

# ROOTED IN FAITH

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## Jubilee 2025

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<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

As the Church journeys through Jubilee 2025, Pope Francis has invited all Catholics to embark on a Year of Pilgrimage, uniting the faithful in a spirit of renewal, faith, and hope. This Jubilee Year is a special time of grace and conversion, calling individuals and communities to deepen their relationship with Christ and embrace their role as Pilgrims of Hope.

Throughout the year, Pope Francis encourages the faithful to visit sacred sites, holy doors, and places of spiritual significance, reflecting on their personal and collective journeys of faith. Pilgrimage is not just about travel – it is a journey of the heart, a call to conversion, and an opportunity to encounter God in a profound way.

We are fortunate to send three of our young people from the school and parish to the jubilee of young people in Rome to celebrate with Pope Francis in the month of July and August 2025.

## Lent 2025: A Pilgrimage of Hope

As we journey through Lent 2025, we are reminded that this sacred season is not just about sacrifice, but about transformation and renewal. In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invites us to be Pilgrims of Hope, walking forward with trust in God's mercy and love.

Lent calls us to three key practices: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Through prayer, we deepen our relationship with Christ, seeking His guidance in our daily lives. Through fasting, we let go of distractions and make space for God's grace. Through almsgiving, we extend Christ's love to others, especially those in need.

Don Bosco taught his young people that holiness is found in everyday life—through kindness, generosity, and joyful service. This Lent, let us embrace his spirit and take small steps to bring hope to those around us. Whether it's a simple act of kindness, a moment of reflection, or a renewed commitment to faith, may this season lead us closer to Christ.

May our Lenten journey be filled with hope, preparing our hearts for the joy of Easter!

**“Do not lose hope; holiness is within everyone's reach.”**

**- St. John Bosco**



**Lord, as we journey through this season of Lent, help us to turn our hearts to You in prayer, to seek Your mercy in repentance, and to serve others with love.**

**May our fasting strengthen our spirit, our sacrifices draw us closer to You, and our faith be renewed in Your grace. Through Christ, our hope and salvation. Amen.**



**Lenten Prayer**

## Lenten Devotions:

- Every Wednesday of Lent Mass @8am - Thornleigh Chapel
- Every Thursday of Lent Mass @12.35 - Thornleigh Chapel
- Reconciliation Services for Years 9 & 7 and on request
- Lenten Community Walk
- Lenten Assemblies based on the themes: Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving
- Lent Liturgy and Service in the last week of term and so on.

Thornleigh Salesian College recently celebrated **Mission Week 2025**, a time of reflection and action inspired by Pope Francis' call to be Pilgrims of Hope during the Jubilee Year. Themed 'Onward with Hope', the week encouraged students and staff to live out their faith through service, prayer, and community engagement. Various activities and liturgical moments helped deepen the school's commitment to walking forward in faith and hope.

The week concluded with the much-anticipated Feast of Saint John Bosco on 31st January, a day of joy and gratitude for the college's Salesian heritage. In a unique celebration, the entire school community took a trip to Trafford Centre, enjoying a time of togetherness and thanksgiving in the spirit of Don Bosco. This special outing reflected the Salesian ethos of joy, friendship, and faith in action.

As the college continues its journey in this Jubilee Year, the hope and inspiration of Mission Week and Don Bosco's Feast remain alive in the hearts of all.

The recent CAFOD Assembly led by our CAFOD Young Leaders was a remarkable event that resonated deeply with our school community. Focusing on critical global issues such as poverty, hunger, and injustice, the assembly served as a powerful reminder of our collective responsibility to support those in need. Through dynamic presentations and insightful discussions, the Young Leaders emphasised the vital role of CAFOD and encouraged each of us to contribute to a more just world. They inspired us to take practical actions - whether through prayer, fundraising or making conscious daily choices - that align with our values of justice and fairness. We extend our gratitude to the CAFOD Young Leaders for their passion and leadership.



### 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



### One Hope Project leads students in Prayer and Reflection at Thornleigh Salesian College

As part of Mission Week 2025, Thornleigh Salesian College was blessed to welcome One Hope Project, a group dedicated to inspiring faith through music and prayer. The week's theme, 'Onward with Hope', was brought to life through their uplifting sessions, which led students in deep reflection and worship.

Through music, testimony, and guided prayer, One Hope Project created a space for students to encounter God in a personal and meaningful way. The experience concluded with a beautiful time of Eucharistic Adoration, where students were invited to be still in the presence of Christ, offering their hopes, struggles, and prayers.

This powerful encounter left a lasting impact on the school community, reminding everyone of the strength found in faith and the joy of journeying together in hope.



### Rise Theatre inspired Students through Drama and Reflection at Thornleigh Salesian College

As part of Mission Week 2025, students at Thornleigh Salesian College were treated to a powerful and thought-provoking experience with Rise Theatre, a Christian theatre company dedicated to sharing faith through drama.

Through engaging performances and interactive reflections, Rise Theatre brought the 'Onward with Hope' theme to life, encouraging students to explore their faith in a creative and meaningful way. Their dynamic storytelling and thought-provoking messages invited students to reflect on hope, resilience, and the presence of God in their lives.

The session left a deep impact on the school community, sparking conversations and inspiring students to live out their faith with renewed confidence and joy.



## SALESIAN NEWS

### 29TH GENERAL CHAPTER

The 29th General Chapter of the Salesians of Don Bosco is taking place in Valdocco, Turin, Italy from February 16 to April 12, 2025. The chapter is a time of reflection, renewal, and planning for the future of the congregation.



