



St Thomas Aquinas Launch Event

28th January 2019

- 9:45 Arrivals and a 'Big Sing' with a chance to get our voices warmed up for the day!
- 10:30 **Opening Liturgy & Welcome**
A chance to come together in prayer and then a warm welcome from the CEO Neil Lockyer and NDCYS
- 10:45 **Who is St Thomas Aquinas? (Video)**
Find out a bit more about our amazing patron and hear from the Chaplains from across the trust.
- 11:00 **Blessing of The Trust Mission Statements for each school**
Bishop Patrick will read out loud and then bless copies of the Trust Mission Statement for each school. Bishop Patrick will then call and commission everyone present to be missionary disciples.
- 11:30 **Celebration Procession - ALL THAT IS TRUE HAS ITS ORIGIN IN THE SPIRIT**
Each school will present a postcard showing how the spirit is at work in their communities. These will be presented to The Bishop and each school will be able to say who they are and where they come from. These big images will form a central display showing what is 'true' about the nature of our new community.
- 11:50 **Faith in Action & NDCYS**
Schools will be given an insight into the Faith in Action scheme and shown different ways they can share their faith as missionary disciples.
- 12:15 **Lunch and Social Time** - A chance to meet other schools and get to know your new Trust.
- 1:00 **Mass Celebrated by Bishop Patrick**
Along with other clergy from across the Trust and beyond we'll come together to celebrate the feast of our patron.
- 2:00 **Thank you and departures**
Each school will take the post card of another school back to their communities to display. They will pray for this school and try to find a way to celebrate the new and special connections between them!

