

R.E. NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

AUTUMN 2 2025

The information below gives an overview of the second 'branch' being taught during Autumn 2– Prophecy and Promise. You may wish to talk to your child about their understanding of the topics covered and share the 'Learning at Home' activities with them.

Years 3 and 4

Children learn about the first part of the Mass. They will recognise and name some of the objects in a church and will understand why Catholics go to Mass. They will learn the different rules people have when they take part in Mass as well as the structure of Mass, naming the different parts of the Liturgy of the Word. Children will then learn about Advent and the signs and symbols that help Catholics live out this special season. They will learn about the Annunciation to Joseph and explore the meaning of the story.

Advent – Getting Ready for Jesus

- The *prophets* told people that Jesus, the *Messiah*, was coming.
- *John the Baptist* helped people get ready for Jesus.
- *Advent* is the four weeks before Christmas.
It's a time to *pray, wait, and prepare* for Jesus' birth and his *second coming*.
- The *Feast of Christ the King* reminds us Jesus is King of all.
- The *Jesse Tree* tells the story of Jesus' family.
- Christians remember: **"He will come again in glory."**



Learning at Home – How can you support your child at home?

- † Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home.
- † Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree. Use the CAFOD or Missio websites to get a religious Advent calendar.
- † Discuss with your child how we prepare for the coming of Jesus. Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree.
- † Challenge your child to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas through their actions. You could visit the CAFOD or Mission Together website to get a religious Advent calendar and complete their daily task to help you prepare for the coming of Christ.

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The information below gives an overview of topics taught in Year 5 and 6. You may wish to talk to your child about their baptism, how special it was, and the people who shared the day with you. Look at photos if possible.

Come and See

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION – BELONGING

In the next topic, we will focus on the call to belong, and on Baptism and Confirmation, sacraments of God's gift of life and friendship.

Year 5	Life Choices	Marriage, commitment and service
Year 6	Vocation and Commitment	The vocation of the priesthood and religious life

JUDAISM (03/11/25 – 07/11/25)

Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS – LOVING

The final topic of the term is Loving. The children will focus on our capacity to enter into loving relationships and the perfect gift, given in God's love, Jesus, who was born as one of us.

Year 5	Hope	Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one
Year 6	Expectations	Jesus was born to show God to the world