



Dear Parents,

We began this term full of the joy of the Christmas season which ended with the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus on 12<sup>th</sup> January. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) when we remember and celebrate that Jesus is 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



In this issue of the RE newsletter you will find what your child is learning about in each year group.

I hope you find this newsletter of interest and as always, please keep the staff in your prayers as we continue to support your child/ren with their religious education.

Dates from the Church's calendar:

3<sup>rd</sup> January- Most Holy Name of Jesus  
6<sup>th</sup> January-The Epiphany of the Lord  
12<sup>th</sup> January-The Baptism of the Lord  
12<sup>th</sup> January-St Aelred of Rievaulx  
17<sup>th</sup> January-St Anthony  
24<sup>th</sup> January-St Francis de Sales  
28<sup>th</sup> January- St Thomas Aquinas

25<sup>th</sup> January-The Conversion of St Paul  
26<sup>th</sup> January- St. Timothy & Titus  
28<sup>th</sup> January- St Thomas Aquinas  
31<sup>st</sup> January- St John Bosco  
2<sup>nd</sup> February- The Presentation of the Lord  
3<sup>rd</sup> February- St Blaise  
11<sup>th</sup> February- Our Lady of Lourdes

Spring term 1- Galilee to Jerusalem

In EYFS the children will be learning why the Wise Men visited Jesus [Matt 21:12]. That Jesus welcomed little children [Mk 10:16] and Jesus blessed the little children. The story of Feeding the 5000 [Jn 1:1-14]. They will learn the Glory Be prayer. They will learn that as Christian Catholics we have a duty to look after the poor, the elderly and the ill.

**Year 1-** through this branch pupils develop an early understanding of the Christian belief that through the ministry of Jesus some of those who encountered Him recognised He was the Son of God. They will hear the Presentation [Lk 2:22-38] Jesus announces his mission [Lk 4:16-22] The call of the disciples [Lk 8:15-17] and the story of Zacchaeus [Lk 19: 1-19].

**Year 2-** Children will learn about Baptism, the Baptism of Jesus and thinking how Christians use prayer as a way of turning back to God and water is a symbol of cleansing and new birth. They will hear about God's miracles, curing the paralytic [Lk 5:17-26], calming the storm [Lk 8 22-25] and the parable of the lost sheep [Lk 15 4-7]. They will say the Lord's prayer and know we say sorry to God when we say the Act of Contrition.

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**Year 3-** The children will study the Gospel of St. Matthew, divided into seven books. The children will know the Magi visited and Jesus came for the whole world. The Kingdom of God begins with those who open their hearts to God's love. The miracles that Jesus, cure of the paralytic [Matt 9:1-8] and the cure of the centurion's servant [Matt 8:5-13] and the parable, the Sower [Matt 13:4-9] and the treasure and the pearl [Matt 13:44-46].

**Year 4-** The children will reflect on Jesus as the servant Messiah and how he announces the Kingdom of Heaven to those on the edge of society. They will hear key texts: The Baptist's question [Matt 11 1-5] Jesus walks on water [Matt 14:22-33] Peter's profession of faith [Matt 16:13-26]. They will know why Catholics say the Creed at Mass and the anointing of the sick brings God's strength and help to them.

**Year 5-** The children will hear the Beatitudes Sermon on the Mount [Matt 5: 1-12]. Jesus summarises the law [Matt 22:36-40], the Transfiguration [Matt 17:1-13] Our Father prayer [Matt 6:7-13]. Consider how the virtues of faith, hope and love will help Christians to live out the Beatitudes. They will be able to name artists who have imagined the Transfiguration.

### Spring term I- Galilee to Jerusalem

**Year 6-** The children will study the Gospel of St John. Jesus is presented as the Messiah who reveals his kingdom through seven signs. The children will learn about these seven miracles. The children will consider the seven sacraments and how they help people to grow more like Jesus and become children of God. The sacraments engage all the senses not just intellect and are earthly signs of the presence of God.

### The Jubilee Year of Hope 2025

The word Jubilee comes from the Hebrew word *yobel* which is a ram's horn. This wind instrument is blown to mark the start of a Jubilee Year in the Bible (Leviticus 25:9).

In the Bible the Jubilee Year occurred every 50 years and involved the cancelling of debts, a period of rest for people and the earth, and land being restored to the landless.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus makes clear his own mission is to bring Jubilee. In the synagogue at Nazareth, he reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, proclaiming the year of the Lord's favour:

The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the Lord's year of favour." (Luke 4:18-19)

After reading, Jesus announces: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus shows us what God's Kingdom of justice, compassion and freedom looks like. He invites us to join him in making it a reality.

The Jubilee Year is an opportunity to respond to God's call to turn to him and to pursue justice. In the Jubilee Year of 2000 many Christians joined together to call for cancellation of debt owed by the world's poorest countries.

Often people will go on pilgrimage during a Jubilee year, to Rome or another holy site. Pope Francis writes:

"Pilgrimage is of course a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life. A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life." *Spes non confunder*



On the Cafod site there are lots of resources and information about the Jubilee year and ways families can get involved. I have included the prayer to say together at home.

Thank you for all your support. Mrs Price



## Mass times Spring I

### Thursday Parish Mass in Church 10.00am

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| January 16 <sup>th</sup> Year 6 10.00am | February 6 <sup>th</sup> Year 3 10.00am              |
| January 23 <sup>rd</sup> Year 5 10.00am | February 13 <sup>th</sup> Year 1 & Year 2<br>10.00am |
| January 30 <sup>th</sup> Year 4 10.00am |  |

## A prayer of hope

God, our loving Father,  
in this Jubilee Year,  
you remind us of our call to love creation.  
Help us to work together  
to replant, repair, and renew.

### Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

Jesus, our light,  
In this Jubilee Year,  
you remind us of our call to love  
our neighbours  
and to set free those who suffer.  
Help us to treat everyone with dignity;  
to be fair, forgiving and kind.

### Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

Holy Spirit, our inspiration,  
in this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our  
call to grow in faith and love.  
Help us to hear you in scripture, to see  
Jesus in others,  
and to be united as God's global family.

### Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

Amen

*Written in  
collaboration with Missio.*

