



Chaplain Update

This year our theme is, "Faith is an encounter with Jesus, we must do what Jesus does, encounter others." Throughout the year we will explore how we encounter with those around us, by building positive relationships and reflecting on how we encounter Jesus and grow in faith.

This year, we have been able to reintroduce the celebration of Mass into our school community. It has been wonderful to come together at the start of the year for the feast of St Ursula. Our focus of the St Ursula Masses was creation, and we learnt about St Kateri Tekakwitha, who is the patron saint of Ecology and the environment. From St Kateri we learn the importance of seeking to live in harmony with nature and managing resources carefully, following closely the rhythms and patterns of nature. This was just the start of our focus on the environment, throughout the next half term students will learn more about the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) and our response as a school community.

This half term we also had our physical Year 11 Retreat. The theme was 'Building our positive future'. During the day, students had the opportunity to reflect on their personal faith journey and learn about the current crisis in Afghanistan. We were joined by the Salvation Army Merton and The Jesuit Refugee Service. After the retreat, students said they had learnt the following. "I have learnt how I can adjust my life to be able to support asylum seekers and refugees, as well as how to reflection my personal situation. I have learnt to be more aware of my personal wellbeing, and think of more ways to help with world problems." Some Year 11 students asked if they could raise money for Salvation Army Merton and JRS, they held a snack sale raising over £150. Well done Year 11, I was very impressed with your initiative!

Ms Murphy



PRAYER OF THE 'MONTH'

*God our Father, you gave St. Ursula
the courage to witness to the gospel message
to the point of giving her life for it.
May her prayers help us
to seek you with all our hearts,
and may her example of courage and hope
be our inspiration. Amen*

SCRIPTURE OF THE 'MONTH'

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:4-10)

The word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." "Alas, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord

Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

Upcoming Events

Remembrance Service (live streamed)

Thursday 11th November (11am)
Chapel

Eucharistic Minister Training with WC

Tuesday 16th November
St John Fisher

Year 7 & 8 Advent Service

Week beginning 22nd November
Chapel

Christmas Tree Service

Friday 26th November
Chapel

Year 9 & 10 Advent Reconciliation

Throughout advent
Chapel

Joint Christmas Carol Service

Monday 13th December
Sacred Heart Church

Christmas Tea Party

Tuesday 14th December (1.30pm)
Old Gym

Christmas Assemblies

09:45 - 10:30 Year 7 & Year 9 Hall
10:55 - 11:45 Year 12 & Year 13 - Hall
11:50 - 12:40 Year 8 & Year 10 Hall

News In Pictures



INSET Day; Staff Welcome Mass



Jesuit Missions 'Be BOLD' Climate Change Petition delivered to 10 Downing Street



Feast of St Ursula; the Mass of creation celebrating St. Kateri Tekakwitha; patron saint of ecology



Avila Retreat; Living out our call to protect our planet



Southwark Mass; welcoming the start of the new school year



Fundraising for the Salvation Army Merton and The Jesuit Refugee Service