



St. Bernadette's Religious Education Curriculum Overview

	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Religious Education Directory	Branch 1 Creation & Covenant	Branch 2 Prophecy & Promise	Branch 3 Galilee to Jerusalem	Branch 4 Desert to Garden	Branch 5 To the Ends of the Earth	Branch 6 Dialogue and Encounter
Nursery	Hear: God made our beautiful world and everything in it. God made me. Believe: God made me. God loves me. God loves everyone. God made the wonderful world. Celebrate: The words and actions of the Sign of the Cross: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen" Give thanks for God's Wonderful World Live: Look after me. Look after God's world. Key vocabulary: Created, world, God, sign of the cross, giving thanks, Son, Holy Spirit, amen, wonderful.	Hear: Mary was going to have a baby. His name will be Jesus. <i>Mary's Baby is based on Luke 1:26-31,38.</i> Jesus was born in Bethlehem. <i>Based on Luke 2:4-7</i> Shepherds hurried to see Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus. <i>Based on Luke 2:8-20</i> Believe: Mary had a baby called Jesus Celebrate: Advent Wreath. The tradition of the crib Nativity celebration Live: Celebrate Advent, it is a time to get ready for Christmas. God sent Jesus to love us all. Key vocabulary: God, mother, father, son, crib, Mary, birth/born, shepherds, Advent, Christmas, get ready, celebrate.	Hear: The Wise Men visit Jesus. Jesus welcomes the little children. <i>Mk 10: v16</i> Jesus blesses the little children (story retold) Believe: Jesus was born for everyone. Celebrate: The Glory Be is a special prayer. Live: Show love to everyone like Jesus. Key vocabulary: Magi, Jesus, God, gifts, family, Mary, Joseph, welcome, love, Glory Be	Hear: Lent is a time to care for others. Jesus died on a cross. It is a sad time. Jesus was given new life by God his Father. Jesus rose and everyone celebrates. Love God and love everyone (Great commandment) ... Believe: Caring for others in Lent. Jesus died on a cross. Jesus rose and we celebrate. Celebrate: Simple signs of Lent – colour purple, seeds, growing. Simple signs of Easter – colour white, growth, Easter Garden Live: Care for others. Celebrate with signs and symbols – Hot Cross Buns, garden growth, Easter eggs, Key vocabulary: Love God and love everyone, Lent, Care, Holy Week, Hosanna, friends, sharing	Hear: Jesus went back to his Father. He sent a special friend, the Holy Spirit, to look after us. Believe: The Holy Spirit is our friend. The Holy Spirit looks after us. Celebrate: The parish church is a special place where we meet our friends. We sing and say prayers. Live: The parish church. We gather with friends at church, especially on Sunday. Key vocabulary: Father, gift, Holy Spirit, parish, gather, prayers	Encounter: Friends of Jesus: Hear a simple life of St Peter and St Paul, friends of Jesus (linking to their feast day). Invite someone in from the local parish to talk about their faith and why it matters to them to be a friend of Jesus. Explore a range of pictures of Jesus from a non-European tradition. Dialogue: Invite someone into the class from the local area or a school community member to talk about their local (faith) community and why it matters to them. Develop opportunities to engage children in a broad sensory curriculum about the music, food, smells, tastes, and specific clothing worn, to enrich understanding.

