

# ROOTED IN FAITH

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The autumn season rolls in like a vibrant artist, splashing trees with a kaleidoscope of yellows, oranges, and reds as those green leaves take a stunning makeover! What's the magic behind this colourful transformation? Well, fewer sun hours and chilly temps send those leaves into a chemical dance party! Just like those trees, we've kicked off a brand new school year, blossoming with changes both inside and out. We're all about sharing our brightest hues as we learn and grow together. This year, it's all about fresh resolutions and putting in the elbow grease to shine our best! Remember, a great start is half the battle won. Students are diving into their intellectual, spiritual, and emotional journeys, and may they dazzle just like those autumn leaves!

## **RUAH - A WAY OF LIFE AT THORNLEIGH**



The Salesian ethos, nearing its centennial, stands as a testament to the enduring vision of St. John Bosco, affectionately known as Don Bosco. His educational philosophy, rooted in reason, religion, and kindness, aims to transform young people into "good Christians and honest citizens." However, Don Bosco's approach transcends these foundational pillars by emphasizing the profound need for each child to not only be loved but also to feel and know that they are loved. This holistic and compassionate methodology fosters an environment where young individuals thrive emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually, creating a nurturing space that respects and uplifts each child's unique potential. By integrating these principles, educators continue to inspire and guide the youth, ensuring that the legacy of Don Bosco's loving and inclusive pedagogy endures for generations to come.



In school and beyond, the principles of RUAH - respect, understanding, affection, and humour - are the cornerstones for the holistic development of young individuals. These values are not just taught but are actively lived and breathed in every facet of life, whether at home, in the playground, at school, or within the church. By embedding RUAH into daily interactions and experiences, young people are better equipped to reach their full potential academically while also fostering a sense of community and personal growth rooted in faith. This comprehensive approach ensures that they grow not only as knowledgeable individuals but also as compassionate and well-rounded members of society.



## **LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME**

Every year a number of students make the best of opportunities to lead our community in growing together in faith as GIFT leaders, or SVP leaders, or CAFOD Young leaders, or Chaplaincy leaders and so on. They not only live their faith in an exemplary way, but invite others to join in and share with the whole community. These leadership experiences have made a deep impact in the lives of young people.



## **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

Monday through to Wednesday, the students gather for collective worship during the afternoon assembly, creating a rich tapestry of shared experiences and reflection. Each week, Form groups, various departments, and the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) take turns leading these assemblies, all centered around a common weekly theme. This practice fosters a sense of unity and growth, rooted deeply in faith. These assemblies serve as a vital opportunity for the school community to come together, listen, engage, and respond to the messages shared. The Sunday gospel is proclaimed, providing a spiritual anchor and guiding the reflective moments throughout the week. This collective worship not only strengthens the communal bonds but also empowers students and staff to embrace and live out their mission together, forming a cohesive and faith-driven community.



# PARISH LINKS

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME



At Thornleigh, the celebration of sacraments is an integral part of the school's spiritual life, providing both staff and students with opportunities to deepen their faith throughout the academic year. Regular events such as Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Confirmation are woven into the fabric of school life. Special periods like Advent, Lent, and the Season of Pentecost are marked by offering all students the chance to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, fostering a community of reflection and renewal. The Confirmation Programme, in particular, stands out as a cornerstone of faith formation, strengthening the ties between the school and local deanery parishes. This programme not only nurtures the faith of the students but also allows staff from various departments to serve as catechists, thereby expanding their own spiritual journeys and contributing to the school's vibrant faith community.

### CAMINO WITH FR CHRIS

Fr Chris is running the CAMINO from Lourdes to Compostela, which begun on 16th September. We wish him all the best. He is raising money for Caritas Salford. If you would sponsor him, please do so with this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/fr-chris-camino>

In Mediaeval times, pilgrimage was an important part of the faith of Christians and if at all possible they would try to make the journey to the Holy Land, Rome or Santiago de Compostela at least once in their lives. If someone was unable to go they would ask a Palmer to make the journey for them.

The name comes from the pilgrim bringing a Palm back if they had been to the Holy Land. Still today pilgrimage is an important part of our journey in faith and there are many different places to go on pilgrimage including Lourdes and Santiago de Compostela. Fr Chris is making this journey as part of the Every Step Challenge for Caritas Salford. The schools will be joining the running challenge and prayer experience led by others.

Fr Chris is taking our intentions on the way and join him by praying the Camino prayer: .