### Purpose of the General Chapter

The General Chapter has three main objectives:

- To Evaluate the State of the Congregation – Reviewing the progress of the Salesian mission and responding to new challenges.
- To Provide Guidelines for the Future - Setting new priorities and strategies for Salesian work with young people.
- To Elect the Rector Major and General Council – The Rector Major is the successor of Don Bosco and leads the congregation with the help of the General Council.



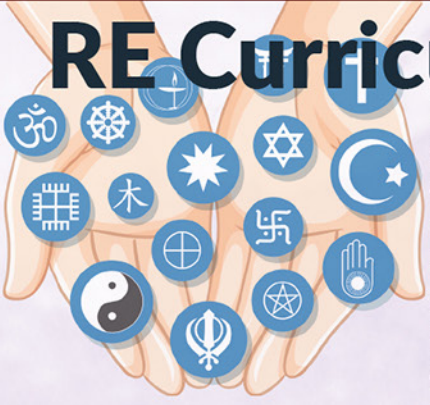
### Savio Retreats:

April 28th - 30th - Year 8s  
 April 30th - May 2nd - Year 9s/ Year 10s





# RE Curriculum Updates



In RE this term our year 11 students have been working hard in preparation for their next PPE's and upcoming GCSE exams. Many of our year 11 students have been committed to attending after school revision as well as lunch time intervention, keep up the great effort! At KS3 students are studying a variety of topics that link with the liturgical time of the year. As we move into the season of Lent, students have been studying the importance of this time and how it is remembered by Catholics. They have also studied the Paschal Mystery and have had the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation in preparation for Easter.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY	Wednesday 5th March 2025
LENTEN SEASON	Wednesday 5th March - Sunday 13th April 2025
HOLY WEEK	Monday 14th - Saturday 19th April 2025
EASTER	Sunday 20th April 2025

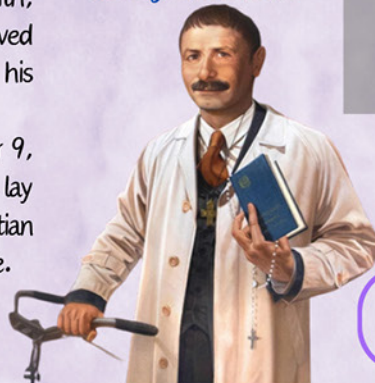
**Saint Artémides Zatti** (1880–1951) was an Italian-Argentinian Salesian religious brother known for his dedication to the sick and the poor. Born in Italy, he emigrated to Argentina with his family as a child. He initially aspired to be a priest, but after contracting tuberculosis while caring for a sick priest, he became a Salesian brother instead.

Zatti dedicated his life to working in a hospital in Viedma, Argentina, where he served as a nurse, pharmacist, and administrator. His deep faith, compassion, and tireless service made him a beloved figure. He was known for his joyful spirit and his ability to see Christ in every patient he cared for.

Pope Francis canonized him as a saint on October 9, 2022, recognizing his holiness and his work as a lay Salesian. Today, he is regarded as a model of Christian charity and service, especially for those in healthcare.



*"Doing everything for the glory of God, to be what I must be: a holy Salesian".*



## flame 2025

CYMFED

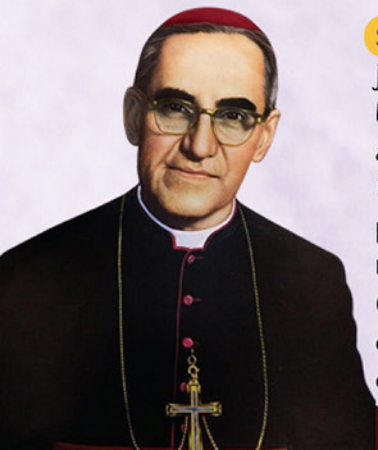
Flame 2025 is a Catholic youth event that will take place on Saturday 15th March, 2025 at Wembley Arena. The event is open to young people from secondary school through to university age. The theme for Flame 2025 is "Unstoppable: Fan the Flame of Hope".

Confirmation candidates and Thornleigh students who would like participate in the event please contact Chaplaincy.



<https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/>

FORM PATRON SAINTS



**Saint Óscar Romero** (1917–1980) was a Salvadoran Archbishop known for his advocacy for human rights and social justice. Born in El Salvador, he became Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977. Initially seen as a quiet and conservative leader, he became a strong voice against oppression and violence after witnessing the suffering of the poor and the assassination of his close friend, Fr. Rutilio Grande.

Romero used his sermons and radio broadcasts to denounce government injustices, defend human dignity, and call for peace in the midst of El Salvador's civil conflict. His fearless stand for the oppressed made him a symbol of hope for many but also a target for those in power.

On March 24, 1980, while celebrating Mass, he was assassinated by a death squad. His martyrdom and legacy continue to inspire people worldwide. Pope Francis canonized him as a saint on October 14, 2018, recognizing his commitment to justice and his faith-driven service to the poor.

*"Aspire not to have more, but to be more".*





# 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.

WEEKLY  
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 - 1.35PM  
 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 - 3.05PM  
 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  
1.05PM  
 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  
3.15 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.

EVERYDAY  
MORNING BREAK & LUNCH BREAK  
 ST FRANCIS 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.

EVERY THURSDAY  
1.05PM  
 RE DEPARTMENT



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