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Reception	Hear: The words and actions of the Sign of the Cross: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen" God created the world and said, "Indeed it is very good" (Genesis 1:31) <u>LS 84 – the whole of creation shows God love for us</u> Believe: <u>God is love.</u> God made each one of them. God loves each one of them as a unique person. God made a wonderful world and what God creates is good. God loves us and we are part of a family. CST God made the earth and sky. God made all the people all over the world. God made all the animals. God made all the plants. God made the air, the ground and the water. And God tells us we must take good care of them. It is an important job! Stewardship Celebrate: <u>Celebrate God's beautiful world.</u>	Hear: The Annunciation <i>Luke 1:26-31, 38</i> The Nativity <i>Luke 2: 4-7</i> The Shepherds visit the manger. <i>Luke 2:8-20</i> Believe: Mary was chosen by God to give birth to his son. Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger. Shepherds were told by angels to visit him. Celebrate: The tradition of the crib to tell the story of Jesus' birth. Live: <u>Various cultures</u> celebrate Jesus' birthday in different ways CST All people work in some way. Everyone should be able to work safely so that it helps them because God loves them. By our work in Advent, we help others and ourselves and we show our love to	Hear: The visit of the Magi <i>Matt 2:1-12</i> What? Jesus blesses the little children <i>Mk 10:13-16</i> How? Feeding of five thousand <i>Jn 6:1-14</i> Believe: The Magi visited Jesus with gifts. Jesus is God's son and came for everyone. Jesus' birth is celebrated at Christmas. Jesus came to show God's love and welcomes everyone. Jesus takes care of everyone. Celebrate: That the Church prays The Glory Be as a response to the coming of Jesus . Live: We welcome and show love to everyone in our words and actions as Jesus does. We are	Hear: A simplified version of key events of Holy Week especially Good Friday and Easter Sunday (to enable pupils to recognize key events) The great commandment. <i>Lk10:25-28</i> Believe: Listen to and talk about the season of Lent and Easter Jesus died on Good Friday and rose again on Easter Sunday Easter is a celebration that Jesus is with us still. Easter celebrates new life. Simple Religious symbols in Lent and Easter Celebrate: The Church uses Purple and Ashes as signs of Lent and being sorry. Representations of Holy Week and Easter: Palms, The cross-Easter Gardens, and symbols of New life Live: Various cultures celebrate Lent and Easter in different ways:	Hear: Story of Pentecost (Simple Telling) The early Christian community (Acts 2:42-47) Believe: Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost The Good News of Jesus lived out by the early Christian community. Celebrate: Pentecost is a special celebration in the Church. Sunday is a special day for the Church to celebrate. Live: The parish church and the parish family meet there to celebrate. CST Jesus knows that people can be happy with families and friends. He tells us that we can let these important people help us. He asks us to help them too. We need each other. We Are Called to	Encounter: Friends of Jesus: Hear a simple life of St Peter and St Paul, friends of Jesus (linking to their feast day). Invite someone in from the local parish to talk about their faith and why it matters to them to be a friend of Jesus. Explore a range of pictures of Jesus from a non-European tradition. Dialogue: Invite someone into the class from the local area or a school community member to talk about their local (faith) community and why it matters to them. Develop opportunities to engage children in a broad sensory curriculum about the music, food, smells, tastes, and specific

	The words and actions of the Sign of the Cross. ...We enter God's family <u>the Church through</u> Baptism Live: Care and love for self, family, others and God's world. CST God made each of us, so each one of us is very special. We must treat others in a caring way because God made them too. <i>The Dignity of the Human Person</i> Key Vocabulary: God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, world, wonderful, family, precious, Baptism, Holy Water, font.	God. <i>The Dignity and Rights of Workers</i> Key Vocabulary: Nativity, Bethlehem, Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Stable, Manger, Annunciation, messenger, chosen, Shepherds, crib, Advent, Christmas.	