**Lord, I bring to mind now the special intention that I want to be remembered on the Camino. I give it to Fr Chris now in prayer to carry it on the Way for me. I pray for all pilgrims and seekers and companions on the way; For all travellers – Christ, may I walk together with you. In solidarity with the poor and with all God's creation. Amen.**

***Segnora del Camino, Pray for Us.***



### LOCAL PARISHES MASS TIMING

#### Parish of Corpus Christi

(St John the Evangelist, St Columba's, & St Brendan's)  
Mass Timing: Saturday Vigil: 5pm Vigil Mass (SB)  
Sundays - 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB)

#### Parish of Blessed Dominic Barberi

(St Teresa's, St Osmund's)  
Mass Timing: Saturday Vigil: 5pm Vigil Mass (SO)  
Sundays - 9.30am Mass (St) 11am Mass (SO)

#### St Cuthbert

(St Joseph's and St Thomas of Canterbury)  
Mass Timing: Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm Vigil Mass (ST)  
Sundays - 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (ST)

#### St. Edmund and St. Patrick Catholic Parish

Mass Timing: Sundays - 10am Mass (SP) 11.30am Mass (SP)

#### The Holy Infant and St Anthony Parish

Mass Timing: Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm Vigil Mass  
Sundays - 10am Mass



### SALESIAN NEWS

Stefano Martoglio, the Vicar of the Salesian Congregation, has assumed the interim leadership of the Salesian Congregation following the appointment of Ángel Fernández Artime as a cardinal by Pope Francis. As a result of his new role, Fernández Artime, who was the 10th successor of Don Bosco, stepped down from his position as Rector Major. Fr. Martoglio will oversee the governance of the Salesian Congregation until a new Rector Major is elected during the 29th General Chapter, which is set to take place in Turin from February 16 to April 12, 2025. This transition marks a significant moment in the Congregation's history, reflecting its continuous evolution and dedication to its mission.



The tradition of Salesian Brothers volunteering to support Thornleigh has been a cherished practice over the years. This year, we are delighted to welcome Bro Dominic and Bro Thomas, both originally from Vietnam, to our community. Having committed to the Salesian mission in their homeland, they have journeyed to Thornleigh to continue their invaluable work among young people. Their diverse talents enrich our school, particularly within the Bosco Centre. Bro Dominic, an enthusiast of football and fishing, brings his passion and energy, while Bro Thomas, with his exceptional taste in music, adds a harmonious touch to our environment. We extend our warmest wishes to Bro Dominic and Bro Thomas for a fulfilling and impactful academic year with us.





# RE Curriculum Updates



All KS3 classes are currently studying 'Creation & Covenant' where they explore the creation accounts in Genesis. Each year group has a different focus from year 7 who are exploring the links between science and creation, year 8 who are exploring the themes of free will and responsibility and year 9 who are exploring what it means to be human.

Our year 10 students have begun their GCSE course; they are studying Edexcel Religious Studies Specification A Catholic Christianity. Revision guides will soon be made available on the school gateway to purchase to support students in their studies.

Year 11 have returned and have already completed an in class assessment to track their progress from year 10. They are currently studying 'Arguments for the existence of God' alongside revision tasks to recap knowledge from year 10.

Our Core RE classes have also been exploring Creation and Covenant and have been explaining what it means to be responsible for our earth and the vital role they play in caring for our common home.

CHAPLAINCY	
UPCOMING EVENTS	
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	Friday 4th October 2024
Welcome Mass	Thursday 24th October 2024
Interfaith Week	10th November - 17th November 2024
Remembrance Sunday	Sunday 10th November 2024
Savio Retreats	Monday 11th - Friday 15th November 2024
Red Wednesday	Wednesday 20th November 2024
Pensioner's Party	Thursday 12th December 2024
BoSCEP Carol Service	Monday 16th December 2024
Carol Service	Wednesday 18th December 2024
Christmas Mass	Tuesday 24th December 2024

## flame 2025

Flame 2025 is a Catholic youth event that will take place on Saturday 15th March, 2025 at Wembley Arena. The event is open to young people from secondary school through to university age. The theme for Flame 2025 is "Unstoppable: Fan the Flame of Hope". Thornleigh will be there to participate in the event.



**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The Season of Creation is an annual celebration observed by various Christian communities around the world, running from September 1 to October 4. This period, also known as the "Creation Time," is dedicated to reflecting on and honouring God's creation, emphasising the responsibility of humans to protect and sustain the environment.



**The Month of  
the Holy Rosary**

The Month of the Holy Rosary, celebrated in October, holds significant spiritual importance for Catholics worldwide. This tradition dates back to the victory of the Christian fleet over the Ottoman Empire at the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571, which Pope Pius V attributed to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary through the praying of the Rosary. Consequently, October 7 was established as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Throughout this month, the faithful are encouraged to reflect on the Mysteries of the Rosary - Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous - which depict key events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. The Rosary serves as a powerful tool for contemplation, spiritual growth, and seeking divine intervention, fostering a deeper connection with the divine through meditative prayer.



**St Theresia - Form Patron for Theta**

"Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing."





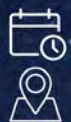


# Thornleigh Personal and Spiritual Development

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



The new week begins with Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel, offering a serene moment to pray and reflect in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord. This sacred time allows staff to pause and center themselves before the busyness of the week takes hold. It's an opportunity to seek spiritual nourishment, express gratitude, and find peace amidst the chaos of daily life.



EVERY MONDAY  
8.15 AM  
CHAPEL

## STAFF MORNING REFLECTION



Growing together rooted in faith is more than just a shared experience; it's a profound journey that binds individuals through a common spiritual foundation. The staff morning reflection serves as an essential space where team members can come together, listen to inspired stories, share personal reflections, and engage in prayer. It's a beautiful way to ensure that work is not just about productivity, but also about nurturing the soul and supporting one another through life's challenges.

