



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

16th June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Celebration of the Word: Half Term Six, Week Three

This week's **Celebration of the Word**, which we will reflect on during form time, is taken from **John 16:12-15**. In this Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that there is still much for them to understand, but that the Spirit of Truth will guide them. As we approach the end of the academic year, this is a powerful reminder that faith is a journey. We don't need to have all the answers right away, but if we remain open to God, the Holy Spirit will continue to lead us in truth, wisdom, and love.

Our **Form Saint of the Week** is **Saint Oscar Romero**, a modern-day martyr who gave his life speaking out against injustice and standing in solidarity with the poor in El Salvador. His courage and deep faith continue to inspire people around the world. Saint Oscar reminds us that being a Global Catholic Citizen means standing up for what is right, even when it is difficult, and trusting that God walks with us in every moment.

In form time, we are also exploring the Catholic Social Teaching principle of **Solidarity**. This principle teaches us that we are one global human family, and that we are called to support one another with compassion, especially in times of hardship. Inspired by Saint Oscar Romero, we are reflecting on how we can act in solidarity with those around us, making our school and wider world a more just and loving place.

We continue to keep our **Year 11 children** in our prayers as they complete their **final GCSE examinations** this week. Their hard work, resilience, and maturity have been truly impressive, and we are very proud of all they have accomplished. We look forward to celebrating with them at their prom on 26th June.

We are also looking ahead to their **Leavers' Mass**, which will take place on **Tuesday 25th June at 6:00pm** at **Our Lady's Church in Edgeley**. This will be a special time of reflection, gratitude, and blessing for our children and their families. We look forward to welcoming all **Year 11 children and their families** to this meaningful celebration.

You are welcome to join us in this short prayer throughout the week:

Come, Holy Spirit, guide our thoughts, our words, and our hearts. May we listen for Your truth and walk with courage and peace.

Amen.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at **h.purkiss@stjamesheadle.co.uk**.

Yours faithfully,

Miss H Purkiss