



# Catholic Life and Mission



This Sunday's Gospel, the Parable of the Dishonest Steward, challenges each of us to think about how we use our time, talents and possessions. Do we hold on tightly to them for ourselves, or do we see them as gifts to be shared to build a fairer, kinder world? At his Sunday Angelus address, Pope Leo emphasised that true wealth is not money but friendship with God and with one another.

The Holy Father encouraged us to ask: How am I looking after the gifts God has given me? Am I using them to help others, especially those in need?

As a Catholic school community, this message speaks directly to our life together – in our studies, our charity work, our friendships and our care for creation.

We have seen some wonderful gifts and talents shared in our House Assemblies and Form Assemblies over the last fortnight, where students have used their writing and presentation skills to encourage their peers in their journey in faith. You can read about the assemblies and how they were received by fellow students in this issue.



## Friday Mass, 8.10am School Chapel

Holy Mass is celebrated every Friday morning in our school chapel at 8.10am. Everyone is welcome!

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to experience the true presence of Jesus, gathered together as One in Christ.



# THEME OF THE WEEK

## From Pain to Purpose: The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

John 3:13-17

## Assembly Focus

W/C 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

This week students gathered for assemblies in their respective houses, where our student leaders from Year 13 spoke

about the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and what it means for us to suffer well. Sofia in Margaret House writes, "The sixth form student leadership team spoke to us about having courage like St Margaret and not being afraid to share your faith, even if you suffer as a result," and Tia in Patrick House writes, "in the Patrick house assembly lead sixth formers read John 3:13-17 and explained how Christ's suffering gave St Patrick the strength to persevere through trials.

They reminded us that Jesus descended from Heaven to be with us as humans and linked this to St Patrick's hymn (Christ be beside me) calls each of us to be more aware of Christ all around us.

### UPCOMING THEMES

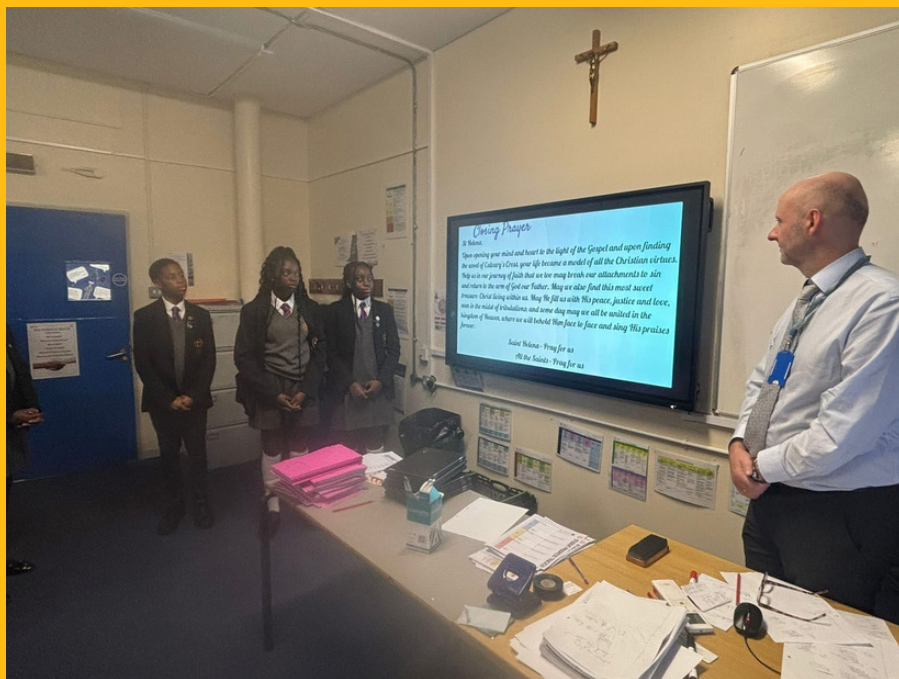
W/C 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Compassion in Action:  
Following St Francis**

