

CATHOLIC LIFE & MISSION

APRIL / MAY 2023 - VOLUME 8



Our Easter Assembly. We began with a reading of the Passion according to St John.

HE IS NOT HERE, FOR HE IS RISEN, AS HE SAID.

MATTHEW 28:6

HAPPY EASTERTIDE!

Wishing you and your families a very happy Eastertide. As a Catholic Community we celebrate the risen Lord for fifty days, up until Pentecost - Sunday 28th May. Our new Chaplaincy timetable for May will reflect this. Additionally, we dedicate the month of May to our Blessed Mother, Mary and to praying the rosary. Students will have the opportunity to explore this powerful prayer with us. We will have many students being confirmed in their parishes at Pentecost, so please keep them in your prayers as they make the final steps in their confirmation journey.



Holy Mass is offered every Friday at 8.10am
Confessions available before and after Mass on request.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

Sunday 30th April - 4th Sunday of Easter

"I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me."

Sunday 7th May - 5th Sunday of Easter

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the father except through me.'

Sunday 14th May - 6th Sunday of Easter

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

Thursday 18th May - The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation in England and Wales)

"Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."

Regina Caeli - Queen of Heaven

At All Saints we drop everything and pray at midday, to the sound of Church bells ringing around the school site. During Eastertide, the midday prayer of the Church changes from the Angelus to the Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven).

Students have been enthusiastically learning this new prayer, with the resounding 'Alleluia' which helps us to remain in the joy of the resurrection.

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



SAINTS OF THE MONTH

This month.. Church offers to us many remarkable men and women, who should inspire us and encourage us in the pursuit of holiness. Here are three for you to reflect on this fortnight:

Saint Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort
April 28th

Louis de Montfort was a French priest, living in the 17th and 18th centuries, who believed he was called by God to help to renew the Christian life of the people of the West of France by his preaching of parish missions, and especially through devotion to Mary, the mother of Jesus and mother of the Church.

Opposed at times in his preaching and in his other ministries, Louis knew with Saint Paul, "Neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who causes the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:7)

Saint Louis de Montfort is known for his particular devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the practice of praying the rosary.



Saint Athanasius of Alexandria
May 2nd

St. Athanasius of Alexandria was the 20th Bishop of Alexandria. His Episcopate lasted 45 years from June 8, 328 to May 2, 373. Also known as Athanasius the Great and Athanasius the Confessor, he was a bishop and doctor of the church. He is called the "Father of Orthodoxy," the "Pillar of the Church" and "Champion of Christ's Divinity." Athanasius became one of the most dedicated opponents of the heresy of Arianism. Much of his life was a testimony to the divinity of Jesus Christ. Over 17 years of his being Bishop was spent in five exiles, ordered by four different Roman Emperors.

Athanasius is the patron saint of the defence of the faith, as he courageously stood up against the Arian heresy and defended the divinity of Christ.



Saint Dominic Savio
May 6th

Dominic Savio was born in the small village of San Giovanni, near Turin, Italy, on 2 April 1842. As a small boy, he loved the Lord and the Church and showed exceptional piety and devotion in practicing his faith as a Catholic. Dominic never missed attending the Mass with his mother. He was often seen kneeling and praying before the tabernacle.

Aside from his prayerfulness, young Dominic was also quickly recognized as an excellent student and at the age of 12 he became a spiritual son of John Bosco.

Under the personal direction of this great Salesian saint, Dominic became a model and example of God's love for all people. He lived as an apostle and missionary of Jesus. Dominic Savio, is the patron saint of boys, children's choirs.



A VISITOR FOR 8 TERESA



On Thursday 20th April, 8T were treated to a surprise visit from Fr Paschal Uche during their RSE lesson, where he conducted an impromptu Q&A session. 8T asked some brilliant questions. Father Paschal also spoke about being chosen to greet Pope Benedict on behalf of all young Catholics on his Papal Visit to the UK in 2010 and the subsequent letter his mother received from the Emeritus Pope on the day of his ordination to the priesthood. Finally, he prayed for our students, and left them with a blessing.

