

Governor of the Month

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Father Andy: Foundation Governor

I grew up in Luton and was a Chemical Engineer before I sensed the Lord's call to the priesthood. Following six years of formation at Oscott Seminary in Birmingham, I was ordained in 2008, and spent the first four years of my priestly ministry in Kettering. In 2012 I became parish priest of Our Lady of Peace and have been a Foundation Governor at the school throughout that time. My main role is to help promote and develop the Catholic life of the school and I seek to do this with fellow governors and staff in our meetings, through the celebration of liturgies in school and by welcoming classes to Mass at church on Tuesday mornings. I also pop into school on most Friday afternoons to visit individual classes, and this is an opportunity to touch base with the staff as well as to see the children and for them to get to know me. I tend to open these sessions up to questions and answers, and the children and teachers can ask me anything they want to. Questions range from deeply philosophical and theological issues such as who made God and why is there evil, to the more down to earth such as what football team do I support, what colour is my house, and do I have a six pack? (If you're wondering, the answer to the latter was "Not on me, but there could be one in my fridge!")

I'm proud of our school and thank God for the blessing it is to our parish and for the good relationship that we enjoy. If you haven't been to church for a while, please think about bringing your child to one of our Christmas Masses (6pm on Christmas Eve is the Children's Mass where the children can come dressed as Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, kings, stars, animals, etc.) or to one of our regular Sunday Masses (9.45am at Our Lady of Peace has many young families attending). All are welcome. God bless, Fr Andy.

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