called to help the poor and hungry. CST You need food, water, a house, your school, a good doctor and a job for the grown-up who takes care of you. So does everybody else on the whole Earth. But many people do not have these things. Jesus wants us to take extra care of these people. <i>An Option for the Poor and Vulnerable</i> Key Vocabulary: Magi, Jesus, God, celebrate, Christmas, family, Holy Family (Jesus, Mary, Joseph), Bless, God's Love, Glory Be, welcome	For example, Pancakes, Hot Cross Buns, Easter eggs Trying to help others by what we do in Lent. Could include Rasa Parade (Kerela) and other Lent customs around the world. CST Every single person on earth needs these things: food, water, work, clothes, a home, a school, and a doctor. Some people have what they need, but many people don't. Jesus wants the people who already have what they need to help these others. Jesus wants us to take care of this. <i>Rights and Responsibilities</i> Key Vocabulary: Love, neighbour, Lent, sorry, Holy Week, Palm Sunday, Hosanna, Last Supper, Good Friday, Easter Sunday	<i>Live as Family and Community</i> CST All people are God's children. That makes us brothers and sisters. We are connected to each other. It is as if everyone in the world held hands! We can be very different from each other, but we are still one family—God's family. <i>Solidarity</i> Key Vocabulary: Father, Holy Spirit, Pentecost, celebration, Good News, Christian community	clothing worn, to enrich understanding. Key vocabulary: Friend, Saints, St Peter and St Paul, neighbours, Catholicism, Faith, community
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Year 1	Hear: The Creation story in Genesis 1:1-4, 24-26 as an ancient, prayerful, poetic reflection on God's world. The opening of the Nicene Creed 'I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible'. Our Father prayer Pope Francis' letter – Laudato Si	Hear: The Annunciation (focus on Lk 1:26-32, 38 The Visitation (Lk 1:39-45) The Birth of Jesus (Lk 2:4-8) The Visit of the Shepherds (Lk 2:8-20) Believe: God called Mary to be the mother of his Son, Jesus.	Hear: The Wise Men visit Jesus. Matthew 2:1-2, 10-11 (<i>The Feast of the Epiphany will fall at the beginning of this branch</i>) The Presentation (Lk 2:22-38) Finding in the temple and the hidden life (Lk 2:41-52) Jesus announces his	Hear: Jesus is tempted in the desert for 40 days (Lk 4:1-13) Jesus enters Jerusalem (Lk 19:28-38) Jesus teaches in the temple (Lk 19:47-48) The widow's mite (Lk 21:1-6) The last supper (Lk 22:7-23) The Crucifixion and death of Jesus (Lk 23:33-46)	Hear: The road to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35) Promise of the Spirit and the Ascension (Acts 1:1-11) Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4) Believe: <i>In Year 1 we spread the Good News through our actions trying to become more like Jesus and by helping others with love, prayers and charity (CST)</i>	Dialogue: The Church is the community of all those who belong to Christ. Learning about their local parish church. Learning about their local parish community. The cross is a symbol of Christianity. The shortest summary of the

	An introduction to the ideas presented in Laudato Si' 13 Believe: That all that is, comes from God God is our Father. Prayer is a way <i>we</i> draw closer to God. God's love and care for humanity is experienced through the beauty and order of Creation. Celebrate: That, as a community, the Church prays the Creed to pray to God and worship him. That praying is a way <i>people</i> draw closer to God. Live: God wants us to love and care for the world because the world is God's gift to us. Caring for the world is one of the ways we love and care for each other. How a community in another part of the world cares for Creation Key vocabulary: God Father Creation Pope Francis Laudato Si' Our Father Creed	Because God loves us, he gave us his only Son, Jesus. Mary said 'Yes' to God's call. Celebrate: Hear and begin to join in with the words of the Hail Mary. We ask Mary to pray with us and for us and to comfort us in times of need, especially using the prayer Hail Mary. Hear or sing the first phrase of the Gloria, recognising it as the angels' song of praise to God Live: Advent traditions How Christians in their local community celebrate the birth of Jesus Key vocabulary: <i>Jesus, Bible, Annunciation Angels, Visitation, Hail Mary Gloria</i>	mission (Lk 4:16-22) The call of the disciples (Lk 5:1-11) Zacchaeus (Lk 19:1-9) Believe: Christians believe that Jesus was visited by wise men. Jesus is revealed to the poor (shepherds) and wealthy (wise men) Some people who encounter Jesus recognise that he is the Son of God who has come to save all. Jesus grows up and reveals the love of the Father to us. Jesus is the 'light to all nations.' Celebrate: Christians celebrate the visit of the wise men. It is called Epiphany. Jesus is revealed/shown to the world. Christians celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus around the world and is known as Candlemas in Britain. Live: All Christians are called to follow Jesus and share the Good News with others. Christians are called to take care of each other,	The angel's message (Lk 24:1-8) Believe: That Lent is a special time for praying, fasting, and helping others as Jesus taught us to do. Jesus died and rose again. Celebrate: Lent is when Christians