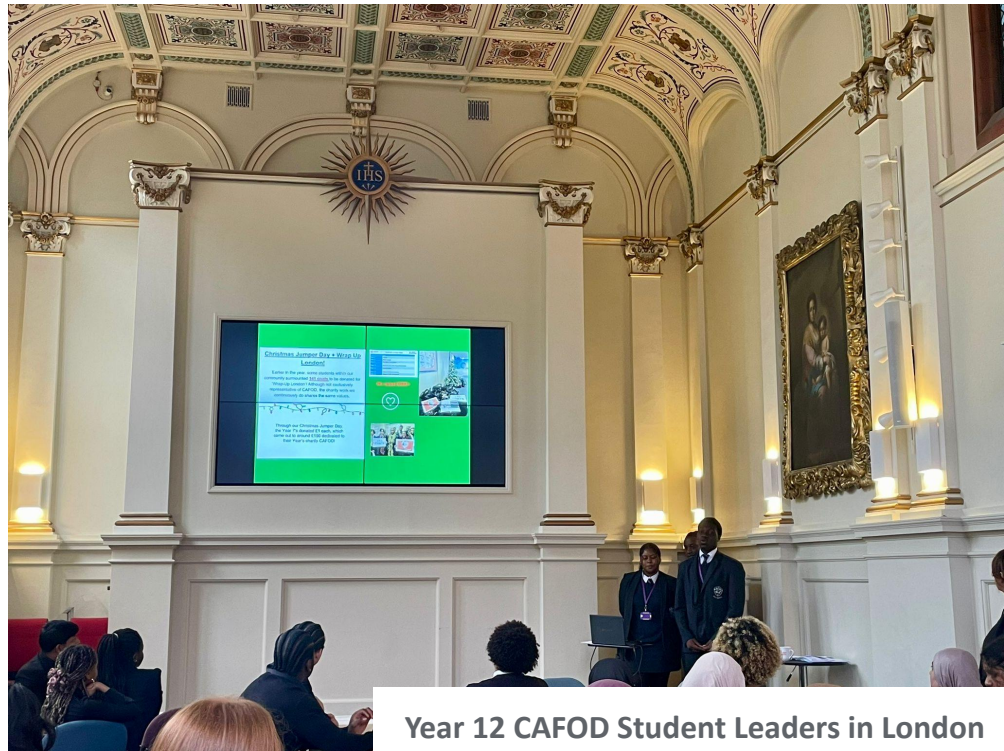




CATHOLIC LIFE & MISSION

May 2024

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love!



Year 12 CAFOD Student Leaders in London

We have reached the great feast of Pentecost, celebrated in our parishes on Sunday the 19th May. Marking 50 days from the Resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday, we are renewed as the Body of Christ by the outpouring of His Holy Spirit. For many of our students, this day was of particular importance in their Christian life, as it is also the day in which many parishes hold the Sacrament of Confirmation. Students from St Peter's Parish had a wonderful day. Others, such as our students from Holy Family parish, eagerly await their confirmation day in June. We remember these young people in the prayers of the All Saints Family and ask that they, like the Apostles at Pentecost, might be empowered by the Holy Spirit to share their faith and live a life of virtue, becoming beacons of hope within their local community.

HOLY MASS

Mass is celebrated every Friday morning at 8.10am in the St John Henry Newman Chapel. All are welcome. Confessions are available on request.



ASSEMBLY FOCUS

We are ONE in Christ (w/c 13th May)


The Society of St Joseph led KS3 in assembly with a wonderful reflection on what it means to be ONE in Christ. They spoke about the diverse

One in Christ?

Our school mission is One in Christ.

- What does this mean?
- How do we do this?
- What steps do we take?

In all fairness, we are already united by our faith in Christ. We as Christians, are already one community; one family; one body; one soul. You having a firm belief in Jesus Christ, as our Lord and saviour, is already one step that you have taken. Being One in Christ doesn't mean that we all have the same morals, views or agendas. Being One in Christ means that we can come together as a collective to help be the change, to support everyone around us, to be role models, to be examples of what Christianity is.



