



AllSaints

# CATHOLIC LIFE & MISSION

JANUARY 2024



*To proclaim the Gospel, then, is not wasted time: it is being happier by helping others to be happy; it is to free ourselves by helping others to be free; it is becoming better by helping others to be better!*

POPE FRANCIS, 21ST JANUARY 2024

The New Year is off to a busy start at All Saints. With a very early Easter this year, almost as soon as the Christmas tree had come down, the preparations for Lent had begun.

Students have spent this term deepening their understanding of the particular virtue attached to their year group. We hope that by developing the good habits that lead to a new virtue each year, we will send All Saints students out into the world as Christians living their faith by the example they learn from the ultimate teacher, Jesus Christ and through the lives of the saints.

There is an excitement about the school as students make plans to fundraise for their year-group charities throughout Lent. The pupils take real pride in being able to advance the cause of Catholic social teaching in their local community and around the world through the support of a variety of charitable organisations. Please support them wherever possible!

## HOLY MASS

Is celebrated every Friday morning at 8.10am

Everyone is welcome!

St John Henry Newman Chapel



## *New Altar Servers*

We were very pleased to add Mario, Gethin and Joshua of year 7 to the altar serving team this term. Gethin and Joshua are already experienced servers from Our Lady of La Salette Parish in Rainham and Mario has been inspired to serve the Mass after encouragement from Kacper in year 11. He is now serving in his parish, St Peter's, on a Sunday as well!



## *New Members of the Society of St Joseph*

On the final day of term, several new students were inducted to the Society of St Joseph. Having completed the application process, which involves references from two members of staff, collecting both RE and chaplaincy merits for carrying out various activities, and committing themselves to regular prayer and Mass attendance, the following students received their red ties :

Gabriel Allet, Dino Nwosu, Mario Tampu, Gethin Crome, Joshua Homer, Bube Nwosu and Blessing Dibateza.



## SAINT OF THE MONTH

**St John Bosco - 31st January**

**St. John Bosco (born August 16, 1815, Becchi, near Turin, Piedmont, kingdom of Sardinia Italy—died January 31, 1888, Turin; canonized April 1, 1934; feast day January 31) Roman Catholic priest who was a pioneer in educating the poor and founded the Salesian order. He is a patron saint of editors, publishers, youth, apprentices, and magicians.**

Bosco was ordained a priest (1841) in Turin and, influenced by Cafasso, began to work to alleviate the plight of poor and neglected boys who came to seek employment in the city. Working in borrowed premises, Bosco provided boys with education, religious instruction, and recreation; eventually he headed a large establishment containing a grammar school, a technical school, and a church, all built through his efforts. He also achieved a local reputation as a popular and eloquent preacher and was known to use the magic tricks he had learned as a boy to get a crowd's attention. In Turin he and 22 companions founded the Society of St. Francis de Sales (also known as the Salesians of Don Bosco) in 1859, and before his death it had spread to England, France, Spain, and South America. With St. Mary Mazzarello he founded the Daughters of Our Lady Help of Christians (Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco) in 1872, a congregation of nuns dedicated to similar work among girls.



**By Jonathan S, 9B**

# SPOTLIGHT ON ASSEMBLIES

The school community have kick started the new year with some truly inspirational assemblies. The first week back began with heads of year asking the question “What will you do for Jesus this year?”, really encouraging pupils to set spiritual goals that are challenging, and to be the person God has created them to be.



Reflecting the Gospel of the week, Mr Bonnar’s assembly took the theme of Discipleship. He asked what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and challenged all students to have a conversation with a friend or family member about their faith, remembering the importance of being a witness of Jesus, our great teacher.

Mrs McCoy led the third week assembly, which highlighted the virtue each year group is developing, and putting this virtue into action in our charitable activities, reflecting Christ’s mission to change people’s lives for the better and allowing them to have life to the full.



