

St Michael's Catholic College

Summer Term 2026



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"The breath of life that animates the soul"

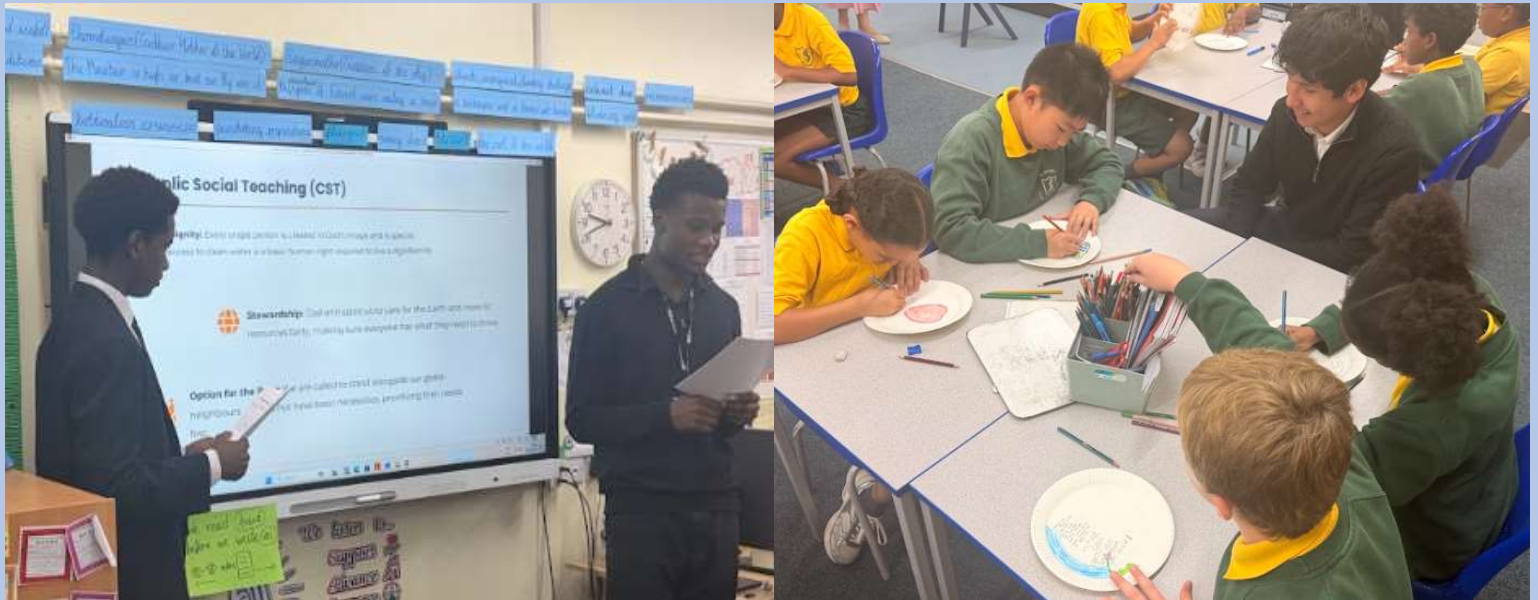


For the Good Shepherd Mass, Canon Victor Darlington led a wonderful service about the importance of Catholic Education. He reminded those in attendance that school is about learning math's, science and art; but it's also about a foundation of faith and community. His homily was inspired by the teachings of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. St Michael's students were invited to read in the Mass. Jeremy D (12A) read the first reading, whilst Chiamaka O (9BC) directed the congregation in the Psalm.

The Good Shepherd mass at the cathedral was an amazing experience. Being given the opportunity to represent St. Michael's in reading the responsorial psalm in front of all of the schools that attended was such a big honour, especially given the fact there were so many schools there. I was lucky enough to be an active member during the mass. Going up to read was nerve racking at first, but I remembered why I'm reading and what I was doing, which was ultimately spreading the word. This fulfilled my purpose of being in the Young Salesians, which is to strengthen my relationship with God and to spread the word to large groups of people. Not only did reading in the Good Shepherd's mass do this, but also just being there felt important enough.

Chiamaka O – 9BC





Students from our Sixth Form stepped out of their own lessons for an hour and into St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School to deliver an interactive lesson and workshop on global water inequality to a captive audience of Year 5 pupils. Using knowledge they had gained from partnering with CAFOD (the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development), the Year 12s designed a session aimed at introducing complex global issues through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) and the Common Good. It was a chance to build Chaplaincy bridges within the Trust and future trips have already been discussed.