prepare for Easter by thinking about how they could be closer to God by praying, giving up things that are not needed (fasting), and giving to those in need. All: Some simple words, actions and symbols from the Ash Wednesday Liturgy and the Palm Sunday Liturgy. Live: Fasting in Lent is a way of giving up things to help others and for Catholics, CAFOD Family Fast Day is a way of responding to this call. Fasting, praying and giving to others are ways of following Jesus' example. Key vocabulary: Temptation Ash Wednesday Lent <i>Family Fast Day Jesus Palm King Royal Jesus Temple Teaching Almsgiving Charity Friendship Remember Memory Bread Wine Crucifixion Cross Friday Angel Resurrection Tomb</i>	When people open their hearts to the Holy Spirit they are changed as the Apostles were changed The mission of the Church begins at Pentecost Celebrate: That the Church celebrates the Ascension and Pentecost on special days of celebration (Holy days of obligation) An age-appropriate hymn referencing the Holy Spirit The Words of the 'Glory Be' prayer Live: How Pentecost is celebrated in another part of the world How artists and musicians around the world celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit and the mystery of the Trinity <i>In Year 1 we begin to recognise that others all around the world celebrate Pentecost and the Holy Spirit helps them to live like Jesus too.</i> Key vocabulary: <i>Emmaus, Holy Spirit, Ascension Pentecost, Church, Glory Be, Gospel</i>	Catholic faith is the sign of the cross. Experience music or arts that reflect Christian communities in a place outside their local parish. Encounter: Visit the parish priest/ parishioners. Look around the parish church – identify the cross and other prominent symbols. <i>Parents in school community may be from Christian communities and this is an opportunity for them to share some of their traditions, paintings and music with the children</i> Key vocabulary: Christian, Church, parish, community, sign of the cross
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Year 2	Hear: The story of Noah, focusing on God's covenant (promise) with Noah and all living beings in the sign of the rainbow (Gen 9:7-17). LS 71 'Through Noah, who remained innocent and just, God decided to open a path of salvation. In this way he gave humanity the chance of a new beginning. All it takes is one good person to restore hope!' Psalm 139 in praise of God's Creation of each of us and his love for us. Believe: That the Christian Bible is split into two parts, the Old Testament, and the New Testament. God makes a covenant (promise) with Noah to save all living things. That people in the story of Noah turned away from God and chose to act badly; this is behaviour called sin. Celebrate:	Hear: Is 7:14, 9:1-2, 5, 7 The Annunciation of Zechariah (Lk 1:5-20) The Annunciation of Mary (Lk 1:26-38) The Visitation (Lk 1:39-50, 53) The Birth of John the Baptist (Lk 1:57-58) Zechariah's Voice is Restored (Lk 1:59-66, 67, 76) The Birth of Jesus (Lk 2:1-8) Believe: That prophets and prophetesses communicate God's message inspired by the Holy Spirit. Christians believe that the person Isaiah spoke of was Jesus. In Isaiah's words, Christians recognise Jesus as a 'light in the darkness and Immanuel, 'God-with-	Hear: The visit of the Magi – Matthew 2:1-12 The Preaching of John the Baptist (Lk 3:2-6, 10-17) Jesus is baptised. (Luke 3:21-22) The Temptation in the wilderness. (Lk 4: 1-13) Jesus begins to preach (Lk 4: 14-15) Believe: John the Baptist is a prophet who calls people back to God by encouraging them to say sorry. That when people make bad choices (sin) they turn away from God. Jesus teaches that God loves and forgives and that being sorry helps us to change and become better people. Celebrate:	Hear: The cure of the paralytic (Luke 5:17-26) The choice of the twelve (Luke 6:12-16) Jesus calms a storm (Luke 8:22-25) The parable of the lost sheep (Luke 15: 4-7) Jesus enters Jerusalem (revisited from Year 1) Luke 22:7-23, 28-34 The crucifixion and death of Jesus (Luke 23:33-46) The Angel's Message (Luke 24:1-8) Peter at the Tomb (Luke 24:8-12) Believe: Jesus' miracles are signs that show he is the promised one (Messiah). Jesus brings healing in different ways. Jesus' parables are simple comparisons that invite people to know more about God.	Hear: Jesus appears to the apostles and the Ascension Lk24: 36-53 Pentecost (Acts 2:1-9,12-13) Conversion of Saul (Acts 9: 1-19) Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:22-23) Believe: God is love. Love is God's first gift poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit The fruits of the Spirit are the visible signs that a person is led by the Holy Spirit. The Fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Celebrate: In all prayers, Christians welcome the Holy Spirit	Dialogue: Christians should collaborate in service of humanity. Learning about their local Christian Community Learning about ways Christians where they live come together to support the local community Encounter: Listen to the religious experiences of others from different communities in the class and the local area Recognise links and simple connections between some Jewish religious laws, beliefs worship, and life. Recognise that most Jewish religious words are in Hebrew

