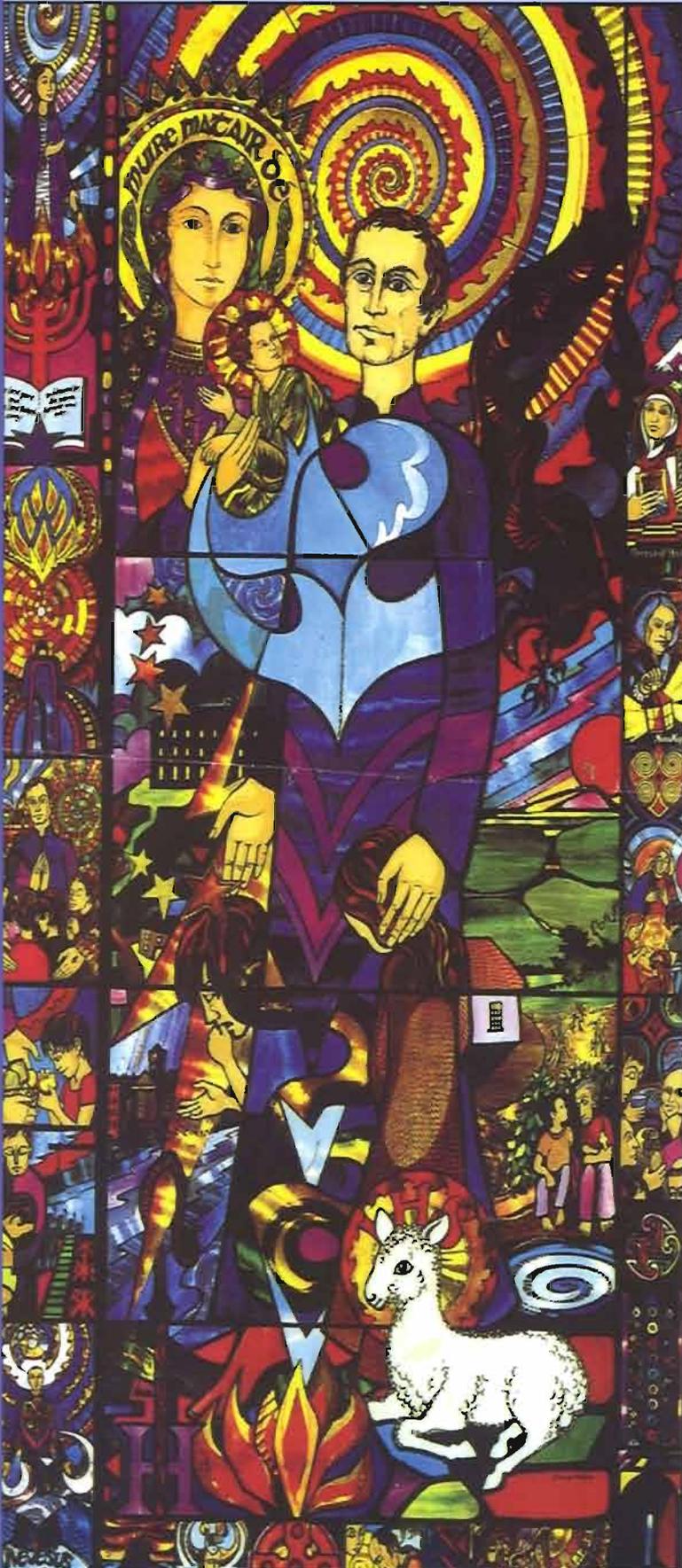




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Edmund Rice Bicentennial Edition featuring...



Edmund Rice Run



Stars in their Eyes



Africa Week

and lots more

On **Wednesday 25 September**, Fr Sean Kirwin, Chaplain to the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital (Alder Hey) kindly came to the College to celebrate a special Mass to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Irish Christian Brothers by Edmund Rice.

The Mass was attended by pupils from all year groups and the music was provided by the Liturgy Group. At the end of the Mass Father Sean led the entire congregation in reciting the Edmund Rice Prayer.



The Music & Liturgy Group

Edmund Rice Prayer

*O God,
we thank you for the life of Edmund Rice.
He opened his heart to Christ present in
those oppressed by poverty and injustice.
May we follow his example of faith and generosity.
Grant us the courage and compassion of
Edmund as we seek to live lives
of love and service.
We ask this through Christ our Lord
Amen*



Fr Sean Kirwin celebrates Mass in the College

7H Celebrate Africa Week

Each year the College sets aside a week when curricular and extra curricular activities focus on Africa and in particular the very difficult circumstances in which Christian Brothers work with disadvantaged children in West Africa.

In celebration of Africa Week, 7H explored a variety of topics relating to Africa. Each pupil was required to research an area of Africa's rich social and cultural heritage, which was of particular interest to themselves. Amongst the items brought into class for discussion were; sculptures, photographs, jewellery and musical instruments.

After a discussion session each pupil presented their findings. Finally each pupil had their work displayed in the classroom, testimony to an interesting and enjoyable.