W/C 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

**The Rosary is a Treasure of  
Graces**





# FORM ASSEMBLIES

## From Pain to Purpose: The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Throughout the school, Form Assemblies take place on a Friday morning of Week 1. This means every student has the opportunity to work in a small group several times a year to write and deliver an assembly to their form, looking at the theme



of the week and what this means for their form, so as they can encourage one another on their spiritual journey. For our first form assemblies of the year, groups of Year 8 students also delivered form assemblies to their fellow house students in Year 7. 7H and their form tutor, Mr Ansell, were particularly impressed with the students from 8H who wrote a beautiful assembly and then lead the whole class in singing a hymn together. Well done 8H!



This week's assembly challenged the All Saints Community to think about what the Parable of the Dishonest Steward meant for them. Led by our Chaplaincy Team, KS3 and KS4 students looked at the parable in light of the gifts and blessings bestowed upon them by God, asking themselves whether they are being used for temporary, worldly happiness, or invested in things that will lead to eternal happiness.

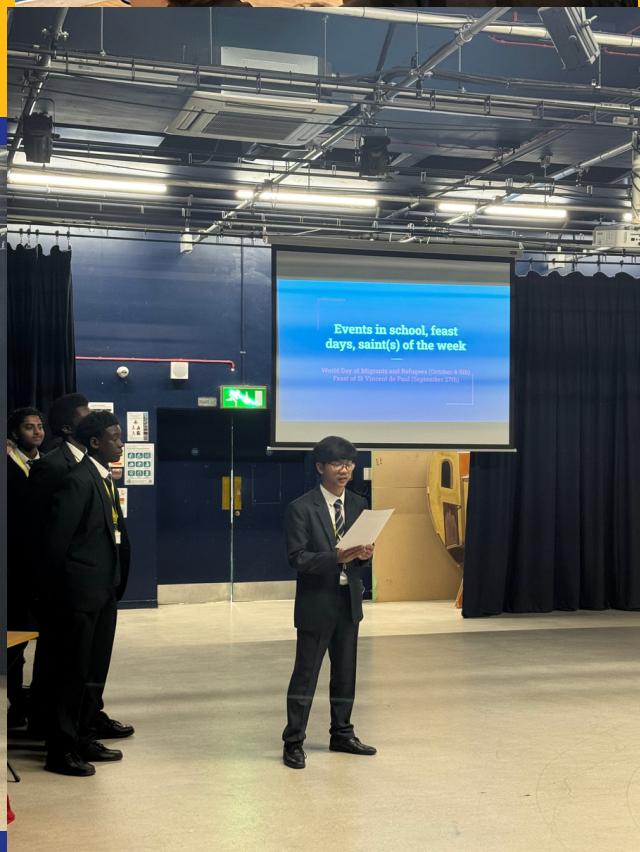
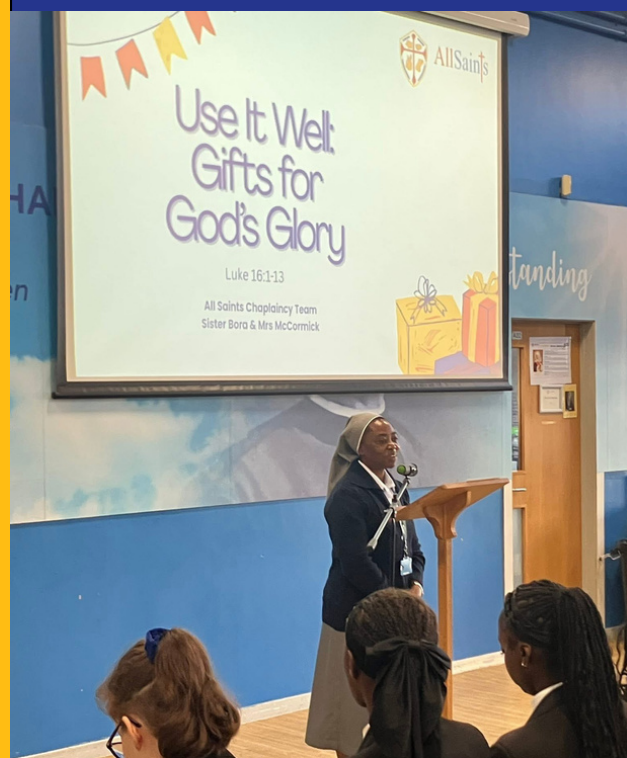
12A led a fantastic assembly around the same theme for their peers. They also spoke about St Vincent de Paul, whose feast day was this week, showing how he gave all of his blessings back to God through dedicating his life to serving the poor.

