



AllSaints

CATHOLIC LIFE & MISSION



Altar Servers Wincel, Christopher and Chijioke with St Francis of Assisi

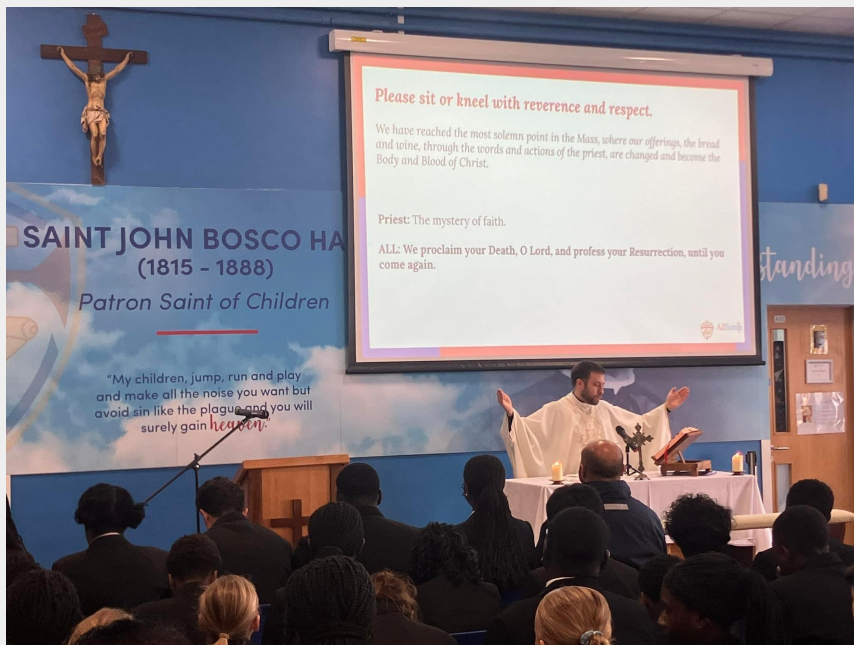
**“A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.”
St Francis of Assisi**

It has been a very Franciscan fortnight at All Saints, with assemblies throughout last week on the lived example of St Francis as a steward of God’s creation, culminating with the celebration of Francis House’s feast day on Friday with Holy Mass and treats for all.

As we prepare for our Mission Week (21st-25th October), we are beginning to think about what part we can play in building up our school community, as the Body of Christ, with our lived values of respect, understanding, affection and humour at the heart of it all.

It is probably qualities like affection and humour that St Francis was referring to as the sunbeam which drives away many shadows. We remember those in our community who are going through challenging times, and we remember that by living a life of love, charity and prayer, we can be that ray of sunshine that others are much in need of.

ST FRANCIS HOUSE FEAST



The Franciscans celebrated their House Feast Day with Holy Mass on Friday 4th October. We were delighted to be joined by Father Adam from St Peter's parish for Mass in the Bosco Hall. Father preached about the life of St Francis, particularly in choosing to live a simple life of poverty and prayer, giving up wealth and possessions to grow in holiness and love of God's creation.



Mr Pauro Head of St Francis House, and the chaplains want to extend particular thanks to our Altar Servers, **Christopher and Chijioke (7F) and Wincel (10)**, as well as readers **Caitlin (11F), Ines (13F), Kayla and Amanda (10F)**.



At the end of Mass, Father blessed our new Year 11 Head Student Team, Anjola, Nicholas, Adejoke and Jeremiah, and their badges.

The morning concluded with sweet treats for the whole house in St John Paul II Hall.

MISSION WEEK

Our school mission week begins on Monday 21st October. This is a time set apart for the entire All Saints community to focus on deepening our spiritual life and exploring our faith in a meaningful, intensive way. The aim of our school mission is to encourage students and staff to connect with our faith, encounter Christ more deeply, and understand our unique role and calling as a child of God.

Each year group will have a workshop during the week, and there will be opportunities for Confession, Eucharistic Adoration and Praise and Worship for all staff and students.

Our mission theme is 'One in Christ', and the week will culminate in the celebration of our school's feast day: All Saints (as the Holy Day of Obligation falls in the half term holidays).

We would be very grateful for the prayers of our All Saints families as we build up to this important time. Thank you!