Mrs Taylor with pupils from 7H



Pupils from 7H show the photographs, musical instruments and other items they have brought into class

8S and the Edmund Rice Icon

As part of the celebration of the life and work of Blessed Edmund Rice, 8M were asked to put together pieces of the Edmund Rice icon, which in its different pieces represents the compassion and energy he dedicated to poor children and their education during his lifetime.

When we pieced the Edmund Rice Icon together it made us realise what a good man Edmund Rice was. He had given up most of his life to help other people. We coloured it in the exact same way so that we could recognise the images in the icon. As each piece was put together, we could see the tiny little images of his story coming together such as Edmund Rice comforting the poor, helping others and praying to keep people safe.



Kate Gorman



8S with the completed Edmund Rice picture



Harriet Quinn, Stefan Mather, Dominic Swift and Fiona Hastings colour in the icon and then cut out the pieces



Anthony Grimes, Oliver Sidorczuk, Benjamin Black & Anthony Ajibade

The Edmund Rice Rap

*Edmund Rice was a wonderful man,
We should do the same because we can.*

*He gave money to da poor,
And kicked his riches out da door.*

*He built a bakery, and tailors too,
If you were there he would'a gave some to you!*

*Edmund Rice was a wonderful man,
When his wife died, he didn't go mad!*

*His faith grew stronger day by day,
The children of Waterford were joyful and gay!*

*He built a school for da poor and lame,
EDMUND RICE FOR THAT WAS HIS NAME!*

*Yeah Edmund Rice, SING IT AGAIN,
Yeah Edmund Rice, OH LOUDER
E - D - MUND R - ICE!*

Stars in their Eyes



Sean McCormack as Tenacious D (Year 10)



On Stage - The Bay Watch Boys from Year 13



Ronan Fox-Mooney as Tenacious D (Year 10)

During September pupils from each year group took part in heats for *Stars in their Eyes* held during the lunchtime break over a period of two weeks and compered by James Watts and Sarah Owens (Year 13). The pupils' performances covered stars from the charts past and present. The winner from each of these heats took part in the Finals held on Thursday 26 September at which Br Dominic Sassi was guest of honour.

A special evening performance was put on for parents and friends showing the hard work and enthusiasm that each performer put into this event. This was very well received. Over 1200 people attended the finals and over 2000 attended the heats.



Anthony Hannah as Will Young (Year 9)

Stars in their Eyes raised £2,000.00



Leigh Mansfield as Alicia Keys (Year 8)



WINNERS - YMCA: Matthew Brown, Matthew Briscoe, Philip Caldwell, Philip Jones, Tomy Pramanik & James O'Neill (Year 13)



RUNNERS UP- Bay Watch Boys & Girls: Edward Knowles, Alice Fitzpatrick, Peter Swift, Chloe Drew, Luke Martin, Richard McConomy, Rebecca Shipley, Patrick Devaney, Lucy Shouter, Paul Ireland & Mark Bramwell

CONGRATULATIONS

I would like to congratulate Mr Mercer and St. Edward's College on a fantastic evening yesterday.

I attended the 'Stars in their Eyes' event as a guest of a Year 13 pupil and thought the whole evening was put together brilliantly. I was greeted on arrival and from then on the evening got better and better. The standard of the 'Stars' was excellent and a lot of hard work must have gone into organising this from both the pupils and the staff.

Everybody involved should be very proud. I hope this event exceeded your expectations as it definitely exceeded mine.

Lynn Carroll

A special thanks goes to everyone who helped in the production; the pupils, staff, Performing Arts AVCE and especially Mr Mercer, who has given all of his time and energy over the few months to make this event a successful and enjoyable experience for everyone.



Angharad Waszek, Bobbie Jarvis, Amy Maguire and Amy Lambert as Zoe B

Congratulations to all those who took part in the heats and Finals and special congratulations to the winners - YMCA



St Edward's College is on the run

Our guest starter for the annual Edmund Rice Run which took place in Croxteth Park on the 27 September was former Headmaster of the College (1984-91) Brother Dominic Sassi.

For the first time, the race was reduced from the normal 10km and 5km to 3km due to the large numbers participating. The start of the race was also divided into three sections with 7 & 8 starting first; Years 9 & 10 next, followed by Years 11, 12 and 13.

This year's winner in the Senior race was Stuart Morland (Year 12). In his spare time he runs for the Liverpool Harriers. Stuart is the Merseyside Champion at 400m and currently represents Merseyside at 800m with a personal best of 1m 56secs (*Ranked 7th for his age in the country*). The first girl passed the post in the senior race was Emma Carroll (Year 12). Emma, like Stuart, runs for the Liverpool Harriers.