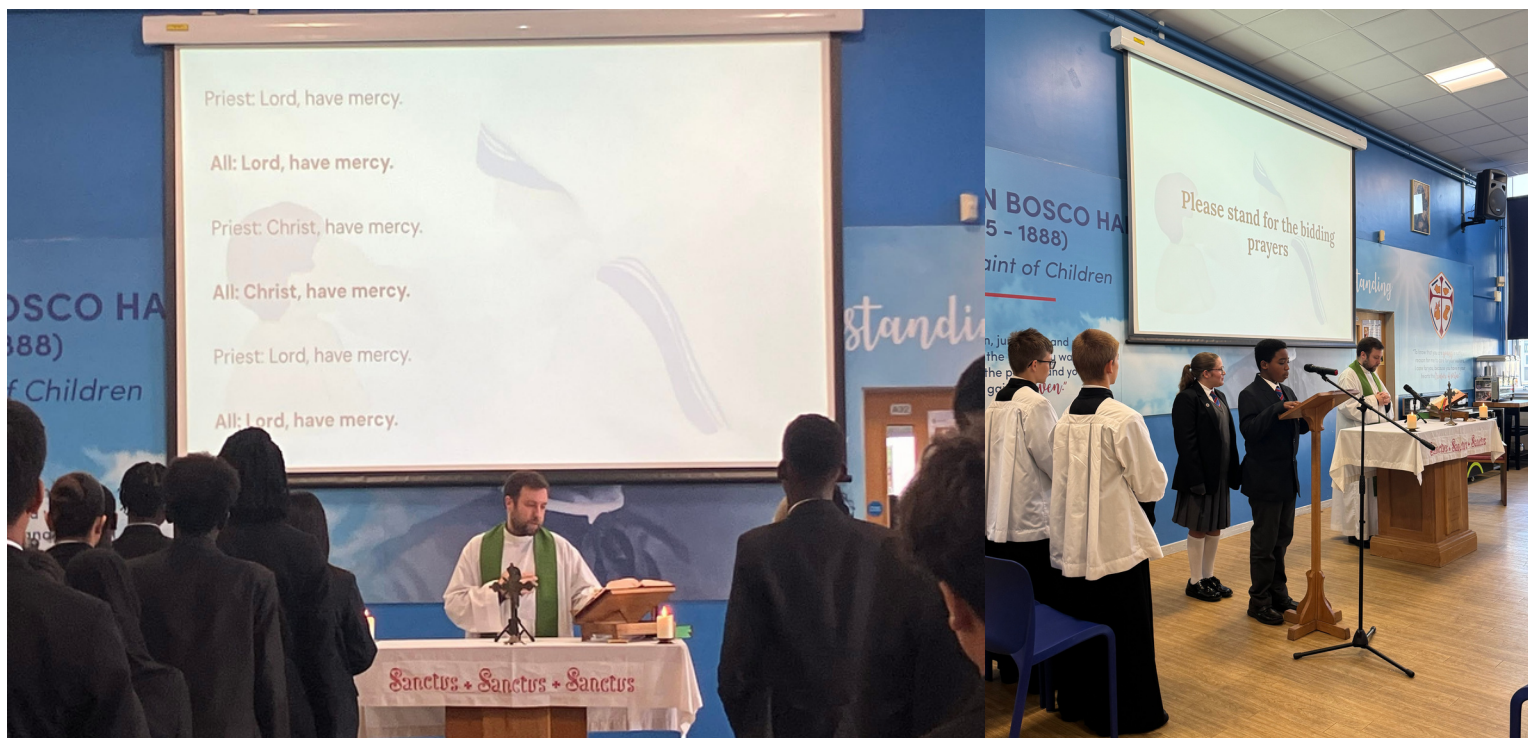
## THEME OF THE WEEK

w/c 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025

## Use it Well: Gifts for God's Glory.

Luke 16:1-13





## St Teresa House Feast Day

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September, students and staff from St Teresa House gathered together for the celebration of Mass with Fr. Adam from St Peter's, Dagenham. The Mass was populated with beautiful readings and prayers led by students from across all key stages. Mr Caddy, the head of St Teresa House was especially impressed with the enthusiasm of his house for singing hymns during the liturgy. The Mass ended with a reminder that St Mother Teresa of Calcutta dedicated her life to living out the virtue of charity in a special way, and that members of Teresa House should strive to embody this virtue this academic year, participating in as many school charitable events as possible.

After Mass, as has become the custom, the House gathered in the St John Paul II Hall for sweet treats and celebrations together.



## PILGRIMS OF HOPE : MISSION WEEK 2025

Our school mission week will take place from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of October, culminating on our patronal feast day, the Feast of All Saints, which we will celebrate as a school on the last day of half term.

We will be asking for the prayers of the extended All Saints Family – please keep a look out on our social media pages to be involved in the build up to this important and exciting week for our school community.



# Chaplaincy Timetable Autumn 2025

| Week 1            | Monday              | Tuesday             | Wednesday                            | Thursday              | Friday                 |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Morning 8.10am    | Morning Prayer      | Morning Prayer      | Morning Prayer                       | Morning Prayer        | Mass                   |
| Break             | Chat with Chaplains | Chat with Chaplains | Chat with Chaplains                  | Chat with Chaplains   | Chat with Chaplains    |
| Lunchtime 1.00 pm | Rosary              | Play & Pray         | The Big Question w/ Praise & Worship | Mass Reading Practice | Altar Serving Practice |

