



Catholic Life and Mission



All Saints Celebrates New Saints

Our All Saints family celebrates with great joy the canonisation of Saint Carlo Acutis and Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati. These two young men, though from different centuries, show us that holiness is not distant or unreachable, but something real and possible in our own lives today.

Carlo Acutis, who died in 2006 aged just 15, used his skills in technology to spread devotion to the Eucharist, creating an online exhibition that continues to inspire millions around the world. He reminds young people that the internet can be used for good – to share faith, bring people

together, and point towards Christ. Pier Giorgio Frassati, who lived in the early 20th century, was a man of prayer, service, and adventure. He loved mountain climbing, helping the poor, and living his Catholic faith with joy and courage.

For the Church, their canonisation is a powerful witness that sainthood is not about perfection, but about saying “yes” to God in everyday life – at school, at home, with friends, online, and in serving others. For young people especially, Carlo and Pier Giorgio shine as examples that living faith with authenticity, joy, and generosity is both possible and life-giving.

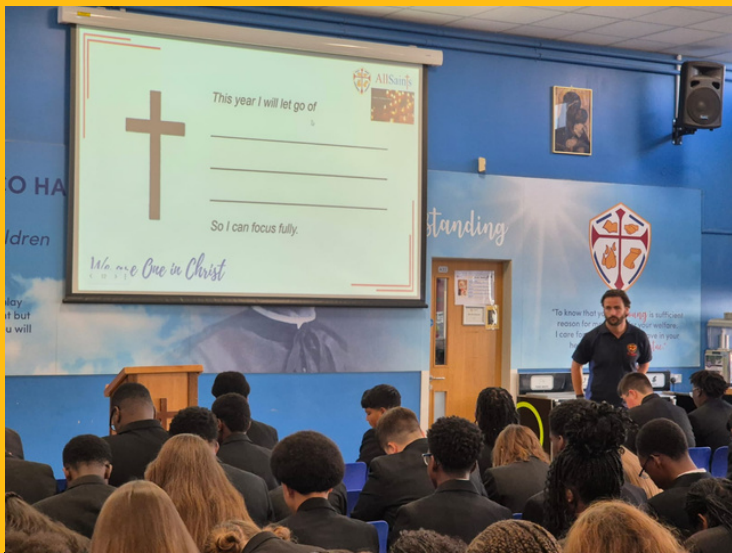


Friday Mass, 8.10am School Chapel

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

Fully Yours – The Challenge of True Discipleship

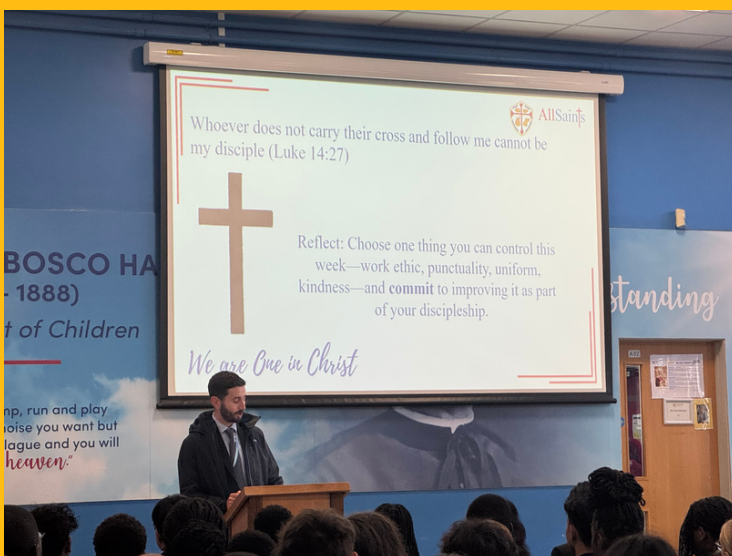
Luke 14:25–33



Assembly Focus

W/C 7TH SEPTEMBER

This week, our school assemblies focused on Fully Yours: the Challenge of True Discipleship (Luke 14:25–33). Mr Calver, Head of Year 10, invited students to consider what they might need to let go of this year to fully focus on their mission as disciples. Year 9 students, guided by Mr McIntyre, were challenged to choose one thing they could control—such as work ethic, punctuality, or kindness—and commit to improving it. The assemblies encouraged students to take practical steps in living out their faith every day.



