

CATHOLIC LIFE & MISSION

JANUARY 2023 - VOLUME 2



Some of our students with Sister Bora at the monthly Youth Mass at Brentwood Cathedral

'FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,' DECLARES THE LORD, 'PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE'

JEREMIAH 29:11

At All Saints we believe every child is created in the image and likeness of God, and therefore every individual is valued and loved equally.

We try to encourage our students through prayer and conversation to discern the plans that God has for them - He has put them here for a reason and our task together is to help them understand what God is asking of them.

About this, St John Henry Newman said "God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission."



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

IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

Sunday 15th- 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world"

Sunday 22nd - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled."

Sunday 29th- 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven."

Thursday 2nd February - The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

Sunday 5th February - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You are the light of the world."



Each week, we have a theme based on the liturgical calendar of the Church.

Next week our theme is "**Heavenly Riches**".

In assembly we will be reading about Christ's encounter with the Rich Young Man (Mark 10:17-27) and learning about St Anthony Abbott, who sold all his worldly goods and went to live a monastic life in the desert. His radical life of prayer and rejection of things of the world attracted many young men to join him, and he is now regarded as the founder of monastic life in the Church.

SAINTS OF THE MONTH

During the first month of the civil calendar, the 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:

St Sebastian - 20th January

St Agnes - 21st January

St Angela Merici - January 27th

Saint Sebastian was a Christian living in the Roman Empire at a time of great persecution. He converted many to the Church in secret, until he was caught and put to death in 283AD aged 32. He is the patron of athletes, archers and soldiers.

St Agnes is one of the virgin martyrs of the Church. She is said to have been very beautiful and attracted many suitors, but she was known to say "Jesus is my only spouse". She is the patron of those seeking chastity and purity, engaged couples,

Founder of the Ursuline order, at the age of 21 St Angela converted her home into a school where she daily gathered all the little girls of Desenzano, Italy and taught them the Christian faith. She is the patron of sickness, the disabled and those who have lost their parents.



What have people said about The Flame Congress?

"Amazing grace! What a wonderful day. This is the 3rd Flame event we have attended and there was something very special about this year. In previous years the kids enjoyed it but they weren't captivated by it! This year the message was for them - it spoke directly to where they are at. They heard the Gospel - they were affirmed and encouraged, given hope. Flame this year was for them and they were captivated."

Parish Catechist

Flame Trip - Saturday 4th March

We will be launching our Flame Trip with our pupils next week. This is largest Catholic Youth Event in the Country, taking place in Wembley Arena.

If you are interested in sending your child to Flame on Saturday 4th March - this is a whole day trip we will travel by Coach to Wembley Arena and will cost £20.

Letters can be collected from the Chaplaincy Team from Monday 16th March and should be returned before Tuesday 31st January.

This trip is for students in Year 9 - Year 13.

WHAT ARE PUPILS LEARNING ABOUT IN R.E THIS TERM?

KS3

Year 7

- Catholic Identity
- Kingdom

Year 8

- Kingdom
- Covenant of the People

Year 9

- Theology of the Body (RSE)
- Religion and Society

KS4

Year 10

- Catholic Practices
- Sources of Wisdom and Authority

Year 11

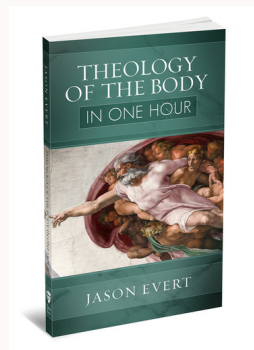
- Arguments for the existence of God
- Relationship and Families

More information on the RE curriculum can be found on the school website.

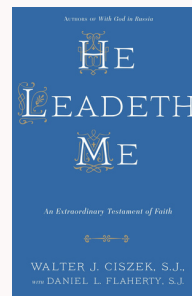
Please keep Year 11 and 13 in your prayers as they finish their courses and begin revision for their public exams.

Theology of the Body in One Hour

Theology of the Body was introduced by St. John Paul II in his general audiences and in addition to confirming the teachings of Humanae Vitae, goes further to reveal God's plan for love and how masculinity and femininity are part of that plan. The original document is over five hundred pages. To get a taste of it, read Theology of the Body in One Hour by Jason Evert.



Book RECOMMENDATIONS



He Leadeth Me

A wonderful and inspiring book by Walter Ciszek, SJ who spent twenty-three years in Russian prison and labor camps. This is the story of how he endured by relying completely on God. Despite torture, hard labor, and years of solitary confinement, Ciszek learned to discern God's will for each twenty-four hour period. Odds are we'll never be in a Soviet gulag but we can take his lessons and apply them to our own challenges. The cause for Ciszek's canonization was opened in 2012.

In the Chapel - January 2023

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning - 8.10am	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Daily Mass Reading	Pray with Hallow	Mass
Breaktime	Silent Prayer	Silent Prayer	Silent Prayer	Silent Prayer	Silent Prayer
Lunchtime 1pm	Meditation / Taize	Play & Pray Bible Study for Girls	Rosary	Silent Prayer / Eucharistic Adoration	Rosary

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning - 8.10am	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Daily Mass Reading	Pray with Hallow	Mass
Breaktime	Silent Prayer	Silent Prayer	Silent Prayer	Silent Prayer	Silent Prayer
Lunchtime 1pm	Rosary	Pray & Play Bible Study for Girls	Catechesis, Praise & Worship	Silent Prayer / Eucharistic Adoration	Divine Mercy Chaplet