

RE NEWSLETTER –Spring 2 2025

RE CURRICULUM TOPIC THIS HALF TERM – KEY STAGE TWO

From Lent to Easter - Year C

Linking School, Parish and Home

St Margaret
Clitherow

Spring Term
2 - 2025



Religious Education

Key Idea:

This framework is intended as the second in the Spring Term 2024/25– leading from the beginning of Lent to Good Friday. It continues to focus on the Gospel of Luke in inviting pupils to read and study Luke's account of the Passion of Jesus. During this unit, pupils will also learn about the Stations of the Cross.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

Spiritual Outcomes: *It is hoped that pupils will develop:*

- A sense of reflection and prayer
- An openness to the presence of God in the Eucharist

- A willingness to be part of Lent and Easter celebrations

Activities to try at home

You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much greater if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs.

- Adopt some Lenten practices at home this Lent: Pray; given alms (give to charity) and give ups something. As a family decide to give up a negative attitude or behaviour this Lent such as being critical, thoughtless, nagging or avoiding responsibilities.

An idea for prayer at home



Prayer Activity

Lord,

As we begin (continue) this journey with you to Easter, help us to remember to stay close to you in what we do, and what we think, and what we say.

Make us mindful of those around us, particularly those who suffer, and help us to give generously of our time our thoughtfulness and our gifts, this Lent.

We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen

EYFS AND KEY STAGE 1

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will now be studying new RE content in line with the new RE directory. This is a new curriculum for RE in Catholic Schools across the country. There are six branches in 'To know You More Clearly' – one per half term. The branches are:

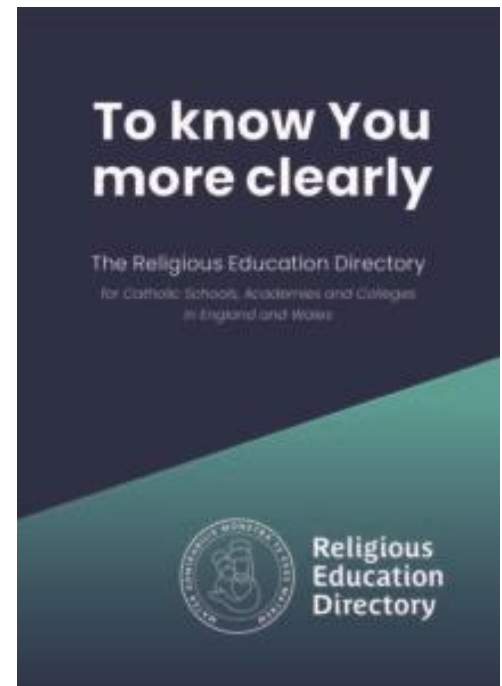
1. Creation and Covenant
2. Prophecy and Promise
3. From Galilee to Jerusalem
4. From Desert to Garden
5. To the Ends of the Earth
6. Dialogue and Encounter

Each branch follows:

- Hear
- Believe
- Celebrate
- Live

At the end of each branch and lenses the children will:

- Understand
- Discern
- Respond



We are moving all classes across to the new curriculum in a staggered approach.

The topic covered in these classes for Spring Term 2 is called –
From Desert to Garden

EYFS

In EYFS, children learn that Lent is a time to care for others and prepare for Easter. They discover that Jesus died on a cross on Good Friday and rose again on Easter Sunday, bringing new life, which we celebrate. They learn about the great commandment to love God and everyone, and they explore simple signs and symbols of Lent, such as purple colours and ashes, and of Easter, like white colours, growth, and Easter gardens. Stories and customs will help them recognise key events of Holy Week and celebrate Easter in different ways. They will also begin to understand that everyone has basic needs like food, water, and shelter, and Jesus calls us to help those in need during Lent and beyond.

Year 1

In this branch, pupils explore the season of Lent as a time of preparation for Easter, learning about the last week of Jesus' life, his death, and the resurrection,

concluding with the women encountering the angel at the empty tomb. The focus highlights the divinity of Christ and the message of God the Father. Lent traditions, integrated into the school's prayer life and charitable activities, deepen pupils' understanding of Easter as the pinnacle of the Christian year, contrasting with its cultural association with chocolate.

Year 2

In this branch, Year Two pupils revisit scripture from the previous year to reinforce their understanding of Holy Week, connecting Jesus' forgiveness at the Crucifixion with his ministry. They explore Lent as a time of reconciliation and forgiveness, helping Christians prepare to celebrate the Resurrection. Pupils are introduced to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, gaining a simple understanding of how it supports Catholics in restoring their relationship with God.

IMPORTANT DATES

1st March – St David
2nd March– Day for the unemployed.
5th March – Ash Wednesday
7th March – Women's World Day of Prayer
9th March – 1st Sunday of Lent
14th March– Lent Fast Day
17th March – St Patrick
19th March – St Joseph
25th March – The Annunciation of the Lord.
26th March – St Margaret Clitherow.
20th April– Easter Sunday

School Dates

Thursday 27th February – Bishop John Sherrington in visiting the school
Thursday 27th February – Year 4 Assembly
Friday 28th February – Year 3 going to mass at English Martyrs
Wednesday 5th March – Ash Wednesday Liturgy
Friday 21st March – Year 3 Class Assembly
Friday 28th March- Year 5 going to mass at English Martyrs
Monday 24th March - Year 4 Class Saint Celebration and own clothes – St Oscar Romero–
TBC Thursday 27th March- Mass for the feast of St Margaret Clitherow.