Following on from a successful Pensioners Tea Party last year, we have installed this into the St Michael's calendar as a legacy event. To celebrate and honour the senior members of our community, the college hosted a lively afternoon tea party for local senior citizens, grandparents, and extended family members. The event was proudly hosted by our Year 12 chaplaincy team, who kept the tea flowing—with students mastering the art of varying tea and coffee requests. Guests were treated to scones, cakes, biscuits and joyful conversations between themselves and our Sixth Formers. Entertainment was provided by pianists who played background music, followed by a snippet of the Drama Productions '39 Steps'; before the final showing at the Showcase Evening in July. It was a beautiful afternoon of connection, bringing generations together and allowing our young people to give back to those who have spent a lifetime caring for others.



As 6th Form chaplaincy students we were tasked to serve and entertain elderly visitors, providing them with snacks and drinks. Whilst participating in this event I felt joy knowing how we were able to put a smile on our guest's faces and entertain them to the best of our ability.

Sean F- 12A

At our recent tea party, we catered for our guests by providing them with beverages and food such as tea, coffee and scones. For me, I found the experience very enjoyable, especially watching my friends and fellow students work together as a team. Moments like these are one of the main reasons why I joined chaplaincy: the friendly environment and engaging activities filled me with joy whilst building important soft skills such as communication.

Reuben R – 12B

As always with each Year 12 Chaplaincy group, a smaller group attend CAFOD Young Leadership Training and feed this back to the rest of the team at school. On this occasion it was to celebrate the completion of this year. The students heard from a local Catholic MP who has tirelessly worked with CAFOD, enjoyed a short liturgy, and listened to a speech from indigenous leaders in Bolivia about the work they do with CAFOD on the ground there. Hadrian (Year 12) read a bidding prayer on behalf of the college about water inequality (their theme of the year), the ceremony itself taking place in Amigo Hall. CAFOD welcomed all young people to Romero House for an ice cream reception afterwards.





THE CHAPLAINCY LOOK BACK



Students across Young Salesians and Year 12's have reflected on their year of service and cherished memories.

One of the things I will be talking about today is why I joined Young Salesians. I joined Young Salesians because I believed and I still do that it is a fun experience that I have had coming to my 3rd year in St Michael's. I have had so many opportunities not only to work with the church and become closer with God but also go on school trips to other catholic schools and see how their school system works in their country. Being a member of the Young Salesians has been extraordinary because I have had a lot of opportunities given to me and I usually never turn them down. An example is representing St Michael's at the Mass at St George's Cathedral another example was the Florence Trip which was a very stressful but exciting experience. I also believed that being a part of the St Michael's community was not just to be seen as a student but being in these clubs and being a part of their activities could be an inspiration and push me to work harder so I can become successful in life and not follow the wrong path. Finally, from where I was when this group started to now I believe that the more I grow the more better the opportunities are and I will find more of my mistakes to work on and I will progress and also become more active in the Young Salesian Group.

Stefan P – 8RU

My favorite thing at Chaplaincy this year has been organising all the school events. From St Michael's Day to the Christmas Hampers, I always felt like it was a direct way to give back to the school community that has done so much for me over the years. I usually help take pictures when these are happening, and seeing how everyone reacts and enjoys the hard work we put in, is very special. I like to photograph those moments when different year groups interact, when teachers are involved, moments which highlight the real strength of our community. It makes me proud to be a part of it, knowing that these experiences beyond the classroom are the ones that I will carry forward as I go to university. I will always carry the little photographed moments with true joy.

Asiri C-K – 12A

I joined Young Salesians because I wanted my life to reflect the teachings of Jesus. From transitioning from primary school to secondary school, I believed that I already had experience from primary school due to being a part of the Spiritual Life Committee where I often delivered assemblies to my school or raised money for charities. At the end of Year 6, I didn't want this spiritual journey to end therefore I decided to join Young Salesians.