	Sacraments are living signs of Jesus' love for all people. Baptism is the first sacrament which welcomes people into the Christian family. How a baby is baptised in the Catholic Church. Psalms are prayers to praise God. Live: Ways in which we can show care for God's world (stewardship) as part of our care for each other. Key vocabulary: Genesis, God, Noah, covenant (promise) sin (wrong choices), righteous (good), trust, love, Psalm, sacraments, Baptism, Father, Bible, Old Testament, New Testament, hope, faithful, wise, generous	us'. Advent is the season when Christians prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas. Celebrate: Advent is the season when Christians prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas. The Advent wreath is a symbol of the 'coming of the light'. How the Christmas story is celebrated in song: carol services. Some words of Mary's prayer, the Magnificat in which she gives thanks to God and prays for his just world to come. Live: About some daily/weekly commitments that enable Christians to live in a way that prepares them for Jesus' coming. Advent preparations in different cultures. The meaning and interpretations of the candles/wreath in different cultural contexts. How Catholic Social Teaching (CST) can help to guide Christians to 'share the light' with others Key vocabulary: Advent, Advent Wreath, Annunciation, Isaiah, John	The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated every year on the 6th January. How water is used as a symbol of a new start in the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism is a sign of forgiveness. How Catholics say sorry to God in prayers: Act of Sorrow (Contrition) Asking for forgiveness in the 'Our Father' Live: The importance of saying sorry to God and to others. The importance of showing you are sorry, for example, through practical Acts of Penance Key vocabulary: Baptism, prophet, John the Baptist, messiah, trespasses, temptation, sin, choice, sorrow, forgiveness, reconciliation, Act of contrition	That Lent is a time of preparing our hearts and minds for Easter through reconciliation and forgiveness. That Jesus gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation to heal and restore our friendship with God and through this ourselves. The Easter Vigil Mass is the high point of the year and is rich in symbols of light and darkness Celebrate: How people speak to God in prayer (See Branch 3- Our Father, Sorry Prayer) Jesus' miracles are signs that show he is the promised one (Messiah). Some simple words, actions, and symbols of the Easter Vigil, focusing on light and water Live: Find out more about Nugent in the Archdiocese. The importance of saying sorry to God and to others. That prayer can help people say sorry for their sins. That making bad choices damages relationships and damages them. Key vocabulary: Miracle, pharisee, blasphemy, parable, temptation, sin, sorrow, reconciliation, apostles (chosen and called by God), faith, paradise, kyrie eleison, contrite (remorse or sorry), mercy, forgiveness	and open their hearts to God. Christians pray to the Holy Spirit for help (Come Holy Spirit) Live: That there are different symbols of the Holy Spirit in art: wind, fire, and dove. The example of a Saint who showed examples of peacebuilding in their lives. St. Catherine of Siena St. Bernardine of Siena (IHS) St. Rita of Cascia St. John Henry Newman Pope St. Pius X St Francis of Assisi Some examples of saints and holy people who lived the fruits of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Oscar Romero St. Teresa of Avila Key vocabulary: Holy Spirit, Ascension, ascend, Pentecost, Saul, prayer, Temple, Litany, transformation (change), Fruits of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, patience kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness Humility, self-control,	(the original language of the Torah and other sacred Jewish/Christian texts) Key vocabulary: Samaritan, neighbour, respect, Torah, Hebrew, Sabbath, Shabbat, synagogue, Sofer