Year 10 Chapel Visits

We have already welcomed several Year 10 RE Classes to the Chapel as part of their GCSE Unit looking at Forms of Expression and Ways of Life in the Catholic Church. Sister Bora and Mrs McCormick were able to show and explain the significance of the Tabernacle, the Blessed Sacrament, the Ciborium and Chalice, Icons, Votive Candles and the Stations of the Cross. Students asked some very thoughtful questions and by the end of the session were able to recall everything on their vocabulary lists.



Pray and Play Group continues in the Chapel on Tuesday lunchtime. It is wonderful to see so many students gathered in this space together, who really desire to give their free time to God. Everyone is welcome - you can be sure to find a friend here in the Chapel.



In the Chapel - 1st - 12th May 2023

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning - 8.10am	Silent Prayer	Silent Prayer	Sixth Form Prayer	Silent Prayer	Mass
Breaktime	Rosary Decade	Rosary Decade	Rosary Decade	Rosary Decade	Rosary Decade
Lunchtime 1pm	Meditation / Taize	Silent Prayer	Ask the Chaplains	Play & Pray Worship	Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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Breaktime	Rosary Decade	Rosary Decade	Rosary Decade	Rosary Decade	Rosary Decade
Lunchtime 1pm	Meditation / Taize	Pray & Play Worship	Ask the Chaplains	Scripture Reflection	Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

SPOTLIGHT ON RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION

At All Saints Catholic School we are committed to promoting the personal and social development and health and wellbeing of all the students within our community. We believe that high quality Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) is a fundamental part of this.

There is an opportunity for parents to engage with the teaching and deepen the experience for your child by logging on to our provider's parent portal, where you can see exactly what your child will be learning in RSE.

www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal
School Username: opp-all Saints-8
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Walsingham House

**APPLY FOR
TEAM 23-24**

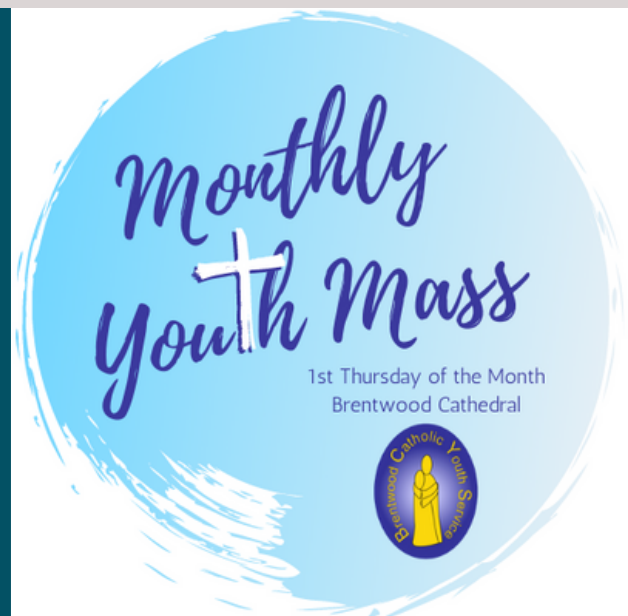
**LIVE IN A YOUNG CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY AND WORK WITH
THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE
FROM ESSEX & EAST LONDON**

**INCLUDED IN YOUR
YEAR:**

- LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- FORMATION IN FAITH
- ACCOMMODATION & BILLS
- FOOD & ALL ESSENTIALS
- A FREE TRIP TO LOURDES
- TEAM HOLIDAY
- WEEKLY STIPEND PAYMENT & MUCH MORE!

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**Monthly
Youth Mass**

1st Thursday of the Month
Brentwood Cathedral

Brentwood Catholic Youth Services

**Youth Mass @ Brentwood Cathedral -
4th May 2023**

The evening will begin with something to eat in the Parish Hall at 6pm. The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Mary, and so we will be leading a time of Youth-Led prayer centred around the Rosary as we seek the intercession of Our Lady.

This will then be followed by Youth Mass in the Cathedral at 7:30pm, with lively and uplifting music, celebrated by Fr Matthew Bemand-Qureshi from the parish of St Joseph's in Upminster.