Finally, the month concludes with a week of assemblies where we explore the theme of Racial Justice Sunday (28th January 2024). Mr Lucraft used the life of Saint Katherine Drexel, who championed the right of education for Native Americans and African Americans in a time of great hostility, to demonstrate that doing the right thing, and approaching every person with a primary regard the dignity God has bestowed on them, is something we can do to build God’s Kingdom in All Saints Catholic School.

## Liturgical Calendar

**Friday 2nd February - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

*“The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people.”*

**Sunday 4th February - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another..”*

**Sunday 11th February - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes)**

*“The leprosy left him at once and he was cured.”*

**Wednesday 14th February - Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins**

*“Your Father, who sees all that is done in secret, will reward you.”*

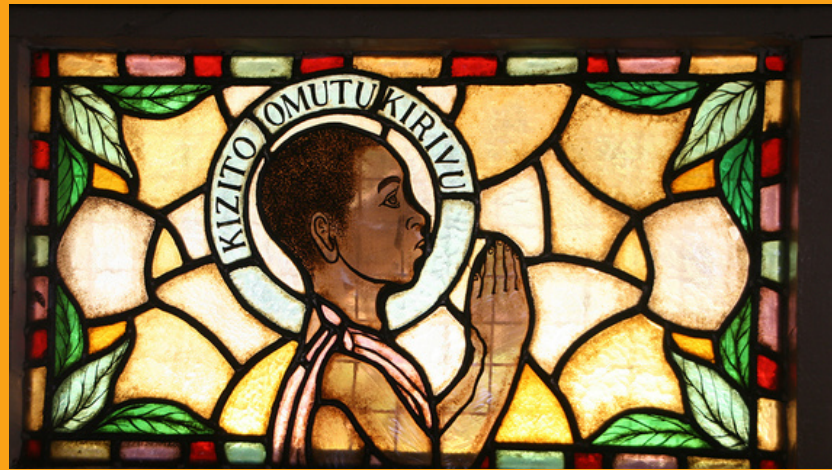


## COMING UP....

Lent begins:

- Ash Wednesday services on the 14th February for all students.
- Confessions available
- Weekly Stations of the Cross

God of light and truth,  
 you call all men and women to live lives  
 of holiness and justice.  
 Help us to see in one another: a heart  
 which is tender, a mind which is humble  
 and a care for our brothers and sisters;  
 so that together we may build up the  
 Body of Christ as a sign of hope and  
 mercy for all.  
 We make this prayer through Jesus our  
 Lord.  
 Amen



## Hallow Prayer App

Perhaps with Lent in mind you are thinking about giving up social media or spending more time in prayer. Our Sixth Form have been trialing the Hallow App during their weekly assemblies, learning about Christian Meditation, the Saints, living a life of virtue and mental health strategies. The app is free, although there is a tiered subscription available too. It is tried and tested by our chaplains and comes highly recommended!

### Daily Gospel and Rosary

All of the classic Catholic prayers, plus over 3,000 audio-guided meditations, homilies, and reflections with the Saints

### Praylists, Novenas, & Music

Curated meditations and exclusive music on love, joy, hope, humility, discernment, gratitude, forgiveness and more

### Exclusive Mental Health Content

Prayers and talks addressing topics like managing stress, overcoming addiction, building healthy relationships, healing from emotional wounds, and more

### Bible Stories and Sleep Content

Close your day with Christ with an Examen, Night Prayer, or a Bible Story from Fr. Mike Schmitz, Bishop Barron, Emily Wilson, and others



## Chaplaincy Timetable January / February 2023

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning 8.10am	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Mass
Breaktime	Chat with Chaplains	Chat with Chaplains	Chat with Chaplains	Mass Reading Practice	Divine Mercy Chaplet
Lunchtime	Rosary / Choir	Pray and Play	Faith and Fellowship	Bible Study	SSJ Activites TBC
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning 8.10am	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Mass
Breaktime	Chat with Chaplains	Chat with Chaplains	Chat with Chaplains	Chat with Chaplains	Chat with Chaplains
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