



Romero
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Dear Parent/ Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to update you regarding the Catholic Life and Mission and Collective Worship at All Saints'. It is our Catholic Life and Mission which distinguishes us from other local schools and is the means by which we actively demonstrate our faith, ethos and values as a Catholic school.

During early November, we supported the Rossendale Hospice Penny Pinching Appeal. Pupils were each given a penny box and had to fill it with loose change and bring it back to school. We have launched our Advent Appeal – CARITAS Salford, 'Bee There Appeal'. We intend to provide items that will support the most vulnerable in our Diocese. Each Form has received a 'shopping list' and any items donated would be gratefully received. You are also welcome to send in items from the 'shopping list'; items include tinned food; brand new hats/gloves/scarves; boxes of chocolates; boxes of biscuits; shampoo; shower gel; toothbrushes and toothpaste; pasta/rice/noodles. If you would like to support our Diocesan charity further, the link is: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/donate/>

Our Chaplaincy Team is developing. Many of our pupils are actively leading our prayer and worship and assemblies. We have a number of pupils who are enrolled on the Faith In Action Award. The aim of this award is for pupils to be recognised for their work within school and their local community. Pupils have to 'log' their hours of service. This 'service' can be involvement in any club within school and anything in the local community that demonstrates Faith in Action. For example, in school it could be being part of the Chaplaincy Team, or being an Altar Server at Mass, or planning and delivering an assembly or helping at Open Evening. In the community, examples can include helping within their Parish or being part of a group that might help out at community events, or fundraising within the community. There are countless examples! Pupils will receive a badge and a certificate from Bishop John when completed. If any pupil would like to participate and achieve this award then they please ask them to come to speak to me about it.

We have also welcomed Kath Ansley into school earlier this term. Kath is the Formation Co-Ordinator at CARITAS Salford. Her role includes working with schools to set up Caritas Ambassador Teams, provide training for pupils and deliver CPD to schools about Catholic Social Teaching. She came to deliver a presentation to our Y7 pupils about her work and the work of Caritas Salford and to encourage pupils to sign up to an Ambassador. Ambassadors are important because their role is to speak out for change, lead and coordinate events and activities to help support the school community and people in our local area. Kath will be training our CARITAS Ambassadors later in the year before they get commissioned.

On our school website you can see regular updates about what our pupils have been doing as well as information about:

- Collective Worship – what collective worship looks like at All Saints'.
- Chaplaincy Team – the role of the Chaplaincy Team and their part within our school.
- Catholic Social Teaching – information about what Catholic Social Teaching is and how we demonstrate this as a school community.
- Parish Links – information about our Parishes and contact details.
- Primary School Links – Who our Primary schools are and how we work with them, along with their contact information.

As always, All Saints' seeks to serve our community so if there are any Parish events or projects that you would like us to be involved in, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

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Leader of Catholic Life and Mission and Collective Worship.

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