



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

AUTUMN TERM 2024

*Come and See &
To Know You More Clearly*

Dear Parents,

As you are now aware, Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 will continue to use the new Religious Education directory which is called *To Know You More Clearly* and Class 4 and 5 will continue to use *Come and See*. Once each class has begun using *To Know You More Clearly*, 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.

TO KNOW YOU MORE CLEARLY – New programme of study

BRANCH 1 – Creation and Covenant

4th September – 22nd October

Class 1 – The children will learn about the Creation Story and that all we have comes from God. They will focus on the importance of prayer and how this can bring us closer to God. The children will be asked to reflect on the importance of looking after our World as it is a gift from God.

Class 2 – In this branch, Class 2 will study the story of Noah's Ark. They will look at God's wonderful creation and how special our world is. The children will look at the Sacrament of Baptism and will visit Church to look at the Baptismal Font and watch Father undertake a role-play Baptism. Using Laudato Si as a focus, the children will recognise how to look after God's creation.

Class 3 – In this branch, Class 3 will look at the creation stories in Genesis. They will focus on how all people have dignity and are created equal. The children will focus on stewardship and how we can all look after our world and those in it. They will look at parts of the Mass that link saying thank you to God for the gift of creation.

BRANCH 2 – Prophecy and Promise

4th November – 20th December

Class 1 – The focus of this branch is for pupils to develop an early understanding of the Christian belief that God showed us the full depth of his love by sending Jesus his Son. In Jesus, the invisible God becomes visible, and his love is poured out as the child in the manger at Bethlehem. The children will learn the importance of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her importance to Christians. They will learn how to pray the Hail Mary, which is something you could also practise at home.

Class 2 – In this branch, the children will learn about prophets and in particular, Isaiah. They will learn that a prophet communicates God's message and know that Isaiah spoke of Jesus' coming long before his birth. The children will look at how Christmas is celebrated through song and look at carol concerts and how the Christmas story is re-told through these. The children will also focus on how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

Class 3 – The overarching theme of this year is celebrating the Eucharist. In branches one, two and three pupils will learn about what happens at Mass, making links with scripture, for example, the feeding of the five thousand and Jesus' last supper. Pupils will also encounter different literary forms as they study parables and study the Gospel of St Matthew and learn about the signs of God's kingdom in this gospel. They will be introduced to the mystery of Trinity. They will learn about how Jewish families celebrate the Passover today and some simple facts about Islam.



Come and See

Classes 4 and 5

DOMESTIC CHURCH – FAMILY

4TH SEPTEMBER – 4TH OCTOBER

CLASS 4 PEOPLE - The family of God in Scripture

CLASS 5 LOVING - God who never stops loving

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION – BELONGING

7TH OCTOBER – 8TH NOVEMBER

CLASS 4 - CALLED - Confirmation: a call to witness

CLASS 5 - VOCATION AND COMMITMENT - The vocation of priesthood and religious life

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

JUDAISM 11th November – 22nd November

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

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS – LOVING

25TH NOVEMBER – 20TH DECEMBER

Class 4 - GIFT - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus

Class 5 - EXPECTATIONS - Jesus born to show God to the world

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

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.



IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

ALL SAINTS

(1st November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

(2nd November)

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

(20th November)

ADVENT

(Begins 1st December)

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(8th December)

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus.
She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and
co-operated with God throughout her life.

CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(25th December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

(30th December)