VALUES OF THE MONTH

This term the chaplains will continue to give out special certificates for children displaying these values at the end of each month.

FEBRUARY



MARCH



CLASS SAINTS

Reception – St George
 Year 1 – St John Paul II
 Year 2- St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)
 Year 3 – St Josephine Bakhita
 Year 4 – St Oscar Romero
 Year 5 – St Thérèse of Lisieux
 Year 6 – St Martin de Porres



CARITAS IN ACTION

This year we will continue to use the new “Rooted in Love” programme created by Caritas Westminster. Our topic this half term is Community and Participation

Half Term	CST Theme
Autumn A	Care of Creation
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



Lord,
Please help us to build a
sense of community in our
area and in our world.
Help us to recognise that we
are all brothers and sisters,
made in your image.
May our duty to participate
see our communities thrive,
enabling us to create a fairer
world, where everyone's
voices can be heard.
Amen

Community and participation are key principles in Catholic social teaching. Community highlights the idea that humans are interconnected and should live in solidarity, valuing the dignity of each person. It calls for inclusive communities that support everyone's well-being. Participation stresses that every person has the right and duty to engage in social, economic, and political life, contributing to the common good. Catholic social teaching encourages active involvement in shaping a just and compassionate society, where justice and equality are prioritised for all.



PRAYER CYCLE

During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Candidates for the Sacraments; Women;
The Needy and Hungry of the World;
Penitents and Wanderers.





A Lenten Challenge



Fasting

Fast from hurtful words and speak kind words.
 Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
 Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
 Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
 Fast from worries and have trust in God.
 Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
 Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
 Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
 Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
 Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

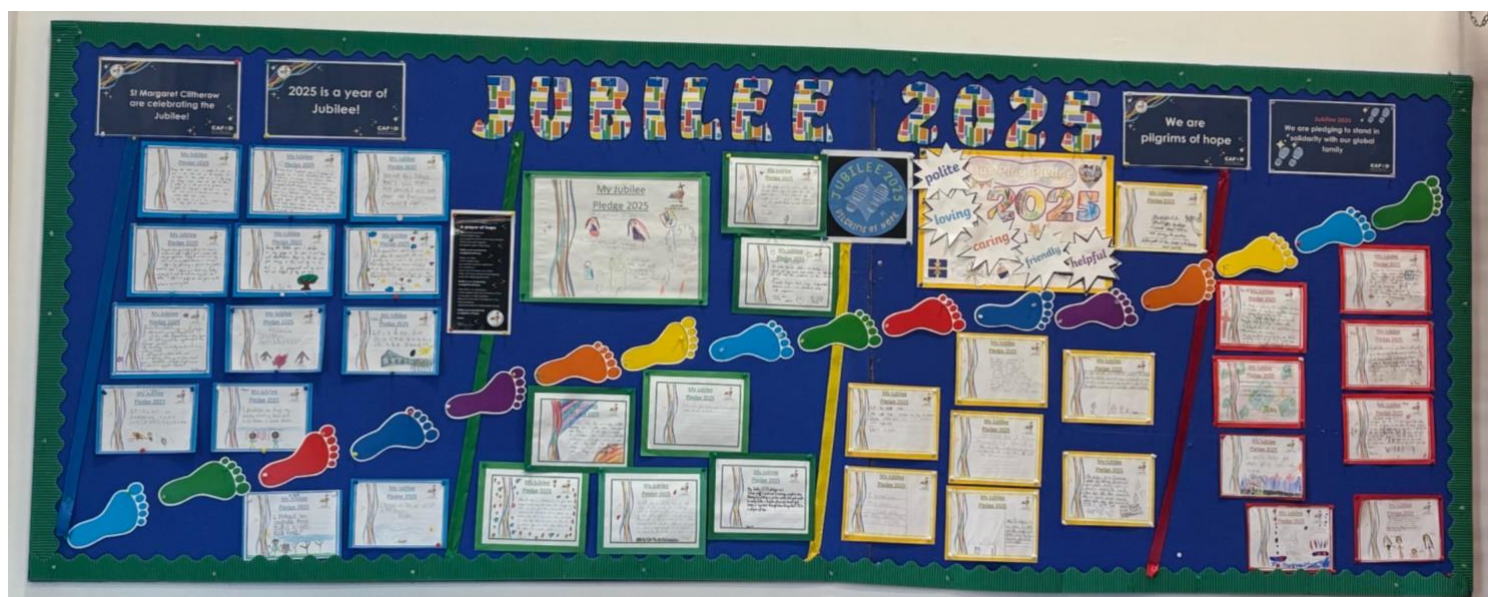
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Pope Francis (Ash Wednesday 2017)

JUBILEE YEAR

The Jubilee Year is a landmark moment in the life of the global church. School communities are invited to join together as pilgrims of hope, pledging to work together for God's kingdom of justice, peace and love.

We marked the start of the year with a special assembly and work in all our classes. We created our own pledges for the year. In June we will create a whole school pledge for how we will make a difference going forward.



Please help your child to learn the Jubilee Prayer below:

A prayer of hope

God, our loving Father,
in this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love creation.
Help us to work together
to replant, repair, and renew.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Jesus, our light,
In this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love
our neighbours
and to set free those who suffer.
Help us to treat everyone with dignity;
to be fair, forgiving and kind.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Holy Spirit, our inspiration,
in this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our
call to grow in faith and love.
Help us to hear you in scripture, to see
Jesus in others,
and to be united as God's global family.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Amen

*Written in
collaboration with Missia.*

