

Catholic Life, Mission and Prayer Life Update

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Wednesday 11th October 2023



Outstanding!

This is our first Catholic life update since the school was inspected in July as part of the Catholic Schools Inspectorate (section 48). Our school was judged **outstanding!**

[Ofsted Report — Bishop Walsh Catholic School | Part of the St. John Paul II Multi-Academy](#)

'Every aspect of school life is permeated with a welcoming and fully inclusive ethos'. 'Chaplaincy work is wide-reaching, vibrant, and successful. 'God's word touches the hearts of all who enter Bishop Walsh.'

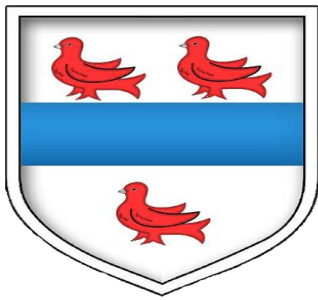
October: The month of the Holy Rosary

Throughout the month of October, all pupils will pray the rosary during some sacred space time. Thanks to the Catenians, every pupil has a rosary in their form room. The 3.17pm bell, signals all pupils to pray the Hail Mary together.

Prayers for the Synod

The Church is now entering into the next phase of the synodal process which began on Wednesday 4th October 2023. The focus for this will be 'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission'. As this is such a momentous occasion 'The Holy Father has asked Catholics to join in prayer during this time of Synod to pray for a Spirit of discernment and wisdom for those attending, so that the whole Church may know the power of the Holy Spirit at work in these days.'

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen



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Charity Work

Heart Missions and Fundraising for Charities

Heart Missions flows from the Character of God – We respond to the needs of our local community. We put the needs of the poor and vulnerable at the forefront of our minds.

In November, we will write **38 Christmas cards** (one from every form group to a different senior citizen's home). Tinned donations will be greatly received for our annual senior citizen's hampers. We will also be asking for donations of **warm blankets, adult coats** for Crisis (Homeless Charity) and St. Chad's Sanctuary. **Penny Drives** will take place monthly alongside some other activities for Birmingham Children Hospital IMRI Scanner Appeal.

Our whole school charities are:



We come together to raise awareness and collectively raise money during the 2023/24 academic year.

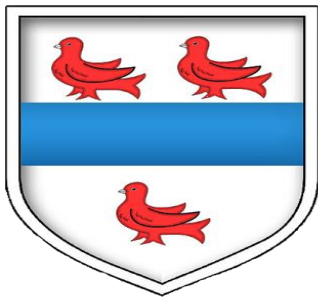
Charitable Fundraising Missions

Each year group are busy voting for their chosen charity. They will plan one fundraising activity for Advent and numerous Lenten events. We hope to top the incredible amount that we raised last year!

Staff Awareness Campaigns

The staff have been busy working together to raise awareness/funds for different charities this half term. As a staff body, it is our mission to lead by example and work together for change.





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Chaplaincy Team

Over 100 pupils are now part of the Chaplaincy Team at Bishop Walsh Catholic School. It is fantastic to see so many pupils from each year group, doing God's work, and making a difference to others. Some Members represented BWS Chaplaincy at the recent commissioning Mass at St Chad's Cathedral.

Vocations Mass

Alongside our MAC schools, Year 7 Chaplaincy team representatives read at the Mass for Vocations at The Abbey, Erdington. We welcome Neil and Tomas, who join us on placement as seminarians from Oscott College.

Message from the pupil chaplaincy team – 'We are so pleased that over 60 pupils in year 7 have put themselves forward to join the chaplaincy team... EXCITING TIMES AHEAD!'

Pictured here with Archbishop Bernard Longley at St Chads



RSHE

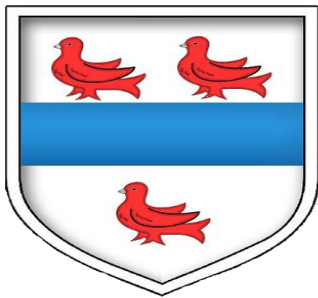
We are delighted to be assisting Ten Ten in their review of the RHSE 'Life to the Full' program as an advisory school. The journey will continue throughout the year. Please see the September parent mail regarding RSHE at Bishop Walsh Catholic School and the units your child will be exploring this term. Ten Ten online parent portal contains:

- An overview of the programme, 'Life to the Full'
- Guidance for parents on the content of lessons
- Activities that can be undertaken at home to support the delivery of the programme

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

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Invitation to join a Diocesan Worship Collective

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Birmingham (the CHARIS group) invite all established and potential Worship Leaders and Worship Musicians to become a part of a Diocesan Worship Collective. Any musicians, singers or those who have a desire to help lead worship and would like to step out and grow this ministry are invited to express their interest – get in contact via their website.

Links with St. Mary's Seminary



We are delighted to welcome two seminarians currently in training to be catholic priests at St. Mary's College, Oscott. Neil and Tomas will be working with the staff and pupil chaplaincy teams as well as assisting in RE lessons during this academic year.

Do you have a child in year 6?

Secondary Transfer September 2024

The deadline for Year 7 admissions is 31st October 2023. If you are considering a Year 7 place at Bishop Walsh Catholic School for September 2024, please ensure that you send a copy of your faith evidence (which is a baptism certificate or receivership into the catholic church) and the Supplementary Information Form (SIF). The template is available on the schools website under admissions policy 2024- 2025.