I also wanted to become a better version of myself and to discover Jesus in my own way instead of just following him just because I was raised in a Christian family. I wanted to explore the concept of Christianity and what makes it different from other religions as well as achieving small victories of contributing to charities or just perhaps teaching St Michael's students of Jesus' true will for our lives. Lastly I wanted to be a Young Salesian because I wanted to be a role model for people to look up to which encourages me to mind the way I present myself and to honour God by protecting my body as it is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

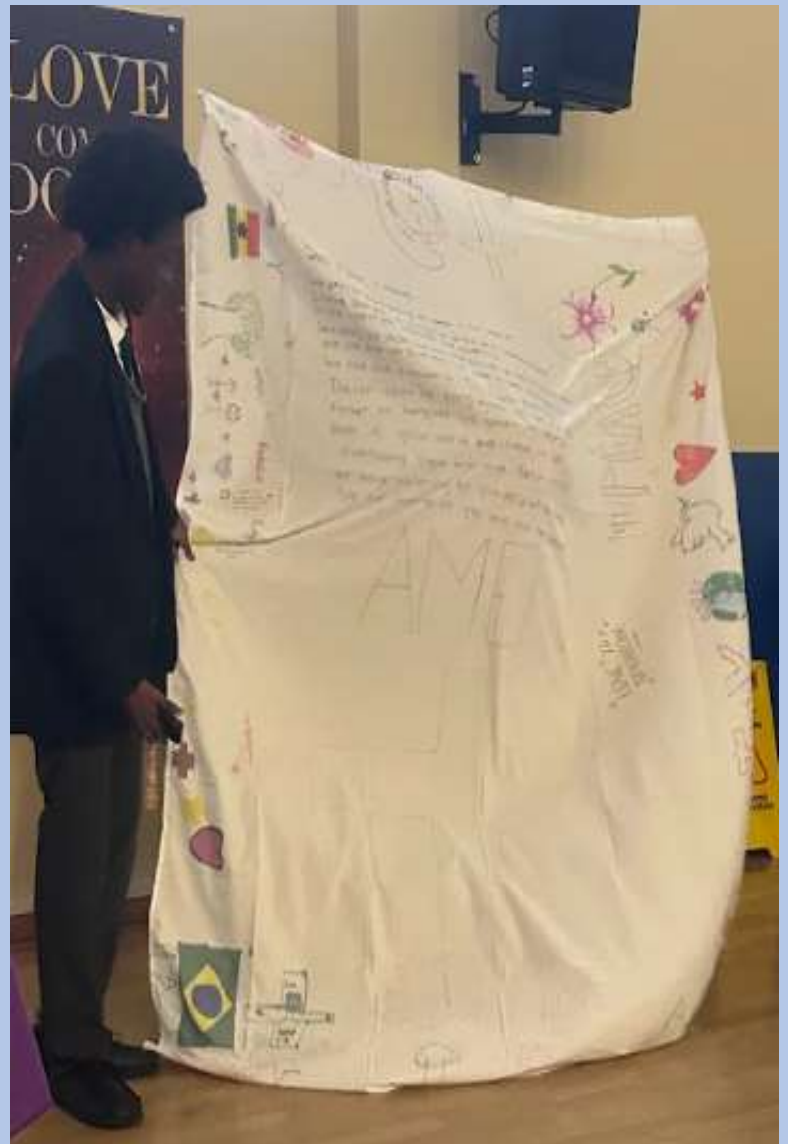
Ruby S – 8BC

There were Masses, fundraising events, prayer intentions, services and Young Salesian activities from the Chaplaincy team this year, some of which didn't make it into previous bulletins. The pupils of St Michael's are dedicated and committed to their Catholic faith, are resilient and have showcased how well rounded they truly are through all of the things they have managed to achieve through their many and continued acts of service to support the St Michael's community.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS AND ADVENT FUNDRAISING