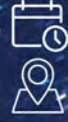


EVERY MONDAY  
8.30 AM  
CHAPEL

## PASTORAL SHARING



Every week, students from each year group have the opportunity to participate in pastoral sharing or personal development assemblies at the start of each weekday, from Monday through Friday. These assemblies are thoughtfully organized by the Personal Development team, which is dedicated to fostering a supportive and growth-oriented environment.

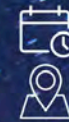


EVERY DAY  
8.40 AM  
CHAPEL

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY



Every week, students gather for the afternoon Celebration of the Word, an event that brings the entire school community together. These assemblies are meticulously planned and prepared in advance by various departments and form groups, with the support of the staff and the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). Each SLT member plays a crucial role in leading the assembly, bringing the program to life with engaging animations and thoughtful presentations.



MON, TUE, WED  
12.35 PM - 1.35 PM  
CHAPEL

## WEDNESDAY MASS



At Thornleigh, the Eucharist stands as the heart and pinnacle of our community's spiritual life. Every week, we hold a special midweek Mass that invites both staff and students to gather in unity, reflecting on their faith and offering personal intentions and prayers.



EVERY WEDNESDAY  
8.00 AM  
CHAPEL

## THURSDAY MASS



At Thornleigh, the practice of praying together and deepening one's faith is seamlessly woven into daily life. The Eucharist, a central part of this spiritual journey, is celebrated with active participation from all members. Each form, or group, takes turns engaging in various roles such as reading scriptures, offering bidding prayers, and presenting the offertory.



EVERY THURSDAY  
12.35 PM OR 1.05 PM  
CHAPEL

## FRIDAY SACRED TIME



"Sacred Time" on Fridays is a wonderful initiative that allows the entire school to pause and engage in moments of silence, reflection, and prayer. This dedicated period not only fosters a sense of calm and mindfulness among students and staff but also provides a unique opportunity for personal and collective growth. During this time, a prepared reflection is offered to guide thoughts and meditations, ensuring a shared experience across the school.

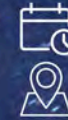


EVERY FRIDAY  
FORM TIME  
FORM ROOMS

## GIFT LEADERSHIP TEAM



Gift Leaders serve a pivotal role in fostering the Catholic ethos within the school community. They actively engage in leading liturgies, ensuring that religious services are meaningful and inclusive for all students. Additionally, they take the helm in organizing and conducting assemblies, creating opportunities for reflection, celebration, and community bonding. Their efforts extend to charity drives, where they inspire and mobilize the school to participate in acts of kindness and generosity, embodying the principles of Catholic social teaching.



FRIDAY  
2.35 PM - 3.05 PM  
CHAPLAINCY

## CAFOD LEADERS



The Young Leadership Programme, exclusively available to Year 12 students, offers a unique opportunity to be specially trained by CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development). Through this program, participants will develop essential leadership skills, empowering them to become the Charity Leaders within their school. These young leaders will play a pivotal role in promoting and supporting various charitable causes, fostering a spirit of compassion and social responsibility among their peers.



EVERY THURSDAY  
12.35 PM  
CHAPLAINCY

## CHAPLAINCY CLUB



On Mondays, students have a wonderful opportunity to come together, celebrate, and grow in a supportive and engaging environment. Hosted by the Salesian Volunteers, this weekly gathering is open to all students and offers a mix of little tasks, fun games, and interactive activities designed to foster camaraderie and personal development.

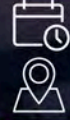


EVERY MONDAY  
3.10 PM  
CHAPLAINCY

## FAITH IN ACTION



The Faith in Action Award is a commendable initiative designed to recognize and celebrate young individuals who demonstrate a profound commitment to serving others within their local and broader communities. This award not only acknowledges their selfless contributions but also encourages them to grow spiritually through their acts of service and sharing. By participating in various projects and outreach programmes, these young people embody the true essence of faith in action, fostering a sense of compassion, empathy, and social responsibility.

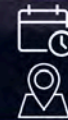


ONCE A WEEK  
DURING RE LESSON  
RE DEPARTMENT

## ST FRANCIS ASSISI CLUB



Caring for every creature on Earth is a noble pursuit, and students have a unique opportunity to experience this through looking after guinea pigs. This activity not only teaches responsibility and empathy but also serves as a calming and therapeutic experience. The hands-on experience of feeding and nurturing guinea pigs can foster a deeper appreciation for all living beings and highlight the importance of compassion and stewardship in our daily lives.

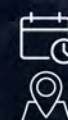


EVERY DAY  
MORNING BREAK &  
LUNCH BREAK  
ST FRANCIS ASSISI GARDEN

## Youth SVP



The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) has set a commendable vision to inspire young people through the transformational experience of volunteering and leadership. By engaging in meaningful service, young individuals are provided with opportunities to develop their skills, build confidence, and make a positive impact on their communities. SVP creates a life-changing, safe, and supportive environment where these emerging leaders can flourish.



ONCE A WEEK  
12.45 TO 1.15 PM  
RE DEPARTMENT

*"It is not enough to love the young; they must know that they are loved."*