals are guaranteed. Recent wins of 5-4, 5-3 and 4-3 have given them an exciting reputation. They are unbeaten in all local competitions and look likely to win some silverware. Player of the term: Ridwan.

Year 11 have had a solid start to this year, winning the majority of their games and being defensively solid. They have plenty more games after Christmas as they search for silverware. Player of the term: Jack B.



## Marian Month of the Rosary

During October, students were given the opportunity to join in the Holy Rosary each day at lunchtime in the School Chapel. The month of October is one of **two 'Marian' months (the other being May)**, during which the prayer of the Holy Rosary is a form of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. But we are encouraged to pray the Rosary each day.

Why pray the Rosary?

**The Holy Rosary has been described as the 'most beautiful and most rich in graces of all prayers' (Pope Pius X).** The spiritual graces and benefits of praying the Rosary are numerous; it is also a 15-minute meditation which leaves one feeling relaxed and calm.

When the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared at Fatima in 1917, she asked that the Rosary be prayed each day to bring peace to the world and an end to the war.

More recently in 1981, Our Lady appeared to children of what is now the Bosnian town of Medjugorje. She has continued to appear to this day and has asked that we pray the full fifteen mysteries of the Holy Rosary each day.

The apparition at Medjugorje is ongoing and as such cannot be given official recognition by the Church. However, in May of this year the Vatican authorised official pilgrimages to Medjugorje and in August the annual Medjugorje youth festival was opened by Cardinal Angelo De Donatis, papal vicar of the Rome Diocese with fourteen Archbishops, 700 priests and some 70,000 people attending Mass. The power of the Rosary?

The next Marian month is May, when the Holy Rosary will again be prayed in school each day.



## Fantastic Plastic

On 13<sup>th</sup> November Year 8 and 9 pupils were treated to a Fantastic Plastic Lecture from Professor Averil MacDonald. Professor MacDonald is internationally acknowledged for innovative science communication and was awarded an OBE in the 2015 Birthday Honours in recognition of her work supporting women in science and public engagement with science.

Both year groups listened and watched avidly as Professor MacDonald discussed aspects of polymer science and showed a number of practical demonstrations.

The Year 9 lecture began with an introduction to basic polymer science and the history of plastics before focusing on environmental issues.

**The pupils' ideas about plastics were challenged** by contrasting how the issue is discussed in the media with what we really know in the light of scientific research and evidence. The session was completed with a discussion about how current research could lead to better materials and usage of plastics to support a sustainable future for the pupils.

The Year 8 session had a slightly different focus.

Professor MacDonald used more practical demonstrations to explain ideas of polymer science to a younger audience and then concentrated on how to become a successful entrepreneur by coming up with innovative ideas for the use of materials. Pupils were informed of the millionaire status of the creator of **"silly putty" and also that of the person who realised that the absorbent material in nappies (unused!!) could be used as fake snow in the film industry!**

Pupils were then challenged to become the successful business people of the future by applying their learning to real world problems and coming up with profitable solutions.

### Raising Awareness & Funds for Borneo

Our Sixth Formers have been busy raising money for their expedition to Borneo. They kicked off the academic year with a visit to Chester Zoo where they investigated conservation, breeding programmes and endangered species.

**They also hosted a 'Spooky Sleepover' for Year 7 students** who embarked on an all night adventure within school. The Sixth Formers planned spooky antics and games, held a freaky disco and put on a scavenger hunt. The best costume of the night went to Maddie (7KW) who looked a real ringer for Harley Quinn.

*Look out for future events on our Facebook page!*



## Middleton Foodbank

Middleton Foodbank is based at the Lighthouse  
Project: S6b/c Middleton Shopping Centre,  
Limetree Road, Middleton, M24 4EL. Tel: 0161  
643 1163 or visit their website: [https://  
middletoncentral.foodbank.org.uk/](https://middletoncentral.foodbank.org.uk/)

There are similar foodbanks in Rochdale  
<https://rochdale.foodbank.org.uk/> Tel: 01706  
713701 and in Heywood  
<http://heywoodfoodbank.com/> Tel: 07396071193.

