



Cheadle Catholic Junior School

Religion Newsletter Autumn 2

As we walk with Jesus, we love, live and learn

Dear Parents,

The dark nights have certainly found their way back to us and we return from half term to the month of November - a time to remember those who have gone before us into the loving embrace of God.

The children will be writing their own lists of their family and friends who have died, and offering them up with their prayers during our annual whole school Mass, celebrated on the first of November-The feast of All Saints. Please help support this, by saying this prayer regularly with your child:

*Eternal rest, Grant unto them, O
Lord, and let Perpetual light shine
upon them, may they rest in peace.
Amen.*

We also find ourselves moving towards the season of Advent when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, at Christmas.



In this issue of the newsletter you will find what your child is learning about in each year group. We hope you find this newsletter of interest and as always, please keep us in your prayers as we continue to support your children in their religious education.

Dates from the Church's Calendar:

1 st Nov-All Saints' Day	30 th Nov-St. Andrew, Apostle
2 nd Nov-All Souls	3 rd Dec-First Sunday of Advent
7 th Nov-St. Willibrord	6 th Dec-St. Nicholas
10 th Nov-St. Leo the Great	8 th Dec-Immaculate Conception
11 th Nov-Remembrance Sunday	10 th Dec-Second Sunday of Advent
15 th Nov-St. Albert the Great	17 th Dec-Third Sunday of Advent
16 th Nov-St. Margaret of Scotland	24 rd Dec-Fourth Sunday of Advent
17 th Nov-St. Hilda of Whitby	25 th Dec-The Nativity of Our Lord
21 st Nov-Presentation of Mary	26 th Dec-St. Stephen
22 nd Nov-St. Cecilia	29 th Dec-St. Thomas Becket
25 th Nov-Christ the King	30 th Dec-The Holy Family

Year 3 – Mary, the Mother of God.

“Mary the Mother of Jesus and therefore the Mother of God is the first disciple...She is the Church’s model of faith and charity and because of her singular response to God’s Word is Mother of the Church.” Religious Education Curriculum Directory



The children will learn that God called Mary to be the Mother of Jesus and learn how Mary responded to God's call. They will learn the 'Hail Mary' and begin to understand what the words mean.

They will learn that Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas and begin to understand that Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Son

of God. They will also learn about the stories of the shepherds and the wise men's visit to see the baby Jesus.

At home you could help your children by:

- saying the Hail Mary every day
- talking with them about the importance of Mary in Jesus' life
- go online to www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm and complete the interactive activities

Date for your Diary: The year 3 children are working hard preparing their annual Nativity performance. Please look at our weekly newsletters to find the dates.

Year 4 – Trust in God



The children will learn about Jesus' teaching and the importance of trusting in him. They will learn that it is not always easy to trust in God (e.g. Zechariah).

They will learn about the promise God made to Mary through the angel Gabriel and learn how Joseph put his trust in God when the angel appeared to him. They will become familiar with Mary's song of praise and trust in God (the Magnificat) and learn that God fulfilled his promise to Mary when Jesus, the Son of God, was born.

The children will have a chance to deepen their awareness of God's love for us and know that he asks us to trust in him. They will reflect on the times it is difficult to trust and on the importance of keeping promises. They will make their own Advent promises. The children will reflect on how Mary and Joseph placed all their trust in God and experience a celebration of the Nativity.

At home you could help your children by:

- making an Advent calendar with them

- go online to www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm and complete the interactive activities.

Date for your Diary: Each year 4 class have been busy preparing their class Mass for this term and they would love you to attend. Please see the weekly newsletter for these dates.

Year 5 – The Commandments



The children will learn that God loves us and calls us to be in a relationship with him. They will learn that God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai because he loves us.

The children will understand that the Ten Commandments are a gift from God to help us. They will learn how Jesus summarised the Ten Commandments (Matthew 22: 36-40) and begin to understand how we can show our love for God by keeping his commandments with his help.

The children will also learn that God sent his Son Jesus into the world because he loves us and that we celebrate this gift at Christmas.

Date for your Diary: The year 5 children are busy planning and performing their annual nativity play, to which you are all invited. Please check the weekly newsletters to find out the dates.

Year 6 – Justice

“Love of neighbour ... involves working for a just society, both locally and internationally.” Religious Education Curriculum Directory



The children will learn that God called the prophets from the Old Testament and learn about the different ways they responded. They will learn that the prophets spoke out against injustice and that some prophets were persecuted because they spoke out.

They will learn that Christians are called to work for justice and find out about individuals who have been persecuted for speaking out against injustice.

The children will learn that Advent is a time of waiting and hoping for the birth of the Messiah at Christmas and understand that the birth of Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecies.

At home you could help your children by:

- thinking about how your family could support the work of CAFOD
- visit www.cafod.org.uk to learn more about CAFOD and its work in the developing world
- include an intention for people fighting injustice in your prayers with the children.

Extra news since the last newsletter:

It has been lovely seeing so many parents, grandparents and other family members come and share and participate in class liturgies. I am sure you will agree how beautiful and spiritual our class liturgies are, and how hard the children work to plan them alongside their class teacher.

Each class will have the opportunity during Advent to reflect about the importance and true meaning of Christmas. To assist this, your child will bring home a miniature crib and a little tea light, with a little prayer to say together as a family. Your child can then write a short prayer which will be shared the following day with their class during prayer and liturgy sessions.

Our year 3 and 4 children enjoyed their Prayer Friend Mass, held at Christ Church. Thank you to Fr Tony, the Parishioners of Christ Church and the parents and members of staff who assisted that day. It truly was a memorable experience for the children particularly as it is the start of their journey preparing to make their First Holy Communion. Our Prayer friends also enjoyed exchanging cards and spending some time with each other as they get used to being part of the Junior School family.

If you would like any further information, or have any queries regarding the religious education of your child, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Thank you for your continued support in your child's religious education. As a school community we value the on-going partnership between home, school and Parish.