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	Ways in which people can give thanks for the blessing of Creation, including spending time in prayer. Extracts from a psalm of Creation. How the praise of Creation is expressed in the prayer and Liturgy of the Church (e.g., St Francis's Canticle of the Creatures) The Offertory prayers; a Prayer for our Earth in Laudato Si'. Live: Ways in which we can show care for God's world (stewardship) as part of our care for each other. Ways in which people can give thanks for the blessing of Creation, including spending time in prayer. The dignity of all human beings is one of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Key vocabulary: Genesis, poetry, Creator, joy, beauty, image and likeness, dignity, equality, Laudato Si, Offertory, Gloria,	e.g., the sign of the cross, bells, the Kyrie Eleison prayer, etc. Hear some of the responses Catholics say at Mass, focusing on the Liturgy of the Word. How Advent hymns celebrate Jesus as the coming Messiah (e.g., O Little town of Bethlehem; O come, O come Emmanuel). That Joseph listened to the angel and opened his heart to the Holy Spirit. Live: Representations in art around the world, connecting to the prophecies of Christ's coming. Key vocabulary: Mass, Ritual, gathering, responding, listening, Going Forth, Sunday, Advent, Joseph, prophet, angel, descendant, ancestor, Liturgy of the Word	Celebrate: The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated every year on the 6th January Invitation to Communion by the parish priest All Respond: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed. Praying the 'Our Father' helps Christians to continue to build the kingdom begun with Jesus. Live: Link to own school 'Catholic' charitable works i.e. CAFOD, Live Simply, GIFT Team Key vocabulary: Magi Adoration, Epiphany, Kingdom of God, Miracle, humility, blasphemy, scribes, Parable, leaven, risen, yeast	Jesus in Holy Communion (the Liturgy of the Eucharist). A sacrament is a meeting point where people are blessed by God and become closer to the community of the Church Celebrate: The Eucharist is a sacrament in which Jesus offers his life for the salvation of the world. He is present in Holy Communion to be received by those who believe Live: People give themselves to Jesus when they receive the Eucharist (Holy Communion). Key vocabulary: Institution (example to follow), Mass, sacrament, Eucharist, Holy Communion, Last Supper, communion	Celebrate: The disciples recognised Jesus when he breaks the bread. At Mass, what Catholic Christians eat looks like bread, but it is Jesus who comes, the living God. The bread is the Body of Christ. That the sign of the cross is the shortest summary of the Christian faith. That the celebration of Mass ends by reminding Christians of Jesus' instruction to make disciples of all nations. That the mystery of the Trinity is represented symbolically, e.g., Trinity knot. That some prayers that reference the Trinity and the work of the Holy Spirit. Live: How the Emmaus story is represented in art (e.g., Caravaggio's Supper at Emmaus. Maximino Cerezo Barredo, Emmaus Triptych 2014; He Qi, The Road to Emmaus, Supper at Emmaus). That being a Christian means to share the gospel. That Christians today continue to follow the example of the apostles and early Church when they gather to say Mass. Key vocabulary:	
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Year 4	Hear The call of Abram (Gen 12:1-5) The Abrahamic covenant (Gen 15:1-6) Abraham and Sarah (Gen 18:1-15) Abraham and Isaac (Gen 22:1-18) Believe God's covenant with Abraham is the foundation of the faith of the people of the Old and New Testaments: Judaism and Christianity. Faith is believing in God, trusting what God reveals, and following God's loving purpose to live a good life Through living out virtues of faith, hope, and love (sometimes referred to as charity), Christians are drawn into a closer relationship with the Holy Trinity.	Hear The miracle of the flour and the oil (1 Kings 17:7-14) Elijah's encounter with God: the journey (1 Kings 19:4-8) (The meeting: 1 Kings 19:9-15) The preaching of John the Baptist (Matt 3:1-12 and Mk 1:1-8) <i>*3rd Sunday Advent 2025 Gospel Reading Matt 3:1-12</i> Isaiah 40:3 (contained within the gospel accounts) 2 Kings 1:8 (Old Testament) The ancestry of Jesus (Matt 1:1-17) Believe	Hear Peter's mother-in-law and casting out devils (Matt 8:14-17) Cure of the woman with a hemorrhage. The official's daughter raised to life (Matt 9:18-26) OR Cure of two blind men and cure of a demoniac (Matt 9:27-34) The Baptist's question (Matt 11:1-15) Jesus walks on the water and, with him, Peter. (Matt 14:22-33) Peter's profession of faith (Matt 16:13-26) Believe	Hear The lost son (the prodigal) and the dutiful son (Lk 15:11-32) The Judgement of the Nations (sheep and goats) (Matt 25:31-46) The events of Holy Week from the gospel of Matthew – Using the Palm Sunday Liturgy Gospel Narration Matthews Account of the events of Holy Week (SharePoint) Entry into Jerusalem (Matt 21:1-11), Judas' betrayal (Matt 26:14), Passover and Peter's denial foretold (Matt 26:17-35) Jesus prays (Matt 26:36-46) The betrayal and arrest of Jesus (Matt	Hear The empty tomb (Jn 20:1-10) The appearance on the shore of Tiberius (Jn 21:1-19) The Apostles' Creed That May is the special month of Mary Believe The Pope is the successor to Peter. The Church is the People of God. The Church is apostolic. The work of the Church is to continue the ministry of Jesus and build the Kingdom of God	Dialogue Explore St Paul's commitment to announcing the gospel to the world and simply reflect on the gift of unity Christ gave from the beginning (CCC 820). Encounter The five pillars of Islam. Understand some ways, Muslims in Britain today live their beliefs. Key Vocabulary Transformation, Damascus, Apostle,

