



HEADLINES 13TH MAY 2022

St. Mary's Catholic School Newsletter (Issue 30 2021-22)

125th Anniversary Mass

On Tuesday 10th May as a school community we all came together and had the honour of Bishop Paul McAleenan leading our 125th Anniversary Mass celebrations. The month of May is the month of our Lady, so it is only fitting for our 125th Anniversary Mass to show our devotion to our Lady as patron of our school. We were incredibly blessed to have three of our Sisters of St Mary of Nemur join us for this momentous celebration. Sr Judith Russi, Sr Moira Meeghan and Sr Sarah Smith joined us for Mass, a tour of the school and to meet with our students. It was the most special of days, Sr Judith and Sr Sarah had both in their vocation, taught at St Mary's so this homecoming was an opportunity for us to show how our school has grown and changed over the years. Our students were exceptionally proud showing Sr Judith, Sr Moira and Sr Sarah our flourishing school community.



We were also honoured on the day to be joined by Fr John Cunningham, Parish Priest for Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph, Waltham Cross, our School Governors and Directors of our Trust and Mr Celano to celebrate this moment in time through our Anniversary Mass. As we gathered as a school community our students shone bright with their leadership and service from our readers, Alter Servers, Acolytes, Offertory procession, Choir and Orchestra, it was a beautiful and prayerful Mass to celebrate the rich tapestry of our 125 year history and more importantly the great future for our current students. The Anniversary Mass also witnessed five of our Y12 students commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers, Matthew T, Aoife G, Niamh H, Rosaleen C and Mary G were commissioned by Bishop Paul and led their ministry with dignity and reverence as models of their faith in action as student leaders. We are exceptionally proud of them and pray they continue to grow in their faith.



This edition is a special Anniversary Edition of photographs from the Anniversary Mass. I hope you enjoy sharing in this celebration of our school history and future.

In the Spirit of our founding sisters, may our school continue to grow in love, respect and flourish as we pray together the founding sisters motto:

"In the simplicity of my heart I have joyfully offered all to God."

God Bless

Miss McHugh



Acting Heads of School Update
Mr Johnston & Miss McHugh



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 16th May 2022
GCSE & A Level Exams Start

Mon 30th May—Friday 3rd June 2022
HALF TERM
School Closed
Pupils return Monday 6th June



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**Mary our Mother, Patron of our School,
Pour out your Spirit upon our school community in this
our 125th Anniversary year.
With gratitude we call to mind
your blessings in the past.**

**With confidence we commend into your hands
the possibilities of the future
and of today we pray that we may
serve with humility, generosity, and joy.**

**Renew in us therefore those gifts of
Faith, Hope and Love
that you kindled within us**

**Fill a our minds with your light.
Fill our hearts with your love
so that in all we say and do and are,
we may bear faithful witness to the Truth
that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Amen