St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Religious Education Newsletter

'We Work, We Care, We Pray, We Share'

Spring 26

Come and See and To Know You More Clearly

Our Religious Education programme is currently being updated as the Bishops of England and Wales have written a new Religious Education Directory. As you are aware, we have used the Come and See programme to teach all of our Religious Education lessons. This will continue for Year 6, however, Class 1,2 and 3 will now be t lessons routed in this new directory which is called *To Know you More Clearly.* In this new programme, each class will complete a new 'Branch' (unit) half-termly. We are working closely with other local schools to plan and evaluate all of these lessons so that we are confident we are providing the children with the highest quality of Religious Education. Class 4 will begin this new programme in the Autumn term 26. Once each class has begun these new lessons, we will hold an information day for parents so that you can fully understand the changes. Please see below for what your child will be taught this term.

BRANCH 3 – GALILEE TO JERUSALEM

Spring Term 1

Class 1 – The journey of the wise men to see that Jesus had been born. Jesus was born for everyone and we should show love to everyone just as Jesus did.

Class 2 – Through Luke's Gospel, the children will learn that when some people encountered Jesus, they recognised that he was the Son of God to save us all. This unit has a large focus on Jesus as the light of the World.

Class 3 – Through Matthew's Gospel, the children explores Jesus' journey from his ministry in Galilee to Jerusalem, focusing on how his teachings, miracles, and actions revealed God's love and called people to follow him.

BRANCH 4 – DESERT TO GARDEN

Spring Term 2

Class 1 – Listen to and talk about the season of Lent and Easter. The children will learn that Jesus died on Good Friday and rose on Easter Sunday. The children will learn how we care for others during the season of Lent.

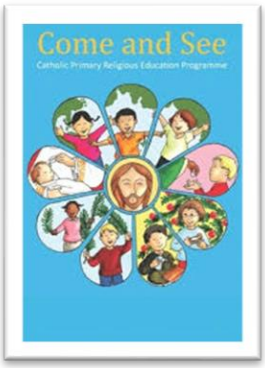
Class 2 – Focusing on stories from Luke's Gospel, the children will hear about Jesus' temptation and link their fasting during Lent to Jesus' experiences. They will recognise how Lent is a time to prepare for Easter and understand why our actions reflect this preparation. They will learn the important days

Class 3 - (Red) unit focuses on Jesus' death and resurrection, exploring how suffering, loss, and new life are part of the Christian story. Students learn about Holy Week, the Resurrection, and how God brings hope and new life out of difficult experiences.

COME AND SEE

Local Church – Community

Spring 1



Class 4 SOURCES - The Bible, the special book for the Church

Eucharist – Relating

Spring 1 – 2

Class 4 UNITY - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

Lent/Easter – Giving

Spring 1 -2

Class 4 DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

- **Mary, the Holy Mother of God** – *Thursday, 1 January 2026*
- **The Epiphany of the Lord** – *Tuesday, 6 January 2026*
- **The Baptism of the Lord** – *Sunday, 11 January 2026*
- **The Presentation of the Lord** – *Monday, 2 February 2026*
- **Ash Wednesday** – *Wednesday, 18 February 2026*
- **Feast of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – *Thursday, 19 March 2026*
- **The Annunciation of the Lord** – *Wednesday, 25 March 2026*
- **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord** – *Sunday, 29 March 2026*
- **Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday)** – *Thursday, 2 April 2026*
- **Good Friday** – *Friday, 3 April 2026*
- **Easter Sunday (The Resurrection of the Lord)** – *Sunday, 5 April 2026*

Dear God,

As the days grow longer and the flowers begin to bloom,
we thank You for the gift of new beginnings.
Help us to grow in kindness, love, and faith each day.
Guide us to care for one another and for Your creation,
and to follow Jesus' example in all we do.
Bless our school, our teachers, our friends, and our families,
and fill our hearts with joy and hope this Spring.

