



Chaplain Update

This half term we celebrated our schools' feast day, remembering in a special way our patron; **St Angela Merici**. St Angela was a woman before her time and paved the way for the empowerment of women. From St Angela we learn the importance of working for change and serving others. St Angela's feast day falls on the same day as **Holocaust Memorial Day**, which this year marked the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. To commemorate this important day, it was the basis of reflection in our St Angela masses. Students reflected on the courage of Irena Sendler a brave lady- who rescued over 2,500 Jewish children from the horrors of the Holocaust. On her actions she said; "I was brought up to believe that a person must be rescued when drowning, regardless of religion and nationality." This reminds us the importance of treating everyone with dignity and respect.

During this half term, we had **Year 7 Ethos Day** and Year 8 and 10 Retreats, **Year 8 Retreat** was on the theme of 'Building Bridges' and encouraged students to reflect on their relationships with home, friends, God and their community- through art, drama and discussion activities. Mary commented; "I learnt a lot about how people sacrifice things in order to help people/causes they care about, and it made me more aware of just how fortunate I am". The theme of **Year 10 Retreat** was 'Our Common Home'; focusing on the climate change crisis. We were joined by Paul Sherlock; a CAFOD volunteer who did a very informative presentation on the climate crisis and CAFOD's work, as well as giving students ideas about what they can do to make a change. At the end of the day, students had the opportunity to write letters to their local MP, asking him to commit to making climate change on their behalf. Year 10 students responded very maturely to the topic and were very passionate about them working to create change.

Wishing you a restful half term break.

Ms Murphy



PRAYER OF THE 'MONTH'

In the Footsteps of St Angela

Saint Angela Merici,

You were generous and joyful in answering God's call, and you happily shared the gifts you had been given.

When you recognised the need for education, you overcame obstacles and prejudice by your prayer and your commitment to those living in poverty.

Open our eyes to the needs of others; remind us that Jesus calls us to serve our sisters and brothers, and to bring joy to those around us.

Amen

SCRIPTURE OF THE 'MONTH'

A Reading from St Angela's First Counsel

I remind you to strive, with the help of God, to take hold of and plant within you this right conviction and humble sentiment: do not consider yourselves worthy to be superiors and leaders.

Rather, regard yourselves as ministers and servants reflecting that you have more need to serve them than they have to be served by you, or governed.

Upcoming Events

Shrove Tuesday Charity Pancake Sale

Tues 25th Feb
10.30-10.55am

Ash Wednesday Services

Weds 26th Feb
Yr9: 8.45-9.05am
Yr7: 9.10-9.35am
Yr8: 9.40-10.00am
Yr10: 10.05-10.30am
Yr11: 10.55-11.20am
Hall

Year 7 & 8 Reconciliation Services

Throughout Lent
Hall

Year 7 visit to Hindu Temple

Fri 28th Feb
1.30-3.00pm

Year 12 & 13 Faith Development Days

Thurs 2nd April
All Day

Year 12: Visiting Places of Worship
Year 13: At School

Passion Service

Friday 3rd April
Yr9 & 11: 9.40-10.30am
Yr8 & Yr10: 10.55-11.45am
Yr12 & 13: 11.50am-12.40pm
Yr7: 12.45-1.35pm
Hall

News In Pictures



Year 7 Ethos Day; A day to explore our Ursuline ethos & have a greater understanding of St Angela & St Ursula



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St Angela Feast Day Masses



The Eco Committee cake sale raising money for the Australian wildfires cause