Br Sassi starts the race

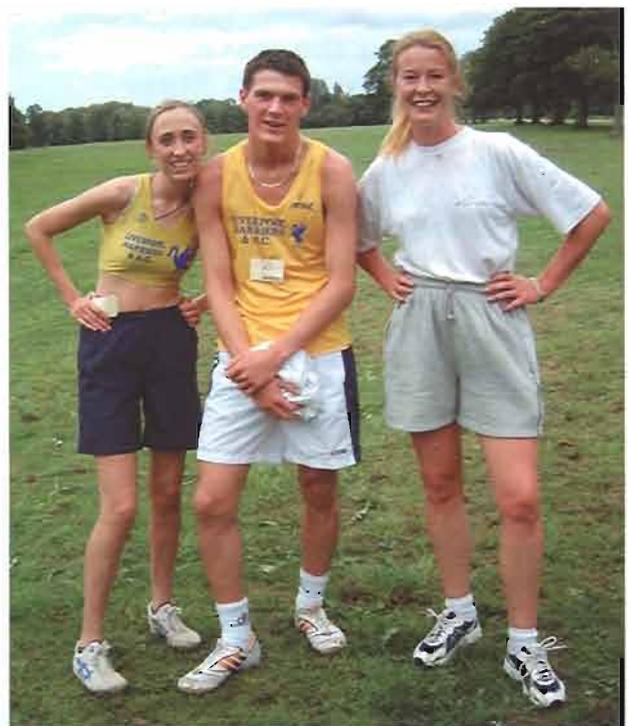


Stuart Morland winning the senior race

**Edmund Rice Run
raised £6,000.00**



Mr McCarthy goes through the final details with the Prefects acting as marshals



Emma Carroll, Stuart Morland and Ms Valet



Winners of 1st Race - Sarah Grice & Brodie Kearns



Rebecca Shipley & Miss Hutchinson



Mrs Murray hands out the welcome refreshments



Recording Neil Carlisle's time



Come on boys!! It wasn't that bad!



It's a race to the finish



**Remembering the Past:
Living the Present:
Seeking the Future:**

The years of 2002 and 2003 see important anniversaries in the life of the College. Next year we celebrate the 1853 founding of the Catholic Institute (renamed St Edward's College in 1920) by the great Liverpool reformer Mgr. James Nugent - whose work is also remembered within the Nugent Care Society (previously *Liverpool Archdiocese Catholic Social Services*).

During this year we have celebrated that part of the College's history during which the school was administered by the Christian Brothers. Their Founder, Blessed Edmund Rice was acknowledged by Pope John Paul II for upholding the way of the Church, "which has always put education at the heart of her mission to preach the Gospel". Following the birth of his handicapped daughter and death of his wife Edmund discovered his special vocation, which was to provide dignity for those at the margins of society, mainly through education and he started his work in **1802**. He was joined by other men and in 1820 the Congregation of Christian Brothers was approved by Pope Pius VII. From these humble beginnings the Congregation spread throughout the world; the first school in England was opened in Preston in 1825.

At the turn of the twentieth century the Catholic Institute was in poor shape with only 27 pupils and so Bishop Whiteside asked the Congregation to administer the school. In September **1902** exactly 100 years after Edmund Rice had started his own work in Waterford, Brother Leahy became the first Christian Brother Principal of the Catholic Institute. Within three years the CI had nearly 300 pupils; other schools were established in Merseyside by the Brothers, first St Mary's College Crosby and later St Anselm's College, Birkenhead, and each of these schools established their own junior departments which eventually became junior schools - Runnymede, The Mount and Redcourt. Thus from a school of only 27 pupils the Christian Brothers developed the current educational provision in Merseyside of over 3000 school places. In later years there would be two Old Edwardian Principals, Br. William Foley OBE (1955-1961) and Br. William Gillespie (1979-1984).

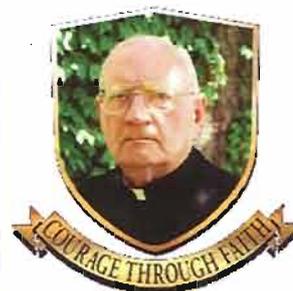
Hence this year we acknowledge the inspirational leadership of Edmund Rice as he began his mission two hundred years ago, and we celebrate the impact of that leadership in the rescue and subsequent blossoming of the Catholic Institute one hundred years ago. Without the vision of James Nugent this school would have never existed, and without the Mission of Edmund Rice and the work of the Christian Brothers the school would have closed 100 years ago, and five other schools in the area may never have opened.

In 1838, at the age of 76 and worn out by the weight of years and burden of his responsibilities, Edmund resigned as Superior General, and he died in 1844. He was buried at Mount Sion, Waterford, his first foundation and was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1996.

John Waszek
Principal (1992-)



Headmasters from 1955 - present



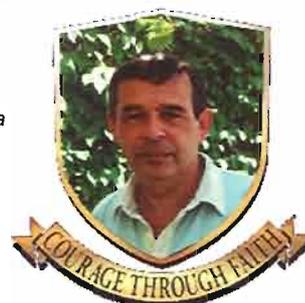
Br W D Foley OBE
1955-61



Br P D Coffey
1961-67



Br P E Ryan
1967-73



Br A F Chincotta
1973-79



Br W L Gillespie
1979-84



Br B D Sassi
1984-91



Mr J E Waszek
1992-