



St Mary's Catholic Primary School RE Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2026

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be continuing to follow the Religious Education Directory (RED) in all year groups. This will be taught through the scheme 'The Vine and the Branches'. Two branches will be taught throughout the term. Branch 3 Galilee to Jerusalem will be covered in Spring 1 and Branch 4 Desert to Garden will be covered in Spring 2.

BRANCH 3 GALILEE TO JERSUSALEM (5/1/26-13/2/26)



In EYFS and Key Stage 1 the children will learn about stories of the miracles and parables of Jesus. They will reflect on how Jesus cares for other people and what they can learn from his actions.

EYFS: Pupils learn that the Magi visited Jesus with gifts and that Jesus is God's son and he came for everyone.

Year 1: Pupils explore that through Jesus' ministry, some people recognized him as the Son of God.

Year 2: Pupils will learn how Jesus teaches about God through parables and miracles.

In Key Stage 2, the children will deepen their knowledge and understanding of Scripture and make links between miracle stories. In the upper Key Stage, they will learn about the Beatitudes and the Commandments. They will reflect on how communities they are part of could be transformed if everyone chose to love their neighbour as themselves

Year 3: Pupils will learn about parables and miracles in the Book of Matthew.

Year 4: Pupils will consider Jesus' question to Peter, 'Who do you say I am?'

Year 5: Pupils will explore the 'new law' given by Jesus.

Year 6: Pupils will explore the seven signs of John's Gospel.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible. Explore ways to help other people – charity support, helping family and neighbours.

BRANCH 4 DESERT TO GARDEN (23/2/26-1/4/26)



In EYFS and Key Stage 1 the children will learn the key events of Holy Week and learn simple signs, actions and words used during Lent and Easter. They will learn about caring for others and the importance of saying sorry.

EYFS: Pupils will learn about the seasons of Lent and Easter.

Year 1: Pupils will learn about the season of Lent and the last week of Jesus' life, his death and resurrection.

Year 2: Pupils will learn about the events of Holy Week and how Lent is a time for forgiveness.

In Key Stage 2, the children will develop an understanding of the Eucharist and links to Last Supper as well as deepen their knowledge of specific events during Holy Week. They will begin to understand that the Rosary is a prayerful reflection on the life of Christ.

Year 3: Pupils will focus on the second part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Year 4: Pupils will explore Lent's theme of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Year 5: Pupils will explore what it means to sin and how this links to God's plan for salvation.

Year 6: Pupils will look at St John's account of the end of Jesus' earthly life.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity.

If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.

Catholic Social Teaching

This year we will continue to use the "Rooted in Love" programme created by Caritas Westminster.

Our topic for Spring 1 is Solidarity and Peace and for Spring 2 is Community and Participation.

Half Term	CST Theme	SOLIDARITY AND PEACE	COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION
Autumn A	Care of Creation	<p>The image shows two posters side-by-side. The left poster is blue with a white dove and the text 'SOLIDARITY AND PEACE'. The right poster is orange with a group of people and the text 'COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION'. Both posters have a quote from Pope Francis at the bottom.</p>	
Autumn B	Preferential Option for the Poor		
Spring A	Solidarity and Peace		
Spring B	Community and Participation		
Summer A	Dignity of Workers		
Summer B	Human Dignity		

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

1 January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6 January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7 January

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

18 February

ST JOSEPH

19 March

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

25 March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

28 March

MAUNDY THURSDAY

2 April

GOOD FRIDAY

3 April

EASTER SUNDAY

5 April