	Abraham is a model of how to pray Celebrate Age-appropriate extracts from prayers of faith in God from the Catholic tradition. (For example, Psalm 40:1, the St Therese prayer, 'May today there be peace within', St John Henry Newman's 'Mission of my Life', Bl Charles de Foucauld's 'Prayer of Abandonment', Live The virtues of faith, hope, and love (charity). The life and work of a person who was an example of faith made active in love, e.g., the intervention of Cardinal Manning in the London dockworker's strike or Saint Teresa of Kolkata, St. Vincent de Paul if you have a Mini Vinnies group) etc. Key Vocabulary Abraham, Sarah, descendants, generations, Isaac, Joseph, covenant, forgiveness, consecrated, Profession of faith, virtue, faith, hope, (charity) love	For Christians, the prophets awaken an expectation of the coming of the Messiah in people's hearts For Christians, the prophets awaken an expectation of the coming of the Messiah in people's hearts. John the Baptist is sent to prepare the way for Jesus. Advent is a time of preparation for Jesus' incarnation at Christmas and for the second coming as King of the Universe. In the Advent liturgies, Christians pray for the second coming of Jesus alongside preparing for Christmas. Celebrate The Feast of Christ the King *Sunday 23rd November 2025 The Jesse tree. *3rd Sunday Advent 2025 1st Reading Isaiah 11:1-10 Reference to the Second Coming of Jesus - 'He will come again in glory' from the Nicene Creed. Live How Christians prepare for the coming of Christ during Advent. How Christians use the Jesse tree during Advent, identifying its meaning and representation in art around the world,	Jesus showed compassionate healing in mind and body through his ministry and continues to do so through His Body, the Church, especially in the sacraments, such as the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick. Jesus reveals the kind of messiah he is by showing that God's Kingdom includes those who are excluded by society. Jesus is the Messiah/Christ but in a way that subverted the expectations of those of his own day: Jesus comes as a suffering servant, not a triumphant king. Jesus is fully God and fully human. We call this belief the incarnation. Celebrate Why Catholics pray the Creed at Mass. How Catholics experience God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and through it are reconciled with their community. How the Anointing of the Sick brings God's strength to help those who are sick. Live	26:47-56), Peter's denials (Matt 26:69-75), Pilate questions Jesus (Matt 27:11-14), The Crucifixion (Matt 27:32-44), The death of Jesus (Matt 27:45-56) The Burial of Jesus (Matt 27:57-61) Believe God loves everyone. He can and wants to forgive people's sins. When people love God, they want to help others as the virtues of faith, hope, and love have their foundations in God who is love. Lent is a time for Christians to make a new start by loving God with their whole heart and expressing this love through good work Celebrate The corporal works of mercy show Christians how to treat other people. That Lent is a time to live out the corporal works of mercy (for example, by praying for someone who is sad, fasting practicing patience, or almsgiving giving time or money to those in need). Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and marks the annual celebration of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. Live	Mary is the Mother of the Church and Queen of Heaven. Celebrate That the Apostles' Creed summarises Christian beliefs Some Marian prayers or hymns, e.g., Hail Mary, the Angelus, the Rosary, the Magnificat, Ave Maria Live Some ways in which the Church today (locally or globally) continues the work of Jesus. Some artistic depictions of the Blessed Virgin Mary as Mother of the Church or as Queen of Heaven from different times and places. Key Vocabulary Jubilation, desolation, Church, Pope, apostles, apostolic, Creed people of God, communion of saints, hell, purgatory, Mary, Mother of the Church and Queen of Heaven	Liturgy rite, Christian, Epistle (letter) Islam, Five Pillars of Islam - Shahada, Salah, Sawm, Zakat, and Hajj, Common good