UPCOMING THEMES

W/C 14TH SEPTEMBER

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

W/C 21ST SEPTEMBER

Use it well: Gifts for God's Glory





Year 12 Mass of Welcome

At the start of term, our Year 12 students took part in a retreat day designed to help them pause, reflect, and set out with purpose for the year ahead. The day centred around the help of the Saints for growth in virtue, and in particular through the intercessory prayers of Our Lady Help of Christians.

The day began with a short reflection on Our Lady and her role as a mother and intercessor for all who turn to her. Students then worked with the chaplaincy team in a workshop on cultivating practical virtues. They were invited to reflect on where they are spiritually and emotionally, especially after the challenges of exam results and the transition into Sixth Form. To help focus their reflections, students took part in a quiz that highlighted their strongest virtues and the areas where they might need encouragement. Each virtue was linked to a saint, and every student will receive a prayer card of their “patron saint” for the year, a reminder to carry with them and seek intercession when needed.

After break, students turned their attention to the role of assemblies within our Catholic school. They discussed what makes a good assembly and how to ensure that each one offers prayer, reflection, and inspiration. They were then tasked with writing assemblies based on the themes of the liturgical year, which will be delivered to their peers throughout the year.

The retreat concluded with the celebration of Mass, with Fr Paschal Uche preaching on the powerful intercession of Our Lady Help of Christians. He reminded students that Mary is always a mother they can turn to in any need.

The day was a rich opportunity for Year 12 to grow in faith, discernment, and leadership at the beginning of their Sixth Form journey.



Classroom Canonisation: Learning from the Church's Latest Saints

Since the beginning of the new school year, all students have participated in RE lessons with a focus on Saint Carlo Acutis, the first millennial to be canonised. Born in 1991 in London, Carlo was an ordinary teenager who loved computers and video games, yet lived an extraordinary life of faith. From a young age he attended daily Mass and developed a deep devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist. Using his computing skills, he created an online exhibition of Eucharistic miracles which is now known across the world.

Carlo died in 2006, aged just 15, after a battle with leukaemia. His witness to the faith, together with miracles attributed to his intercession, led to his canonisation by the Church. Today, young people across the globe look to him as an example of how holiness can be lived in the modern world.

In class, students also learned about the process of canonisation – the Church's declaration that someone is in heaven and worthy of universal veneration. They explored how saints are not “made” by the Church, but recognised for the heroic way they lived their lives in Christ.

As part of their learning, pupils created a reflection page in their RE books with three headings:

- What do I know about Saint Carlo Acutis?
- What will happen next?
- My prayer for Saint Carlo Acutis.

This activity gave students the chance to deepen their knowledge, express their faith, and be inspired by Carlo's life. Saint Carlo once said: “To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan.” His example has encouraged our young people to see that sainthood is not something distant, but a real and living call for every Christian.

Have you ever heard about Blessed Carlo?

- Carlo is an Italian teenager, born in 1991.
- He loved video games, computer programming, and was even considered a 'computer geek'.
- In 2006, at the age of 15, Carlo died of leukemia, a cancer of the blood cells.



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 14 Sept	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Monday 15 Sept	Our Lady of Sorrows
Tuesday 16 Sept	Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Saturday 20 Sept	Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
Tuesday 23 Sept	St Pio of Pietrelcina
Wednesday 24 Sept	Our Lady of Walsingham
Saturday 27 Sept	St Vincent de Paul, Priest

Upcoming Events

- Friday 18th September – St Teresa House Feast Day Mass
- Thursday 2nd October – Jubilee Youth Mass (invite only)
- Friday 3rd October – St Francis House Feast Day Mass
- Wednesday 8th October – Year 7 Mass of Welcome
- Thursday 9th October – Feast of St John Henry Newman (Sixth Form)
- 20th – 24th 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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