AllSaints

MISSION WEEK SCHEDULE

	PERIOD 1	B R E A K	PERIOD 2	L U N C H	PERIOD 3	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY 21ST	YEAR 9 VOCATIONS WORKSHOP		YEAR 9 VOCATIONS WORKSHOP			
TUESDAY 22ND	YEAR 10 ONE HOPE PROJECT WORKSHOP		YEAR 11 ONE HOPE PROJECT WORKSHOP		YEAR 8 ONE HOPE PROJECT WORKSHOP	PRAISE & WORSHIP WITH ONE HOPE PROJECT
WEDNESDAY 23RD	WHOLE SCHOOL CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION		YEAR 7 CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING WORKSHOP CARITAS/CAFOD		SIXTH FORM "FAITH FORWARD" CULTIVATING CHRISTIAN IDENTITY CATHOLIC STUDENT NETWORK	
THURSDAY 24TH						
FRIDAY 25TH			ALL SAINTS MASS YEAR 8, 10, 12 & 13		ALL SAINTS MASS YEAR 7, 9 & 11	

ASSEMBLY FOCUS

“Stewards of God’s Creation” - Mr Pauro w/c 30th September

Marking the feast of St Francis of Assisi on the 4th October, Mr Pauro spoke to all students about the importance of stewardship of creation, but in particular to first take the time to really notice the beauty in the world. We looked at St Francis of Assisi, who, realising that the monetary wealth and comfort he had growing up was not leading to a fulfilling life, gave up all material goods and immersed himself in the natural world, relying on God’s providence for sustenance and serving the poorest in society. Mr Pauro challenged the All Saints family to think about one thing that they could put aside or do away with so as to be less distracted by worldly things and more focussed on the goodness of God all around us.



“God has created me to do Him some definite service.” - Mrs McCoy w/c 7th October

Marking the feast of St John Henry Newman on the 9th of October, Mrs McCoy led a week of assemblies on Newman’s writing, which emphasised that not only is each person created in God’s image, but that God has also given everyone a unique set of gifts to use for a particular mission in life. The focus on each person as a ‘link in a chain’, being the strongest link possible for each other led to a challenge to each one of us to use the talents we have been given for the glory of God.

CAFOD

Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

On Thursday 10th October, our CAFOD Young Leaders attended their first training session at the Jesuit Centre in London.

This was a fantastic opportunity for our year 12 students to work with the CAFOD fundraising team to discuss the ongoing campaigns and communities CAFOD are working with, as well as to get expert advice on fundraising and awareness-raising strategies within school.

The training day takes place with other schools from the Diocese of Brentwood, so it was also an opportunity for the year 12's to meet other students from Catholic schools in our local area.

Watch this space to see more from our CAFOD young leaders, bringing back some brilliant ideas which we will see in school soon!



A big THANK YOU and well done to all the students in the Society of St Joseph who helped to put together our brand new noticeboard! It is so vibrant and eye-catching and really explains well what the student chaplaincy team is all about!



Diary Dates

Liturgies and Events in School

Wednesday 16th October
Mass of Welcome for Year 7
Brentwood Cathedral

Friday 18th October
8.10am - Holy Mass (St John Henry
Newman Chapel)

Monday 21st October
School Mission Begins

Friday 25th October
Mission Week Conclusion
Mass of All Saints - Whole School

Liturgical Calendar

13th October -
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: Mark 10:17-30
"Go and sell everything you own and follow me."

20th October -
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: Mark 10:35-45
"The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many."

YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025

Pope Francis has announced the upcoming Year of Jubilee in 2025, themed "Pilgrims of Hope," which will begin with the opening of the Holy Door in Rome on Christmas Eve.

The Jubilee Year is a time of grace and renewal for the Church, inviting all of us to embark on a spiritual journey, deepening our faith and our sense of community.

The concept of a Jubilee traces back to ancient biblical traditions, where it was a time for restoration and forgiveness. It's a powerful reminder that God's mercy is boundless and available to all. For us, a Jubilee offers a unique opportunity to seek reconciliation, celebrate our faith, and support one another in our spiritual journeys.

The theme "Pilgrims of Hope" encourages us to walk together as a community, trusting in God's providence and inspired by the hope that Christ brings. It's an invitation to reflect on our role as students, parents, educators, and members of the Church.

Throughout the Jubilee Year, All Saints will be host various events and activities to help our students engage with this extraordinary time. Watch this space to find out more.

