

# St Bede's Catholic Primary School

## RE Newsletter Autumn 2

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.

*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:

31 <sup>st</sup>	October	<b>All Saints'</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dec	St. Francis Xavier
2 <sup>nd</sup>	November	<b>All Souls</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	November	St. Winefride	6 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	St. Nicholas
17 <sup>th</sup>	November	St. Hilda of Whitby	8 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	<b>Immaculate Conception of Mary</b>
21 <sup>st</sup>	November	<b>Christ the King</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup>	November	St. Cecilia	19 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
28 <sup>th</sup>	November	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	25 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	<b>Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b>
30 <sup>th</sup>	November	St. Andrew	26 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	<b>The Holy Family</b>

The cycle of prayer during Advent and Christmas: *Openness to the Word of God* especially on Bible Sunday (2nd Sunday of Advent); *Migrants and Refugees* especially on Migrant's Day (3 December); *Expectant Mothers* especially on 4th Sunday of Advent.

### Nursery & Reception - Prophecy and promise



This half term, the children in the Nursery and the Reception classes will be learning that Mary was going to have a baby and that his name will be Jesus. They will read the Scripture of the Annunciation, The Nativity and the Shepherds visiting the manger. They will learn about the Advent wreath, know that Advent is a time to get ready for Jesus and understand the tradition of the crib to tell the story of Jesus' birth.



As Christmas approaches, they will learn that God's greatest gift to us was to send his only son Jesus and learn how to respond to that gift.

#### At home

You could help your children by:

- reminding them that Christmas is about the gift of Jesus to us and not just about receiving presents.
- talk about your family and draw pictures of Jesus being part of your family
- take them to see baby Jesus at church during the Christmas season.

## *Year 1 - Prophecy and promise*

The children will recognise that, for Christians, the Christmas story reveals God's love by sending Jesus his Son. They will be introduced to the Bible as a special book and will sequence the accounts from the Annunciation through to the visit of the shepherds. They will begin to understand the first words of the Hail Mary with the words of Angel Gabriel.



### At home

You could help your children by:

- reinforcing why Mary is important for Christians
- discussing the importance of mothers

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## *Year 2 - Prophecy and promise*

The children will retell with increasing detail, one of the religious accounts of the Annunciation and the birth of John the Baptist. They will recognise that the Church teaches that Mary is the mother of God who prays for them and with them. They will find out how Christians prepare for the coming of Jesus during the season of Advent and understand the meaning of the Advent wreath.

### At home

You could help your children by:

- reminding them, as they make the sign of the cross, that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- reading the Christmas story and encourage them to ask questions

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## *Year 3 - Prophecy and promise*

The children will learn that Sunday is a holy day for Christians, and they will be able to describe how Catholics celebrate the Mass. They will be able to give some simple descriptions of prayers, signs and actions performed in Mass focusing on the Liturgy of the Word. They will recall that angels bring God's message in the gospels of St Matthew and St Luke. They will make simple links between the signs used in Advent and Christmas and their meaning for Christians.

### At home

You could help your children by:

- taking them to Mass
- reading the Scripture of the Nativity story

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## *Year 4 - Prophecy and promise*

They will show some understanding of the cultural and religious context of Elijah's time and understand that he was a prophet like John the Baptist. The children will make links with the words of Isaiah, the preaching of John the Baptist and the season of Advent. They will make links with the ancestry of Jesus and the Jesse tree. They will talk about the kind of King Jesus would be and know that the feast of Christ the King



Marks the end of the Church's year and describe what is celebrated.

At home:

You could help your children by:

- making an Advent calendar with them
- Reading the Scripture of the Nativity
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## *Year 5 - Prophecy and promise*

In Year 5 the children will show an understanding of some gospel passages that present Jesus as the fulfilment of the promise of David (Matt 1: 1-17 Lk 1: 32-33). They will know that the Rosary is a prayerful reflection of the life of Christ and explain what they joyful mysteries remember. They will explore the imagery of the shepherd used in the scripture passages and understand how it helps them, as readers understanding servant leadership.

## *Year 6 - Prophecy and promise*

The children will learn about the Old Testament scripture passages that show the importance of women in salvation history. They will have some understanding of the Christian belief that Mary is the fulfilment of the Old Testament promises, making relevant links to Lk 1: 26 -56 and the accounts of women in the Old Testament. They will show understanding of how and why the Magnificat prayer forms expectations of the Messiah. They will consider what God might be calling them to do and reflect on how this could transform their lives.

At home:

You could help your children by:

- reading the scripture about women from the Old Testament
- Reading the scripture on the Nativity