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#### THE URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FAITH DEVELOPMENT, CATHOLIC MISSION AND SERVIAM VALUES

## Meet Our R.E Team



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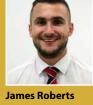


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Please take a look at our Catholic Life section on our website for further details of our activities and events!

# **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**





### 'Our Lady of the Rosary' October 2024

In October, as the church celebrated 'Our Lady of the Rosary,' the school hosted a Rosary Prayer Experience during lunchtime in the chapel. Open to both staff and students, the session promoted spiritual growth and shared faith. Students, staff, and choir members collaborated to create a reverent and welcoming atmosphere. Participants shared personal prayer intentions, expressing hopes and concerns, making the experience more meaningful. Students actively led prayers and reflected on the Rosary's mysteries, with several taking turns leading decades, demonstrating confidence. Choir hymns added a contemplative, musical dimension to the event.

# **Chaplaincy Update**

Our academic year kicked off with the beginning of Year Mass at St. George's Cathedral, attended by students and staff, renewing commitment to the Catholic mission. Ursuline students joined Jesuit Missions in delivering climate justice messages to Downing Street, advocating for environmental change. Retreats for Years 7 and 11 offered students a chance to explore identity, values, and community



**Dominic Cunliffe** 

within the Ursuline tradition. The school also launched Chaplain lector training to develop student leaders in worship. Ursuline and Wimbledon College initiated a new programme called GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) a faith-based after-school group. Closing the October term, the Mass of St. Ursula celebrated strength and courage, while our launch of the new term in November marked Remembrance Month in which we honoured our departed loved ones with our Memorial Book, Memory Tree reflections, and a commemorative Mass. We have a lot to look forward to as we look ahead to December and launch into advent. We have a five week programme consisting of prayer, reflections, charity drives and assembly services. We launched our December advent season with a Christmas Tree Service, which is always a great way to anticipate the light of the world, Jesus, coming into our midst.

Dominic Cunliffe, Chaplain

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-25: KS3 OVERVIEW

#### Year 7

- Ursuline Family and Creation and Covenant
- Prophecy and Promise
- Galilee to Jerusalem
- Desert to Garden
- To the Ends of the Earth
- Dialogue an Encounter

#### Year 8

- Ursuline Family and Creation and Covenant
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- Galilee to Jerusalem
- Desert to Garden
- To the Ends of the Earth
- Dialogue an Encounter

# Year 9

- Pilgrimage
- Prayer
- Islam
- Our World
- Creation
- Incarnation

# Catholic Life in Pictures



Cathedral Mass: On September 26th, five Ursuline High students joined Southwark's Beginning of Year Mass, celebrating faith, commitment, and the new academic year.



Year 11 Form Retreat: Who Am I? The Year 11 retreats encouraged students to explore identity and purpose. centering their worth in faith as well as academics.



Climate Justice Now: Jesuit Missions Downing Street Visit On October 4th, Ursuline students delivered climate justice postcards to Downing Street, voicing concerns as part of Jesuit Missions' advocacy campaign



Lector Training: This year's program prepared student lectors, emphasising public speaking skills, scripture's historical context, and its deep, spiritual impact when read aloud.



Year 7 Retreats: Year 7 retreats allowed students to grow in community, and embrace Ursuline values as they begin their school journey.



Mass of St Ursula: The term's closing Mass of Oct term honoured St. Ursula's courage, inspiring students to pursue dreams with conviction