

# Catholic Life at De La Salle



3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Eastertide



**SVP YOUTH LEADING AT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**

## WE HAVE A POPE!

What an incredible week for the Catholic Church! We've had a fruitful week here in school too. This week we've continued our work for Mission Week, had our wonderful link Governor into school for a review and hosted the first of the St Helens Deanery Confirmation classes.

### ***We Have a Pope!***

***Please see below a letter from Archbishop Malcolm McMahon***

Dear brothers and sisters,  
It is with a profound sense of joy and thanksgiving to God that we welcome the news of the election of Cardinal Robert Prevost as the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, the 267th successor of St Peter.

The Cardinal Electors, inspired by the Holy Spirit, have chosen a gifted and prayerful pastor to walk in the shoes of the fisherman to be a focus of unity for the Church today. After the call and legacy of the late Pope Francis calling the Church to be missionary disciples and proclaim the joy of the Gospel, we as the Catholic community of the Archdiocese of Liverpool pledge our closeness in prayer and our support to Our Holy Father the Pope.

I invite all the faithful of the archdiocese, and men and women of good will to pray with me at this time.

O God pastor and ruler of all the faithful, look with mercy upon Pope Leo XIV who you have appointed to shepherd the Universal Church. Renew deep within him the spirit of Holiness to be the shepherd, the guide of the Church for the needs of the world today in 2025.

Through Christ our Lord Amen.

Holy Mary, mother of the Church, pray for us!

Saints Peter and Paul, apostles of Rome. Pray for us!

### **Archbishop- elect John Sherrington added:**

I unite my prayer with Archbishop Malcolm and the people and clergy of the Archdiocese of Liverpool for Pope Leo XIV as the successor of St Peter and the shepherd of the Universal Church.

We rejoice in his election!

*Mass will be celebrated at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Friday 9 May at 7pm.*

### **St Helens Confirmation Classes**

It's a real privilege for De La Salle to be hosting this year's Confirmation preparation classes for candidates across the St Helens Deanery. Our school has become a hub of faith, reflection, and joyful community as young people met to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Among them are around 25 of our own Year 8 students who will be confirmed this year. As a school, our role is to walk with them – to prepare, to pray, and to accompany them as they take this significant step on their faith journey.

The sessions are led by a team of Chaplains and volunteers from across the local Catholic community, and each week we're joined by special guests who bring their stories and experiences to enrich the preparation.

This week, we were especially proud to welcome three of our very own students – Molly, Liv and Nicole – who are part of SVP Youth and took time to speak to the group about their work in serving others through faith.

In a world that too often overlooks the voice of the young, their example spoke volumes about leadership, service, and faith in action.

Eleanor Lalley, Chaplain at St Augustine's, was so impressed by our students that plans are now in motion to bring together SVP Youth groups from both schools – a beautiful opportunity to grow in fellowship and mission.

Please continue to keep all our candidates in your prayers as they journey toward Confirmation. And please also pray for Molly, Liv and Nicole – faithful witnesses, compassionate leaders, and shining examples of the values we hold dear

## Afternoon Tea

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May from 2-4pm we have our Afternoon Tea here in school!

If you, or somebody you know, likes our annual Christmas party, then you'll love this!!

To celebrate our Founder's feast day, we want to welcome members of our local community into school for Afternoon Tea and some light entertainment!

Reach out for more information!

## Spotlight

At the preparation class on Thursday, we were blessed to see some of our own SVP Youth members starting their journey towards the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We often see our students right in at the deep end and that was no different for Charlotte, who after taking part in her class, helped us to pray so beautifully! Thank you for your help!

## Pray for us...

Faithful God,  
You guide us on the path of life and your goodness is our constant companion.  
Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV,  
in his service of the Church.  
Fill him with the power of your Spirit, the peace of your presence and the compassion of Christ.  
May he walk with you, in wisdom and humility, and lead us, together with all God's people, to embody your love for the world.  
Amen.

*Catholic Life team*