

ST MICHAEL'S DAY PROCESSION

On Tuesday 28 September the Eve of the Feast of St Michael The Archangel, students from 7 Kolbe took part in the St Michaels Procession at the Bar Convent. This is a tradition that has spanned over 300 years.

In around 1696 an attempt was made by a mob to destroy the Bar Convent and therefore most of the children were sent away for safety. The relics were hidden while the community waited for whatever might happen that night. Reverend Mother Bedingfield took the picture of St Michael which hung above the convent door and placed the convent under his protection. Those in the house opposite described how they saw a tall person on a white horse brandishing a sword above the convent. The mob had retreated back down Micklegate leaving the convent and its occupants unharmed.

In keeping with tradition the youngest student in Year 7 along with a number of other Year 7 students attended the procession.

The procession began in the hall of the Bar Convent with Sr Anne retelling the story and as we sang the first hymn Aleksander Podsiady, the youngest student in the school, upheld tradition by leading the procession whilst carrying the picture of St Michael to the Chapel. Rhys Goldsmith & Liahna McNichol carried candles behind him. The rest of the students followed the procession to the Chapel where they sang and listened to the prayers of intercession.

It is wonderful that the school is able to continue to support its links to the Bar Convent by taking part in this great tradition.

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