



CATHOLIC LIFE & MISSION

June 2024



Youth Mass at Brentwood Cathedral

“The Eucharist is a fire which inflames us.”

St John Damascene

This month, the liturgical calendar is filled with many great and wonderful feast days; all ways in which we can grow to know and love Our Lord better.

On the 2nd June we celebrated the great feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ. The mystery of the Eucharist, that Christ would give his own flesh and blood to us as food to nourish our soul and produce good spiritual fruits, is one that every saint has embraced. Jesus wants us to live a life of holiness, but he doesn't expect us to do it alone!

Following Corpus Christi, we have also celebrated the feasts of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (some students attended the Brentwood Youth Mass for this feast - they write about it in this issue), and the Immaculate Heart of Mary (7th and 8th June respectively). The opportunity for our students to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, with their peers from other Catholic schools, united in love for Him is a huge blessing. In turn, they bring those graces back into our school; these blessings make our school a Christ-Centred community.

HOLY MASS

Mass is celebrated every Friday morning at 8.10am in the St John Henry Newman Chapel. All are welcome. Confessions are available on request.



Brentwood Youth Mass Report

Thursday 6th June

Sofia (year 8) has been attending the Youth Mass throughout this year. She writes about her experiences here:

"I like going to the Youth Mass because I get to interact with other schools and meet new people. Before the youth mass starts there are normally games set up to play and pizza to enjoy where you can socialize with other students and learn more about them. Every time we do something different as it is a different time of the year. The last time we went on the 6th June we celebrated the Sacred Heart. For 20 minutes we did adoration before starting Mass. There are normally multiple priests and are always welcoming."



Caitlin (year 10) joined us for Youth Mass for the first time this month: "

"What I liked about going to the Youth Mass was the opportunity to talk and interact with other young people in the diocese. You are able to talk about many things regarding the Catholic faith and hear many different perspectives from the different people. Before mass, we joined together to do eucharistic adoration, which was a calming and lovely experience. Mass was equally a nice experience, that doesn't fail to bring everyone together."



Lianne (year 8) has enjoyed being part of the youth choir:

"I like going to Youth Mass because it is where we socialise within our Catholic community. What I enjoy most about the Youth Mass is where we reflect in the Cathedral and have time with God. There are many activities that help strengthen our faith. One of my favourite experiences has been going to confession before Mass. Being part of the choir at youth mass was very lively experience because its where all choirs are joined together to sing as one. "



AMAZING NEWS!

All Saints School achieves Oscar Romero Developer Award!

We are thrilled to announce that All Saints has achieved the Developer Level of the prestigious Oscar Romero Award. This recognition places All Saints as the only school in Brentwood Diocese to have achieved the award at this level.

The Oscar Romero Award is a national benchmark that acknowledges a Catholic school's commitment to social justice.

The Developer Level signifies that All Saints has embedded these principles into the very fabric of the school community. From curriculum design to school activities and service projects, All Saints fosters a culture of empathy, compassion, and a drive to challenge inequality.

The Oscar Romero Award reflects the dedication of the entire school community – staff, students, and parents – to live out the Gospel message of justice and love for all. This award motivates us to continue striving towards a more just and equitable world.



WHAT'S COMING UP AT ALL SAINTS?

24th - 28th June

KS3 Mini Mission Week

Students from years 7, 8 and 9 will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from the year-group charities they will be working with next year.



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2nd - 5th July

Lourdes Pilgrimage

29 students will be travelling to Lourdes, France, to the place where the Blessed Mother appeared to St Bernadette Soubirous, to learn more about this apparition, to participate in a number of religious events including the torchlight procession as well as to sample various exciting excursions around the French Pyrenees.



Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 9th June 10h Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 3:20-35

"It is the end of Satan"

Sunday 16th June 11h Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 4:26-34

"It is the smallest of seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all."

Sunday 26th June 12h Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 4:35-41

"Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him."