YEAR 11 RETREAT





A LOOK BACK



CHRISTMAS AND LENT LITURGIES





A LOOK BACK



CHAPLAINCY THANKSGIVING MASS



SIXTH FORM FUNDRAISING

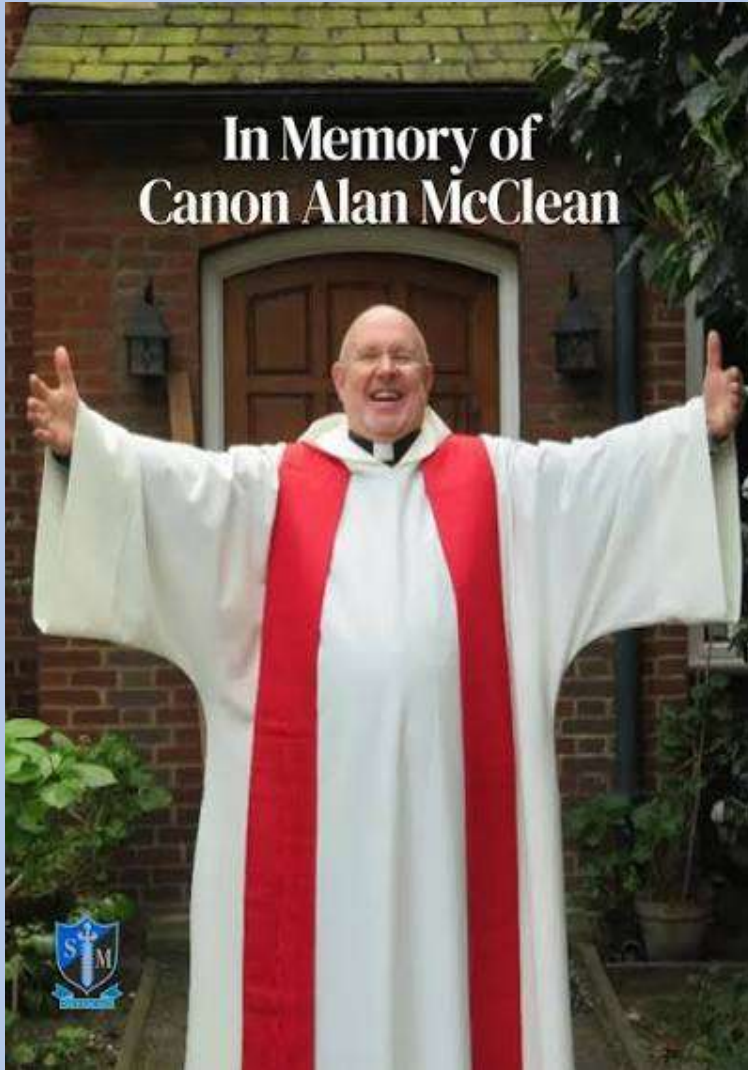


ROMERO MASS: DEVELOPER AWARD PRESENTATION



FR. KEITH SAY'S GOODBYE TO THE YEAR 13'S





It was with great sadness that we also said goodbye to Canon Alan, who died on Friday 12th June 2026.

We continue to keep in our thoughts and prayers his friends, family and congregation at this extremely sad time.

Canon Alan was a wonderful friend of St. Michael's for the past 33 years as parish priest for Dockhead Church.

He celebrated our annual Christmas liturgies and start of year masses for Year 7 students, welcoming them to our school community. He will be deeply missed by all of the St Michael's community.

Eternal rest grant on to him oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him – may he rest in peace.

Amen

Staff and many students attended a service in school the morning of his funeral and also the funeral itself.

As a school community we will mark the contribution Canon Alan made to St. Michael's in the Autumn term after the summer break.





A WORD AND A PRAYER



Dear Lord,

As we reach the end of this school year, we thank you for the successes and achievements we have shared. From the quiet moments of personal progress to our wonderful celebrations, your grace has guided us every step of the way.

We place before you our whole school community, our students, teachers, support staff, families, and governors. We celebrate the many ways we have lived out our Salesian values in action this year, bringing St John Bosco's spirit of joy and loving kindness into our classrooms, corridors, and playground. Thank you for helping us see your face in one another through our daily acts of service and love.

We pray especially for all those who are leaving our school community this term. Whether moving on to new schools, new careers, or new adventures, we thank them for the gifts and memories they leave behind. Bless their next steps, keep them safe and may they always carry the spirit of St Michael's in their hearts.

As we enter the summer holidays, may this be a time to recharge and refresh, remembering wherever we go and whatever we do, You are with us, our constant comfort, our unwavering strength, and our deepest peace.

Amen

Ms. Corcoran - Principal

Dear Lord,

Thank You for the warmth and light of this summer season.

As we marvel at the beauty around us, deepen our care for our common home and all who share it. As we seek rest, we pray for those who cannot.

Remind us of the sacred dignity of every human person.

Recharge our souls this summer, not for indifference, but for solidarity.

Inspire us to protect the vulnerable and work together for the common good.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Miss Casey

Chaplaincy Co-Ordinator

UPCOMING

As the Bulletin goes out before the end of term, here are upcoming events and dates:

- **Sports Day**
- **The end of Arts and Enrichment week**
- **Achievement assemblies**