



12<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Year 11 Feast Day for St Oscar Romero – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.**

I am delighted to share that our Year 11 pupils continue to uphold exemplary standards and embody the St Thomas More values of "Aspire not to have more but be more." It has been a pleasure supporting Year 11 this academic year as their Head of Learning, and I have every confidence that this positive attitude will continue throughout their final few weeks at St Thomas More.

As part of our Catholic Social Teaching programme, each year group has adopted a Saint to learn from and emulate. For Year 11, the chosen Saint is St Oscar Romero, who fought for social justice and challenges us to be courageous and speak out against oppression, even when it requires great personal sacrifice.

To honour St Oscar Romero, we invite Year 11 pupils to celebrate his Feast Day on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils may wear non-uniform on this day for a voluntary donation of £1. In addition, the Year 11 cohort will be asked to consider giving up their mobile phone for a period of 24 hours and to seek sponsorship for this which donations will be given to Mind. Please find below the link for any pupil wishing to take part in the challenge:

[Leah Doherty Perkins is fundraising for Mind](#)

During Period 1, we will be walking up to St Anne's Church on Terrace Road for a Liturgy. This will take place during the school day and so alternative transportation to and from school does not need to be arranged.

Outlined below is the schedule for the day:

- **Registration:** As normal.
- **Period 1:** A visit to St Anne's Church, Buxton for a short liturgy.
- **Period 2:** The Taskmaster experience with an extended break time.
- **Period 3 to Period 5:** In lessons as normal.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Doherty-Perkins  
Head of Learning for Year 11

