

## Holy Cross Catholic Primary School – Autumn Term Chaplaincy Highlights



**HOLY CROSS  
CATHOLIC  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
*Living loving learning together.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn is a wonderful time to celebrate our faith, care for creation and take part in exciting projects! Here are some key events, initiatives and ways your family can join in.

### Prayer and Liturgy Highlights

- **Feast of the Holy Cross – 14th September:** Celebrating our school feast and giving thanks for Christ's love.
- **Care for Creation & Canticle of the Sun:** Reflecting on St Francis' praise for God's creation.
- **Feast of St Francis of Assisi – 4th October:** Learning from his example of simplicity and care for all living things.
- **Month of Mary – October:** Special focus on Marian devotion and the Rosary.
- **Advent and Christmas:** Preparing our hearts for Christ's coming with prayer, assemblies, nativity, carol concerts and reflection (dates TBA).
- **Messy Friends:** Opportunities to pray and learn alongside your children (dates TBA).

### Ways to join in at home:

- Pray together outdoors, noticing God's gifts in creation.
- Say a decade of the Rosary with your child on 7th October.
- Share Advent reflections and light a candle each week leading up to Christmas.

### Special Projects & Fundraising

- **One Million Children Praying the Rosary – 7th October** (Year 5 & 6).
- **Holy Cross Helping Hands of Hope:** Donate or collect food items for local families.
- **Brighten Up Fundraising:** Wear bright clothes, hats, and hair; bake or donate colourful cakes (dates TBA).
- **CAFOD World Gifts:** Give gifts that help communities in need worldwide.
- **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – 11th December.**

### Faith in Action & Leadership

- **ACN Apostles & Gospel Assemblies:** Year 6 children leading prayer, assemblies, and workshops.
- **Refugee Awareness:** Using *Refuge* to learn, lead workshops, and fundraise.
- **Live Simply Award Projects:** Continuing sustainability and care for creation initiatives.

## Wellbeing & Support

- Pupils act as **Wellbeing Ambassadors**, supporting peers and promoting kindness across school.
- Families can access prayers, reflections and resources via the **school website** and **Prayer and Liturgy Newsletter**.

## Key Dates

- 14th September – Feast of the Holy Cross
- 4th October – Feast of St Francis of Assisi
- 7th October – One Million Children Praying the Rosary
- Canticle of the Sun Celebrations – Dates TBA
- Brighten Up Fundraising – Dates TBA
- Messy Friends – Dates TBA
- 21st November – Pilgrims of Hope Celebration Day
- 11th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

We look forward to a term of prayer, celebration and caring for others. Thank you for supporting your children as they grow in faith and take part in school life.

**The Chaplaincy Team**