| Week 2            | Monday               | Tuesday             | Wednesday                            | Thursday              | Friday                 |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Morning 8.10am    | Morning Prayer       | Morning Prayer      | Morning Prayer                       | Morning Prayer        | Mass                   |
| Break             | Chat with Chaplains  | Chat with Chaplains | Chat with Chaplains                  | Chat with Chaplains   | Chat with Chaplains    |
| Lunchtime 1.00 pm | Divine Mercy Chaplet | Girls Faith Group   | The Big Question w/ Praise & Worship | Mass Reading Practice | Altar Serving Practice |

## Upcoming Feasts & Memorials

| Date              | Celebration                  |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Sunday 29th Sept  | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Thursday 2nd Oct  | Holy Guardian Angels         |
| Saturday 4th Oct  | St Francis of Assisi         |
| Sunday 5th Oct    | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Tuesday 7th Oct   | Our Lady of the Rosary       |
| Thursday 9th Oct  | St John Henry Newman         |
| Saturday 12th Oct | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time |

## Upcoming Events

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Jubilee Youth Mass (invite only)
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – St Francis House Feast Day Mass
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Feast of St John Henry Newman (Sixth Form)
- 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October – SCHOOL MISSION WEEK
- 24th October – All Saints Patronal Feast Day Celebration

## Pope's September prayer intention: For our relationship with creation

Heavenly Father,  
 Thank You for the beauty of Your creation. Help us to see Your presence in all living things and to treat every creature with care and respect.  
 Teach us to live in harmony with the world around us, caring for our common home and all who share it. May our actions reflect gratitude for Your gifts and a commitment to protect them.  
 Through Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.



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