

# R.E. NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

## AUTUMN 2



### To Know You More Clearly – Branch 2 Prophecy and Promised

<b>Nursery</b>	The children will learn that Mary was going to have a baby called Jesus and that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. They will begin to recognise the advent wreath and that advent is a time when we get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus.
<b>Reception</b>	The children will hear the story of the Annunciation and the Nativity. Learning how Mary was chosen to be the mother of Jesus and about the birth of Jesus. We will learn how other faiths celebrate. Advent is a time to get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus.
<b>Year 1</b>	God called Mary to be the mother of his Son, Jesus. Because God loves us, he gave us his only Son, Jesus. Mary said 'Yes' to God's call. The children will hear or sing the first phrase of the Gloria, recognising it as the angels' song of praise to God. Advent traditions and how Christians in their local community celebrate the birth of Jesus will be explored.
<b>Year 2</b>	The children will hear about the annunciation of John the Baptist and Jesus and the birth of Jesus. They children will learn about Prophets and Prophetesses. That Mary is the mother of God and our mother. Advent is the season when Christians prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas. Advent is a time Christian preparation for Jesus' coming. That the Advent wreath is a symbol of the coming of the light.
<b>Year 3</b>	The children will learn why Catholics go to Mass on a Sunday and how Catholics celebrate Mass. Catholics gather to celebrate Mass where they listen to the words of holy scripture and meet Jesus in Holy Communion. The children will look at representations in art around the world, connecting to the prophecies of Christ's coming.
<b>Year 4</b>	Children learn to describe what a prophet is drawing on Elijah and John the Baptist as examples, they compare the description of John the Baptist in Mark and Matthew's accounts and describe the beliefs about John the Baptist the gospel writers show Make links with the words of Isaiah, the preaching of John the Baptist, and the season of Advent. The learn that the feast of Christ the King marks the end of the Church's year and describe what is celebrated. They will makes links with the ancestry of Jesus and the Jesse tree and reflect on how Elijah and John the Baptist's words speak to people today.

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### Come and See

Year 5	<p><b>Hope</b></p> <p>Children will learn that The Eucharist is a memorial sacrifice in the Jewish sense of remembering, that is it makes present a past reality. It is a memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, through which Christ gives his body and blood for the salvation of all people and provides hope for the future. They will also learn how memories are kept alive and that The Eucharist keeps the memory of Jesus' sacrifice alive and present in a special way.</p>
Year 6	<p><b>Expectations</b></p> <p>The children will explore the importance of Advent and how we can prepare for the arrival of Christmas, the celebration of the birth of our Saviour and the return of Jesus. By the end of the topic, the children will be able to show how their own and others' decisions and hopes are informed by their beliefs, viewpoints and values.</p>

### Key Dates

<b>Liturgical Events</b>	
<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> All Saints Day	6 <sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Nicholas
2 <sup>nd</sup> The Commemoration of the Faithful departed (All Souls) Day	7 <sup>th</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
23 <sup>rd</sup> Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe	8 <sup>th</sup> Solemnity Feast of the Immaculate Conception
30 <sup>th</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	14 <sup>th</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
	21 <sup>st</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
	25 <sup>th</sup> The Nativity of our Lord (Christmas Day)
<b>Religious/Cultural</b>	<b>Religious/Cultural</b>
<b>Awareness and Events</b>	<b>Awareness and Events</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> Anti-Bullying Week	
10 <sup>th</sup> World Science Day for Peace	
10-6 <sup>th</sup> National Recycling Week	
11 <sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day (Poppy Day)	
11 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> COP29	
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Global Education Week	
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> One World Week	