St Anselms Feast Day

On 25th April 2013, St Anselm’s Catholic School celebrated their feast day in Canterbury Cathedral.
The students walked to the Cathedral in their tutor groups with Teachers and sixth form students.
The Mass was celebrated by Bishop John Hine who is a good friend to the school.
Master of Ceremonies was Fr. Mark White (Dean of Canterbury). The concelebrants included:
Fr. David Caine, Fr. Alan Burgess (Canterbury),
Fr. Jeff Cridland (Aylesham), Fr. Joe Feeley, Fr. Rodney Scholfield (Ashford), Fr. Sam Medley (Hythe), Fr. Stephen Bould, Fr. Ed Hartley (Folkestone), Fr. Stephen Wymer (Walderslade), and Deacon Gehad Homsey. Other dignitaries were the Lord Mayor Cllr Robert Waters and Lady Mayoress Mrs Sally Pickersgill.

In the Year of Faith we are all invited to look again at our relationship with God. How can we set about having one? In the Mass we prayed that faith will become exciting beyond all our expectations. That we will be open to letting the Holy Spirit, give us great gifts to help us. We must not let fear hold us back but let God’s grace move us forward in this Year of Faith. Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours; yours are the feet which he is to go about doing good, and yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now.
The Mass reflected on the life of St Anselm who was born on 21 April 1033 in Aosta and died 1109 in Canterbury.
Music was led by the St Anselm’s Choir and instrumentalists.
Many attended the Mass including Head teachers and primary school children from our feeder schools. Maureen Todd from Schools Commission, Chair of Governors Dr M Johnstone, Mr & Mrs Walters (parents of Mr Walters- Headteacher), members of St Anselm’s School Governing body and PTA.

Jesus, our guide,
You show us the path of goodness and love, and call us to follow in your way.
Help us to make changes to our own lives so we may embody our faith.
Fill us with the courage to speak out and take action so peace and justice reign across the earth.
Support us as we build a world that reflects your kingdom, a world of plenty, fairness and faith.
Inspire us to be witnesses to the light, to renew your Church and its people.
So that in this Year of Faith, all people may know that we are your disciples and the light of your truth may shine through us.
Amen.

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