

### Reflection Wednesday Week 4 St John Bosco 2024

**St John Bosco (1815 - 1888)** was born in Piedmont of a peasant family and brought up by his widowed mother. He became a priest with particular concern for young people. He settled in Turin, where the industrial revolution was bringing enormous movements of population and consequent social problems, especially for young men who came there to work. John Bosco devoted himself to the care of these young people by providing evening classes to which hundreds came, and by setting up a boarding-house for apprentices and workshops for their training and education. Despite many difficulties, caused both by anti-clerical civil authorities and by the opposition of senior people within the Church, his enterprise grew, and by 1868 over 800 boys and young men were under his care. To ensure the continuation of his work, he founded a congregation, which he named after St Francis de Sales (a saint for whom he had great admiration). Today the Salesians continue his work all over the world.

John Bosco continued to deliver what St Paul asked of the Church in Philippi *to fill minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise.*

Let us do the same!

**Where can you learn to make ice cream?     SUNDAE SCHOOL!**

**What is the wake-up time for ducks?     THE QUACK OF DAWN!**

**What is an old snowman called?     A PUDDLE!!**