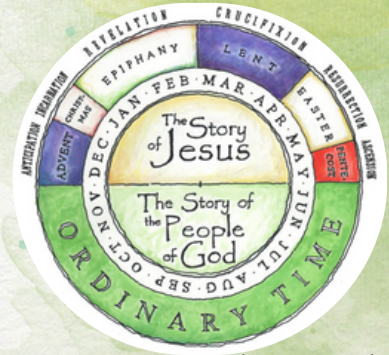




# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

## RE Newsletter - Advent 1

### Liturgical Season Ordinary Time



## The New Religious Education Directory (RED)

We're excited to share that as of now, our school will begin teaching the new Religious Education Directory, known as the RED. This marks an important and exciting new chapter in how we teach Religious Education. The RED has its own specially designed model curriculum, made up of six branches. Each half-term, we will explore one of these branches in class. Each one focuses on a core theme, helping children to grow in their understanding of key aspects of the Catholic faith — including Revelation, Scripture, life in Christ, and life in the Church. What makes this new approach so special is that it not only helps pupils learn about their faith in a deeper, more meaningful way, but also invites them to reflect on what it means for their own lives.

The six branches which are taught across the year are:

Creation & Covenant  
Prophecy & Promise  
From Galilee to Jerusalem  
From Desert to Garden  
To the Ends of the Earth  
Dialogue & Encounter (includes other faiths and worldviews)

As well as a dedicated block of learning called Dialogue & Encounter during Pentecost 2, other world faiths will be taught across the year.

To help keep you informed and involved, we will be sending out a newsletter each term with updates on what your child is learning.

In addition to the newsletter, we will continue with our RE assemblies each term to share and celebrate the children's learnings with you.



Celebration of RE Assemblies  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Y4, Y5 and Y6 @2.30pm  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Y1, Y2 and Y3 @9am





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### Creation and Covenant

In this branch, pupils will learn about God as the Creator who calls people into a special relationship with Him. They will explore the Christian belief that everything in the world comes from God. This includes learning about the Creation stories in the book of Genesis, as well as looking at scientific explanations of how the world began. Children will also learn about how God calls people and forms a covenant—a special promise—with them. They will explore this idea through the stories of Abraham and Moses, and other key moments in the Old Testament. .

Each topic begins with a Big Question and an opportunity to begin to explore the theme of the topic following the block of learning, children will have the opportunity to plan a celebration of the word linked to the theme of creation and covenant and then have time to respond to their learning. Please below for the classes big questions and ideas of resources they could read at home to support their learning in school.

#### EYFS

Big Question: How can I look after God's world?

At home you could read:  
God created the world and said, 'Indeed it is very good' (Genesis 1:31).  
The whole of Creation shows God love for us (Laudato Si' 84-88)

#### Year 1

Big Question: What is the wonderful gift of Creation?

At home you could read:  
Genesis 1:1-4, 24-26  
Laudato Si - explained for Kids: CAFOD

#### Year 2

Big Question: Why do we care for the world?

At home you could read:  
Genesis 1:1-4, 24-26  
Laudato Si - explained for Kids: CAFOD

#### Year 3

Big Question: How could caring for the world change the world for the better?

At home you could read:  
Genesis 1:26-31  
Laudato Si - explained for Kids: CAFOD

#### Year 4

Big Question: Why is Abraham seen as a model of prayer?

At home you could read: At home you could read: The call of Abram (Gen 12:1-5)  
The Abrahamic covenant (Gen 15:1-6)  
Genesis 22:1-18

#### Year 5

Big Question: How does Virtue teaching, the Ten Commandments and Jesus' teaching of the New Commandment help people act 'with great love' and love of neighbour?

At home you could read:  
Exodus 3: 1-15  
Exodus 19:3-8, 20:1-17  
Matthew 22:36-40

#### Year 6

Big Question: Why have human beings not always lived as God has wanted them to and what are the effects of this on human beings and the environment?

At home you could read:  
Genesis 2:5-10, 15-23, 3:1-7, 9-13, 17-19 John 1:1-5, 16-18  
The Nicene Creed  
Laudato Si - explained for Kids: CAFOD

