



# 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 call 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 learning 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







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### Prophecy and Promise



**'In many and various ways, God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets (Heb 1:1)**

The prophets speak to God reaching to his people, calling them back into a relationship with him. In this branch, pupils will explore the Christian understanding of the teaching of the prophets as they point to the fulfilment of God's promise in a messiah, Jesus Christ. They will explore the expectant waiting for the Messiah through the Advent season and how this speaks to Christians today as they wait for Christ, Pupils will encounter the story of the nativity of Jesus and the mystery of the incarnation.

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#### EYFS

Big Question: How do we prepare for Christmas?

At home you could read:  
His name would be Jesus (Lk 1:26-31,38)  
Jesus was born in Bethlehem (Lk 2:4-7)

#### Year 1

Big Question: How does the Christmas story teach us about God's love? teach us about God's

At home you could read:  
The Annunciation (Lk 1: 26 -38)  
The visitation (Lk 1:39-45)  
The Birth of Jesus (Lk 2:4-8)  
The Visit of the Shepherds (Lk 2:8-10)

#### Year 2

Big Question: How can we fill the hungry with good things in Advent?

At home you could read:  
The Annunciation of John the Baptist (Lk 1: 5-20)  
The Annunciation of Jesus (Lk 1: 26 - 38)  
The visitation (Lk: 1: 39 0 50, 53)  
The birth of Jesus (Lk 2: 1 -8)



#### Year 3

Big Question: How do Mary and Joseph show trust in God?

At home you could read:  
Messiah would be born of a virgin and would be called Immanuel (IS 7:14)  
The Annunciation of Joseph (Matt: 1: 18 - 25)

#### Year 4

Big Question: How did the prophets help prepare for the coming of Jesus?

At home you could read:  
Elijah's encounter with God: the journey 1 Kings 19L 4-8 The meeting: 1 Kings 19 9-15  
The preaching of John the Baptist (Matt 3: 1 -12 and Mk 1: 1-8)  
The ancestry of Jesus (Matt 1: 1-17)

#### Year 5

Big Question: How can the image of a shepherd, used in the scriptures help us to understand servant leadership?

1 Samuel 16: 1-13: anointing of David  
1 Samuel 17: 1-11, 32 - 54 David and Goliath  
2 Samuel 5: 1-5 David becomes king  
2 Samuel 7:8-15 God's covenant with David

#### Year 6

Big Question: How do women today respond to God's call?

Genesis 18: 1 -15; 2: 1: 1-7 - Sarah  
Exodus 1: 8 - 22 2: 1-10 -Miriam  
Judges 4: 4-11 5; 7-15 Deborah  
1 Samuel 1:5 9 -11 26-28 Hannah





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### IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

All Saints  
(1 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)  
(2 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, King OF THE UNIVERSE  
(23 November)

ADVENT  
(Begins 30 November)

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  
(8 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.

When December 8 falls on a Sunday, the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday

Christmas Day, The nativity of the Lord  
(25 December)

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

The holy family of Jesus, MARY, and Joseph  
(28 December)

