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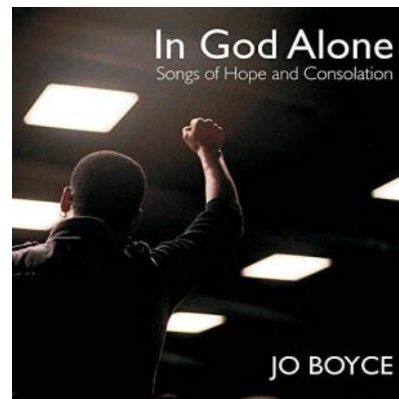
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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

This Friday we will be taking the opportunity to celebrate being part of the wider Romero family of schools as we come together for our annual training day. This is the only day of the year where all of the staff from all eight schools come together to discuss training needs and the development of the Romero Multi Academy Trust. We will be joined by guest speakers and are looking forward to welcoming the acclaimed Birmingham singer, Jo Boyce, who will be leading staff in a musical retreat during the afternoon. It is at times like these that we remember the prayer of St Oscar Romero:

**We plant a seed
that will one day grow.
We water seeds already planted,
knowing that they hold
future promise.
We lay foundations
that will need further development.**



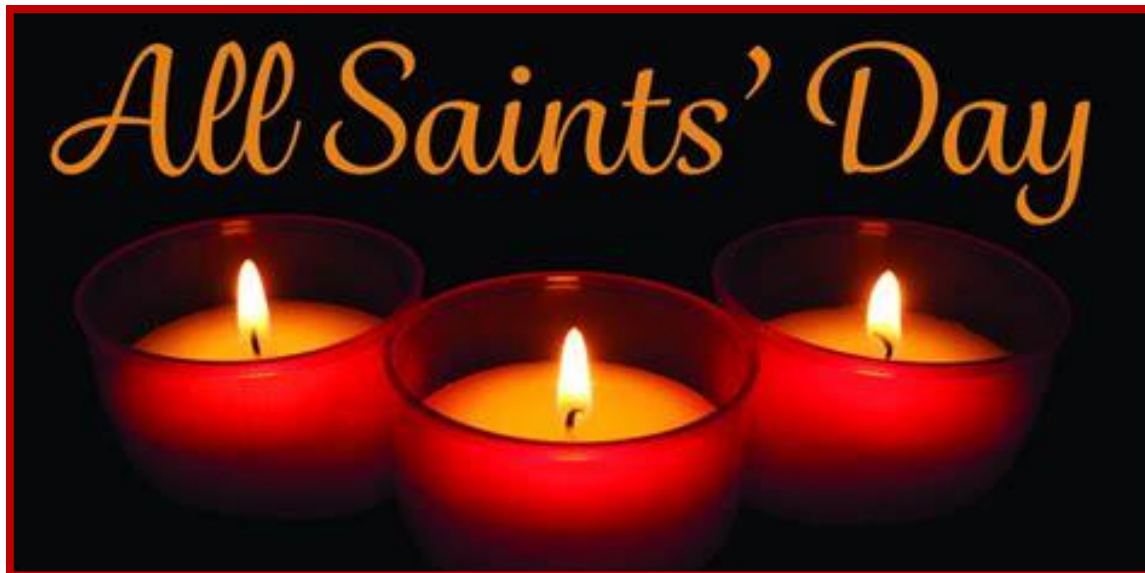
Remembrance Sunday

Next week we will be holding a remembrance service for all those who have given their lives in conflict. We ask that you join with us in praying for all of those young men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the way we live our lives. We remember especially at this time the three fallen soldiers who were former pupils of Cardinal Wiseman - Shaun Bush, James Fullarton and Guy Mellors:

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them. (Binyon, 1943)**

The Leadership Team

Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 22 November 2018
5.00pm-7.00pm



To mark All Saints' Day, a Holy Day of Obligation, Mass with Fr George was celebrated on Thursday 1 November. All Year 7, and other students and staff who had requested an invitation, joined the worship.

The readers, including the Head Boy and Head Girl, were excellent and the choir and musicians lead the hymns beautifully. Fr George was very complimentary about all the students' behaviour.

This was the first All Saints' Day Mass to include dedication to, recently canonised, St Oscar Romero. Cardinal Wiseman School was given the privilege, earlier in the year, of hosting the Diocesan Mass honouring the new saint which included a live screening from Rome of the beatification.



Chaplaincy Team





Performing Arts Students Hit the Theatre

On 30 October Miss Greenway took a group of GCSE and A-Level drama pupils to see War Horse at the Birmingham Hippodrome.

As part of the GCSE drama written exam pupils have to review a live professional performance and what a performance this was to review! Pupils were in awe of the powerful use of set, the incredible puppetry of the life size horses and the emotional connection that the production had with the audience.

All pupils were a credit to themselves and the school and it was a pleasure to spend the evening with them.



Potential Grant for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award

There is a chance of gaining a grant, through the Aviva Community Fund, for vital equipment to help with the running of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Cardinal Wiseman. By clicking on the link below and registering your vote you are helping the DoE Award within the school and its students to learn the skills needed to complete the expedition section. The project on the Aviva website is entitled 'Get Outdoors'.

This year the school has introduced the Duke of Edinburgh's Award to students. The award has already had a huge uptake and students are excited about the prospects it brings.

There are many students who have not experienced outdoor pursuits such as hiking, camping and learning how to navigate. Bringing this award to the school will enable students to enjoy aspects of outdoor life and see different parts of the country. By getting involved they will, over time, be able to visit Wales, the Lake District and the Peak District whilst learning about the different skills needed to go outdoors safely and the fun of being on a campsite.

The award includes different sections that students have to complete, one of which is volunteering. Depending on the level of the award, they have to undertake this for between 3-18 months. Many students have already contacted local schools, youth groups, care homes or charity shops within the local area where they will give up their time to support people and learn new skills within the community. Being a Catholic school our ethos includes assisting others and putting others before ourselves so being involved in the award enhances the students' understanding and empathy.

I believe people should vote for our project because this funding would allow the purchase of vital resources such as quality tents and camping equipment. This would reduce the cost of outdoor trips where, at present, equipment needs to be rented, and enable young people, who may otherwise struggle financially, to undertake training and experience the outdoors.

Hopefully our students will then be able to pass on the love and understanding of the outdoors of our big, truly fantastic country to future generations.

Vote for us now in the Aviva Community Fund through the link below and share through other social media sites to get more votes, <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/4-973>