Thursday Bible Study by Gethin Crome

"I like Bible study as we are one in Christ and all together talking about the Bible and reading the word of God in the Gospel and reflect on the word that we have just heard together. I also like Bible study as we can understand the mysteries of God and debate ideas together. I wish to see many new faces especially those who feel as if they are not one with God or upset about something. Bible study allows students and teachers to be in communion with God, peers and teachers. I hope to see many new people and all are welcome to Bible study at 1pm just come up to the chapel."



What's happening in the Chapel?

Play and Pray Club by Joseph Ajibade

"In my opinion, Pray and Play is an amazing thing to experience if you want to grow in faith, talk to others or just have fun! In Pray and play we have challenging yet enjoyable debates which can help in many subjects such as: RE, English, Science. It is a good way to socialise, grow in knowledge and skills and much more. During this Month of June, our reflections are on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by discussion on the love of God and how we can challenge ourselves to imitate Him."

Praying the Rosary by Mario Tampu

"I like praying the rosary because it is a really calm and peaceful way to meditate and pray by yourself, or as a group. It all started when I started year 7 at All Saints and then one day I came to the Chapel and I started praying it for good luck in my studies. Since then, it has been a big part of my school life as every day I come to the chapel and I pray it and when I don't pray it, I use the prayers that I have learned from the booklet of praying the rosary. But for me, the biggest thing that I like about praying it is when I pray God gives me the things that I want, and when he doesn't, he works in mysterious ways and gives me something that I eventually realise is equally important, if not more, than the thing that I want. I highly recommend you come to the chapel more to pray this wonderful prayer."

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This tradition dates back to 17th century when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque had visions of Jesus Christ revealing His Sacred Heart to her.

This devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus became popular and spread throughout the Catholic Church. During these month students pray the Divine mercy Chaplet at break or lunch time.



ASSEMBLY FOCUS

HOPE

(w/c 10th June)

Mr Lucraft led the assembly this week on Hope, emphasising the importance of having positive expectations as Christians. He encouraged students to have hope and to overcome their fears.

Focussing on two stories; a father with his disabled son, who participate in triathlons together and a 18 years old whose life has taken a positive turn since he was in a major car accident.

Both stories reflect on how we can accomplish great things if we place our hope in Christ.

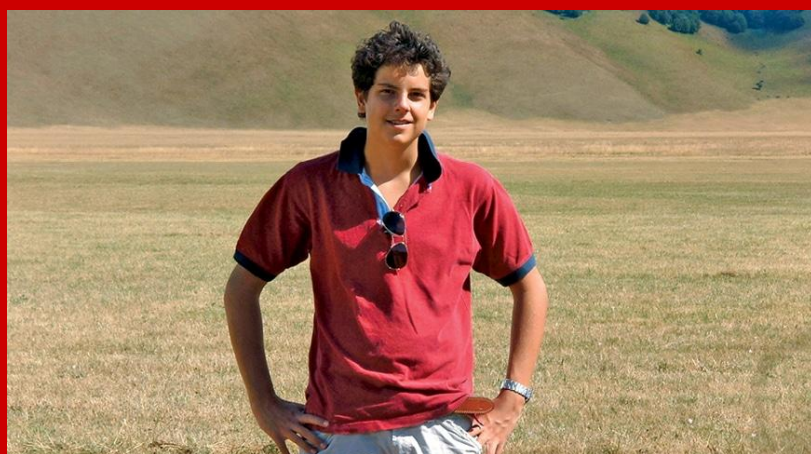


“Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.”

Pope John XXIII

Corpus Christi (w/c 3rd June)

Mrs McCormick's assembly for Corpus Christi gave us the opportunity to hear about the centrality of the Eucharist as the "Source and Summit" of our Christian Life.



Focussing on the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first millennial to be canonized a Saint (this will happen in Rome next year!), Mrs McCormick spoke of how Blessed Carlo's devotion to the Eucharist gave him the graces to live a life of holiness, despite having all the same distractions that young people have today. We looked at Blessed Carlo's website documenting all the Eucharistic miracles around the world, and students were challenged to reflect on the way in which they approach Jesus in the Mass and their appreciation for the great gift they have been given in this sacrament.