If you need *help accessing information online*,  
please visit your local library where you can use  
their computers and get free internet access. You  
will need to apply for a library membership card if  
you do not have one already:

[http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/library-  
services/pages/computers-in-the-library.aspx](http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/library-services/pages/computers-in-the-library.aspx)

## Christmas Services

	Christmas Eve 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day 25 <sup>th</sup> December
Our Lady of the Assumption RC Church Bowness Road, Middleton, M24 4HN	6:30pm Vigil Mass	10:30am Mass
St John Fisher RC Church Boarshaw Road, Middleton, M24 1PF		9:15am Mass
<b>St Peter's RC Church</b> Taylor Street, Middleton, M24 1BQ	8:00pm Vigil Mass by Candlelight	9:30am Mass
St Thomas More RC Church 102 Mainway, Middleton, M24 1PP	5:00pm Family Vigil Mass	11:00am Mass

## Staying Safe

At this time of year with everyone in such a rush and winter  
drawing in, please take this opportunity to remind your children  
about staying safe over the Christmas holiday - and to keep other  
members of the community in our hearts and minds. We  
appreciate that Christmas is not always a joyous time for  
everyone. If you do feel alone, depressed, overwhelmed or unable  
to cope, please ask for help. The Samaritans are there round the  
clock, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You can contact them free  
on 116123 anytime. Please visit <https://www.samaritans.org/> for  
more information. Childline counsellors are there for young  
people 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Young people can  
get confidential advice, help and support with any issue they're  
going through, no matter how big or small. Please contact  
Childline free on 0800 1111. If you are concerned about the safety  
and wellbeing of a child over Christmas, please contact the  
NSPCC helpline on 0800 800 5000 or contact the Police if it is  
an emergency. More information can be found at [https://  
www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources/childline/](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources/childline/) If you are  
concerned about an older person, Age UK offers free, independent  
advice 365 days a year. Their advice line is open from 8am to 7pm  
every day, including bank holidays. Please call 0800 055 6112 or  
visit: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/>. If you are worried about  
homelessness, you can get help and advice locally through  
Rochdale Borough Housing – [http://www.rbh.org.uk/  
homelessness-service](http://www.rbh.org.uk/homelessness-service) or through:

- Petrus - <https://www.petrus.org.uk/>
- The Salvation Army - [https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/  
homelessness](https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/homelessness)
- Shelter - <http://england.shelter.org.uk/>

## Parking and Road Safety

As always, we urge parents and carers to take care when dropping  
off or collecting their child from school by car. Please do not park on  
**pavements, or in bus bays or the cycle lane, or blocking neighbours'**  
drives, or anywhere you might be causing an obstruction.

Please do not use the visitor car park as a drop off and collection  
point, unless you require it for disabled access, as this is  
causing congestion on the school grounds and adding to the  
problems on Rochdale Road.

Please be aware that the Scout HQ building next to school is private  
property and is not part of the school grounds. Please do not park  
there or use it to drop off or collect your child.

If you are considering public transport as a better option for your  
child's journey to and from school, details of school bus services can  
be found on the school website: [https://www.clrchs.co.uk/parents-  
students/school-bus-services/](https://www.clrchs.co.uk/parents-students/school-bus-services/)

## Governor News

Voting closed in our Parent Governor election at 12:00 noon on  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. The result was very close and Mr Michael  
Crutchley was elected with 40% of the vote. Please visit the school  
website for full details. Sincere thanks to all of the candidates for  
taking part and for supporting our school community. Thanks also  
to all of our parents and carers who voted.

## Holiday Activity Club

Please note that there will not be an  
Activity Club over the Christmas  
holiday. Details of the February  
half-term Holiday Activity Club will  
be posted on the school website in  
the New Year.

## Winter Weather Watch

For the latest and most accurate  
information regarding any school  
closures due to the weather, please  
check the website: [www.clrchs.co.uk](http://www.clrchs.co.uk) or  
visit the Council webpage:  
[www.rochdale.gov.uk/snow](http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/snow)

## End of Term Arrangements

The school will break up for the  
Christmas holiday on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
December 2019 at the earlier time of  
1:30pm, after lunch. Please be aware  
that the school buses may not run at  
this time and there may not be a school  
crossing patrol. Lessons will run as  
normal periods 1-4 on this day and  
students should be wearing full school  
uniform.

Students will return to school on  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

## September 2021 Admissions Policy

The policy for admissions in, and from September 2021 has been agreed by governors.  
It is published on the school website.

The deadline for lodging any objections to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator is 15<sup>th</sup>  
May 2020: [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/schools-adjudicator-make-an-objection-  
appeal-or-referral](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/schools-adjudicator-make-an-objection-appeal-or-referral)