



Spring Term RE Newsletter 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We begin this term full of the joy of the Christmas season which ends for us at the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus on the 12th January. On the 2nd February we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) when Jesus is recognised as 'The Light of the World'. We must also remember that each one of us is called to be a 'light', an inspiration to those around us

We tend to celebrate Christmas as if it's the most important time in the Church's year, but the Resurrection of Jesus is the most important event for Christians. When Jesus rose on the first Easter morning, it was a brand new kind of life. He promises this same life to all who hope in him. No wonder that Easter is the greatest feast!

As the first teachers of faith to your children, you will find some suggestions for home activities to support your children's RE learning. Please do send in pictures or pieces of work to be shared and celebrated with the school community.

Branch 3 – Galilee to Jerusalem

'God's only Son, who is at the Father's side, has made him known' (Jn 1:18). In this branch, pupils will experience the ministry of Jesus, the Word of God. They will learn about the life of Jesus and his revelation of the Kingdom of God through parables, encounters, miracles, and teachings. They will learn about the call of the disciples and the nature of being a follower of Jesus. **To Know You More Clearly – Religious Education Directory – Page 62**

Year Group	Scripture
Nursery	Matthew 2:1-12 The Wise Men visit Jesus Mark 10:16 Jesus welcomes the little children Story retold Jesus blesses the little children
Reception	Matthew 2:1-12 The visit of the Magi Mark 10:13-16 Jesus blesses the little children John 6:1-14 Feeding of 5000
Year 1	Luke 2:22-38 The Presentation Luke 2:41-52 Finding in the temple and the hidden life Luke 4:16-22 Jesus announces his mission Luke 5:1-11 The call of the disciples Luke 18:15-17 Little children Luke 19:1-9 Zacchaeus
Year 2	Luke 3:2-6, 10-17 The preaching of John the Baptist Luke 3:21-22 Jesus is baptised Luke 4:1-15 The Temptation in the wilderness and Jesus begins to preach Luke 5:17-26 Cure of a paralytic Luke 6:12-16 The choice of the twelve Luke 8:22-25 The calming of the storm Luke 12:4-7 Parable of the lost sheep Matthew 2:1-12 The visit of the Magi
Year 3	Matthew 8:5-13 Cure of the centurion's servant Matthew 13:4-17 Parable of the sower Matthew 13:44-46 Parable of the treasure and of the pearl Matthew 2:1-12 The visit of the Magi
Year 4	Matthew 8:14-17 Peter's mother-in-law and casting out devils Matthew 9:18-26 Cure of the woman with a haemorrhage. The official's daughter raised to life Matthew 11:1-15 The Baptist's question Matthew 14:22-33 Jesus walks on the water and, with him, Peter Matthew 16:13-26 Peter's profession of faith
Year 5/6	Matthew 5:1-12 The Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount Matthew 22:36-40, Luke 10:27 Jesus summarises the law (the great commandment) Matthew 17:1-13 The Transfiguration Matthew 6:7-13 Our Father prayer

Branch 4 – Desert to Garden

'Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day' (1 Cor 15:3). In this branch, pupils will study the season of Lent and its culmination in the events of Holy Week. They will learn about the Paschal Triduum at the heart of the Catholic Church's Liturgy and life. The title of this branch points both to the liturgical journey from the desert of Lent to the garden of Resurrection, but also to the Paschal journey from darkness to light, barrenness to fruitfulness, death to life **To Know You More Clearly – Religious Education Directory – Page 62**

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Nursery	
Reception	Luke 10:25-28 The great commandment
Year 1	Luke 19:28-38 Jesus enters Jerusalem Luke 19:47-48 Jesus teaches in the temple Luke 21:1-6 The widow's mite Luke 22:7-23 The last supper Luke 23:33-46 The Crucifixion and death of Jesus Luke 24:1-8 The angel's message Luke 4:1-14 Jesus is tempted in the desert for 40 days
Year 2	Luke 19:28-38 Jesus enters Jerusalem Luke 22:7-23, 28-34 The last supper Luke 23:33-46 The Crucifixion and death of Jesus Luke 24:1-8 The angel's message Luke 24:9-12 Peter at the tomb
Year 3	Matthew 14:13-21 The miracle of the loaves Matthew 26:26-29 The last supper (The institution of the Eucharist)
Year 4	Luke 15:11-32 The lost son (the prodigal) and the dutiful son Matthew 25:31-46 The Judgement of the Nations (sheep and goats) The events of Holy Week from the gospel of Matthew.
Year 5/6	Matthew 4:1-11 Temptation in the Wilderness 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 20-25

Suggestions for Home Activities

As a family, talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity. If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.

Important Dates from the Church's Calendar

Mary, Mother of God (1st January)
The Epiphany of the Lord (5th January)
The Baptism of the Lord (12th January)
The Presentation of the Lord (2nd February)
Our Lady of Lourdes (11th February)
St David's Day (1st March)
Ash Wednesday (5th March)
First Sunday of Lent (9th March)
St Patrick's Day (17th March)
St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (19th March)
The Annunciation of the Lord (25th March)
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (13th April)
Maundy Thursday (17th April)
Good Friday (18th April)
Easter Sunday (20th April)

Important Dates from the School's Calendar

New Year Mass in Church 10th January 1:30pm
Launch of Jubilee Year 24th January 2:45pm
Key Stage 2 Mass 13th February
EYFS/Key Stage 1 Liturgy 27th February
Ash Wednesday Distribution of Ashes 5th March
St Felix Day Mass at Church 7th March 1:30pm
Stations of the Cross Fridays in Lent 2:45pm
Lower Key Stage 2 Easter Play 31st March and 1st April
Reconciliation Service 3rd April

Jubilee Year 2025

Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a Jubilee Year, something which happens every 25 years in the Catholic Church. This year's theme is 'Pilgrims of Hope.' We are invited to renew our hope and be signs of hope for others.

