

Catholic Life

October – The Month of Mary

October is a very special month in the Catholic Church as we honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

It is traditionally known as the Month of the Rosary, giving us a wonderful opportunity to reflect on Mary's life, her deep faith and her loving obedience to God.

Mary said "yes" to God and trusted Him, even when she did not fully understand what lay ahead.

During October, we will encourage our children to learn more about Mary and to follow her example by showing kindness, compassion, humility and love towards others.

We will also spend time in prayer, particularly through the Rosary, asking Mary to pray for us and for our families and communities. May Mary guide us closer to her Son, Jesus, and help us to live out our faith each day.



Harvest Mass



As you're aware our Harvest Mass should have been today, but unfortunately Father Noel was not available. As he was keen to do it, we have moved it to Tuesday 6th October at 9.15am. Everyone is welcome. Harvest gifts can still be brought into school and we shall be taking them to the Pilsdon Community next week. This is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks to God for the many blessings we receive and to remember those in our community who are less fortunate than ourselves. By sharing what we have with others, we live out the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Preferential Option for the Poor, showing love for our neighbour and putting our faith into action.

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Eco Club

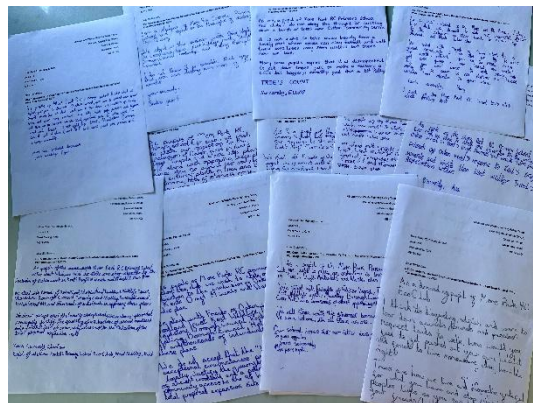


This week the Eco Ambassadors decided to voice their objections to council proposals that place 100 acres (40 hectares) of Oaken Wood - an irreplaceable, ancient woodland - under threat, after Kent County Council voted to support a quarry expansion that would destroy the forest. Together, we wrote a letter and then the Ambassadors each wrote their own version of the letter, which have now all been sent to the Planning Applications Group at KCC, in time for the closing date for applications on Monday 5th October.



The Eco Ambassadors really welcomed the opportunity to voice their opinions and we learned how important it is to have your say about matters that affect our local environment. We will definitely be writing more letters in the future and getting involved in more local campaigns!

There was just enough time to check on our tomatoes (there are so many of them now!) and perform our eco monitoring walks around the school to put up new 'energy saving' reminders and to make sure classrooms are all shut down properly at the end of the day.



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Student representatives

Catholic Social Teaching is rooted in scripture and helps guide us on how to live out our faith in the world. One such principle is Subsidiarity, "everyone should have a say", represented by Sid the Sheep.



Everyone should have a say
Subsidiarity

With this in mind, at More Park we recognise that all pupils should have a say and therefore children have the opportunity to be voted in by their peers, or volunteer for a particular role.

This week we presented both the School Council members and the House Captains with their badges.

School Council and House Representatives are voted in by their peers. These students have been chosen for their ability to show their leadership skills, enthusiasm, and dedication to the role. They all act as the voice for their peers, participating in school events, helping to organise activities, and mentoring other members.

School Council



House Captains



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Awe and Wonder

How can I talk to God?

When your heart is with God,
it doesn't matter whether you talk
or you are silent.
God hears you
when you talk to him
through a prayer
you know by heart.
And when he hears when
you simply tell him in your own words
what's going on in your heart.



You can worship and praise God for making the stars
and also for sweet kittens.
And you may tell him your most secret wishes,
which you wouldn't tell anyone else. (YOUCAT for Kids)

St Thomas More's Church



St Thomas More's Parish website
Please follow the link below to check it out:

[St Thomas More's Parish](#)

Family Mass – Sundays at 10am

Children's Liturgy



Next children's liturgy will be on **Sunday 4th October**, at the 10am-mass.

All are welcome to join us. Children's Liturgy is for children aged 2 ½ to 11 years old.

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Youth Club



Next Youth Club will be held on **Friday 2nd October.** They meet in the school hall from 7.15-9pm. Youth Club is open to all children in Year Six and above.

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