



AllSaints

CATHOLIC LIFE & MISSION

31st January 2025



Fr Selvini blesses the Jubilee Door with Society of St Joseph Students

“If we want to have a good society, we must concentrate all our forces on the Christian education of the young. Experience has taught me that if we wish to sustain civil society then we should take good care of the young.

St John Bosco

The month of January ends with the celebration of the feast of St John Bosco, a saint very close to the All Saints Community; he is one of our House Patrons, and our assembly hall is named after him. During his earthly life, he demonstrated a strong commitment to education, the development of young people, and their faith.

In the 19th century, he founded the Salesian order, aiming to help poor and disadvantaged children through education. His approach, known as the "Preventive System," combined reason, religion, and kindness, ensuring that students grew spiritually, intellectually, and socially.

He believed that schools should be places where students are cared for and supported, not just in their studies, but in their relationship with God. Rather than focusing on punishment, he encouraged prevention and guidance. His methods were forward-thinking and inspire the All Saints core values of Respect, Understanding, Affection and Humour. St John Bosco, pray for us!

Feast of St John Bosco House

On Friday 31st January, students from St John Bosco House marked their feast day with a celebration of Holy Mass and gathered afterwards to share a sweet treat with their fellow housemates.

We were delighted and thankful to be joined by Father Jean-Claude Selvini, who had an early start, travelling all the way from Leigh on Sea to celebrate Mass for us.

Head of House Mr Page took the opportunity to reiterate the qualities of St John Bosco, gentleness, humility and patience to the house, encouraging students to be inspired by the life he led, in particular his approach to education.

We want to say a big thank you to all of our readers; Shea, Annabelle, Amy and Destiny as well as Joshua who served the Mass so diligently and reverently.



Telco / Citizens UK Workshop



On Wednesday 22nd January a selection of our student leaders and chaplains attended a workshop with TELCO / Citizens UK and Caritas at Walsingham House with several other Brentwood Diocesan schools.

This was an opportunity to think about leadership and taking action in our local communities. The students heard from a variety of guest speakers and had the chance to reflect on what they feel passionately about changing for the good of their local area.



Well done to Ines, Faith, Chioma, Donna, Maggie, Wincel, Maya, Osasere and Tia, who wrote a presentation on the local causes All Saints have supported in the last year. All the other school staff commented on their maturity and professionalism.

ASSEMBLY FOCUS

House Assembly Week 20th - 25th January

This week all students gathered with their houses for assemblies, forming community within the school among students from all year groups, to learn about their house patrons and celebrate the achievements of their houses collectively.

The theme for the week was “We are brothers and sisters in Christ”. Various groups of students took it upon themselves to write and deliver assemblies for their houses.



Mr Lucraft with award winners from St Margaret House



Student leaders from St Helena house spoke about brothers and sisters in Christ seeing the goodness and potential within each other, encouraging each other to do the right thing. They focussed on Mary's role at the Wedding Feast at Cana to emphasise the importance of this encouragement.

Key Teachings

- Compassion over prejudice – crossing cultural and social barriers to show love and mercy
- Love in action – Love is not about feelings; its about doing what is right
- Who is my neighbour?

St Catherine House looked at the parable of the Good Samaritan, showing that Christ's teaching focuses on the human family and fraternity.

"We are brothers uniu sisters in Christ."

- Welcome new students and help them feel at home.
- Sit with someone who seems alone or left out.
- Offer kind words and encouragement to others.
- Listen to and support friends who need someone to talk to.
- Stand up against bullying or exclusion.
- Volunteer for charity drives or community projects.
- Pray for classmates, teachers, and the wider community.
- Be a role model of kindness, patience, and respect.
- Thank those who make a positive difference in our school.
- Share what you have with those in need.



Blessing of the Holy Doors

Our wonderful Holy Doors are now open!

The very talented Mr Ward has been hard at work creating a phenomenal replica of the Holy Doors at St Peter's Basilica in Rome, which were opened by Pope Francis on Christmas Eve to mark the beginning of the year of Jubilee.

Pilgrims from all around the world will travel to Rome over the next year, including a contingent from All Saints, but for those unable to travel to Rome, our doors will be a sign of the Year of Hope and new items will be appearing behind the door throughout the year to remind us of our Christian Faith and the goodness of God to make provision for humanity to have a year of rest and reconciliation.

The doors were blessed by Father Jean Claude Selvini on 31st January. He was joined by the Society of St Joseph, who prayed that these doors will continue be a sign of hope to all who pass them.