Opening Prayer

O Holy Spirit,
By Your power,
Christ was raised from the dead to save us all.
By your grace,
Miracles are performed in Jesus' name.
By Your love,
We are protected from evil.
And so,
We ask humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of Kindness
within us.
Amen.



nature of All Saints School, with students from different ethnicities and backgrounds, united as the Body of Christ with Jesus as both teacher and saviour.

They also spoke about how important it was to support each other so that, as one unit, we grow in faith and love together.

What Moves You? (Pentecost) w/c 20th May

Our Chaplains led the assembly through the week following Pentecost Sunday.

They talked about the Holy Spirit and explained the link between our



Hebrew word 'ruach', which means Spirit or breath. The Spirit is what animates and moves us in the world. Bestowing twelve fruits upon us, students were encouraged to think about where they might be stuck in their faith journey, and which fruit might get them moving again.

We concluded by asking for the Holy Spirit to continue to work throughout our school, guiding us in holiness and on the path to Sainthood!

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 26th May - The Most Holy Trinity

Matt 28:16-20

"Baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Sunday 2nd June- Corpus Christi

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

"This is my body. This is my blood."

Sunday 26th May 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 3:20-35

"It is the end of Satan."

CAFOD YOUNG LEADERS

On Thursday 16th May, Year 12 CAFOD Young Leaders Kyle, Abigail and Nigel attended a conference at the Jesuit Centre in London, meeting with several other schools from Brentwood Diocese to discuss their fundraising efforts and the ways in which they have spread awareness of the work of CAFOD at All Saints School. They presented brilliantly to the group and were able to bring back many good ideas and suggestions from our neighbouring Catholic schools.

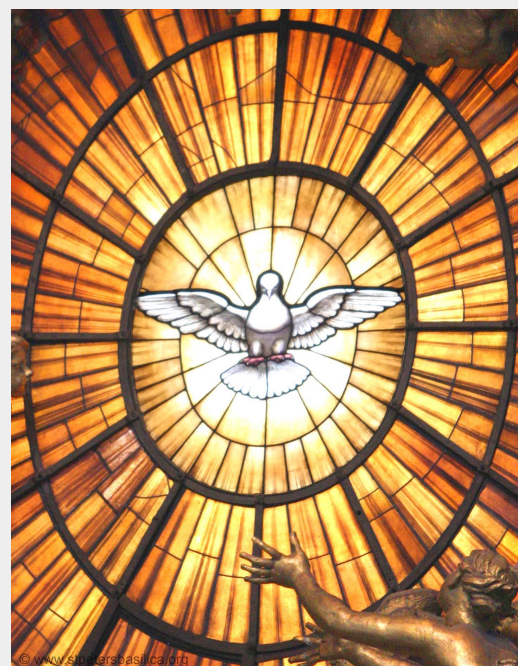


SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Many congratulations to the students from St Peter's parish who were confirmed last weekend. Many students will be receiving this sacrament at Pentecost. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the fullness of the gifts of the Holy Spirit!

Heavenly Father, God of power and of love. We pray for all the All Saints students who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope and love and may they come to know you as the one true God who loves them without limit. May their hearts welcome you gladly; May their ears hear your voice in the scriptures; May their eyes see you in all things; And may they proclaim your glory as they walk in the ways of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen



Novena to the Holy Spirit

On Friday the 10th May, we began praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit in the lead up to the feast of Pentecost. A novena is an ancient method of prayer in which we pray for the same petition or devotion for nine consecutive days. The Novena to the Holy Spirit can be started at any time of the year; if you have a particular intention, you can download the prayers we have used at school here or from our school facebook page :

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MONTH OF MARY

We have been honouring Mother Mary throughout the month of May in several ways.

Our whiteboards have, each week, been telling us the story of various Marian apparitions throughout the world, including Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of La Salette, and Our Lady of Guadalupe.

We asked students to participate in a video which will be up on our social media channels shortly, showing the All Saints devotion to Our Lady praying the Hail Mary in a number of languages.

***Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To you do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve.
To you do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this exile
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.
O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.***