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		connecting to God's plan for salvation. How some artists have depicted Jesus Christ as King Key Vocabulary Advent, prophet, Elijah, widow, Ahab, Baal, covenant, John the Baptist, Repent, Pharisees, Sadducees Jesse tree, Christ the King	How the work of a person or organisation who has been inspired by Jesus, work with those marginalised by societal attitudes to illness. St Francis Leprosy Guild ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD - Home St Damien of Molokai St. Damien of Molokai - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online Ruth Pfau, Catholics for AIDS prevention and Support (CAPS) CAPS – Catholics for AIDS Prevention & Support – HIV Christianity Sr Julie Driscoll and the House of Ruth Ripples Of Hope: Sister Julie Driscoll's Life Of Service And Commitment To Justice Echos Through The Community And Those Who Follow Her Path Paved With Compassion Dame Cicely Saunders – Founder of the Hospice Movement Brother Michael Stroke – Founder of the HCPT Life Changing Pilgrimage Holidays - HCPT Bernadette Soubirous – St. Bernadette (Lourdes) Bernadette Soubirous Key Vocabulary Messiah, Christ, incarnation, Pharisees, Kingdom, reconciliation,	The corporal and spiritual acts of mercy. How the life and work of a organisation (historical or contemporary) lives out the works of mercy and/or love i.e. National Justice and peace Network, CAFOD, Mission Together, Aid to the Church in Need • National Justice & Peace Network • Give to CAFOD • https://acnuk.org/ • Mission Together Home - Mission Together Mary's Meals UK Charity - Helping to Feed Hungry Children Living in Poverty Worldwide Mary's Meals UK Key Vocabulary Lent, Holy Week, parable, resentment, bitterness, sin forgiveness, mercy, trespasses (sins), hypocrite, temptation, righteous, corporal works of mercy	
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Y5 Transition Year RED/ Come and See (Y5-Y6)	Branch One- Creation and Covenant	Advent Christmas Loving	Local Church Community	Eucharist Relating	Lent Easter Giving	Pentecost Serving	Reconciliation Inter-Relating	Universal Church World
Year 5	Hear The Burning Bush (Ex 3:1-15) The Sinai covenant and the Ten Commandments (Ex 19:3-8, 20:1-17) Jesus' summary of the law (Matt 22:36-40) Believe A covenant is a binding agreement between God and human beings, which makes them his people. God made several covenants throughout history – with Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David. God gives the Ten Commandments to help human beings live good and happy lives. That Jesus teaches that the most important commandments are to love God and to love other people. Catholic Social Teaching helps us to see that loving our neighbour demands a commitment to social change and transformation: 'We profoundly belong together and are fundamentally dependent on one another'. (YC 321) Celebrate	Hope Advent; waiting in joyful hope for Jesus; the promised one Know and understand: - Waiting hopefully – Explore - Advent is the Church's season of waiting in joyful hope for the coming of Jesus, the promised One, at Christmas and at the end of time – Reveal Key Vocabulary	Mission Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism) Know and understand: - The mission of inspirational leaders – Explore - Dioceses continue the work and mission of Jesus including ecumenism – Reveal Key Vocabulary Mission, bishop, ecumenism, cathedral, diocese, inspirational, Baptism, Christian	Memorial Sacrifice The Eucharist; the living memorial of Jesus Know and understand: - How memories are kept alive – Explore - The Eucharist keeps the memory of Jesus' sacrifice alive and present in a special way – Reveal Key Vocabulary Memories, significant, memorial sacrifice,	Sacrifice Lent, a time of giving in order to celebrate the sacrifice of Jesus Know and understand: - Giving or refusing to give; appreciating the cost of giving – Explore - Lent, a time of giving in preparation for the celebration of the sacrifice of Jesus – Reveal Key Vocabulary giving, carer, cost, temptation, betrayal, self-	Transformation Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power Know and understand: - Transforming energy – Explore - Pentecost, the celebration of the Spirit's transforming power – Reveal Key Vocabulary Transformation, transform, energy, wind, fire Holy Spirit, change, gift,, Fruits of the Spirit	Freedom and Responsibility Commandments enable Christians to be free and responsible Know and understand: - Freedom involves responsibility – Explore - God's rules for living freely and responsibly – the Commandments – Reveal Key Vocabulary freedom, responsibility, Beatitudes, Commandments	Stewardship The Church is called to stewardship of Creation Know and understand: - Caring for the earth – Explore - The Church is called to stewardship of Creation – Reveal Key Vocabulary care, world, Earth, sustainable, stewards, stewardship sustainable, creation, creator, created, stewards stewardship, climate, preserve,

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	unconditional, forgiveness, mercy, prodigal, parable, reconciliation	Explore • The vocation to the priesthood and religious life – Reveal Key Vocabulary Commitment, dedicated, vocation, Ordination, anointing, religious life, service, celibacy, vows	a human person, Jesus – Reveal Key Vocabulary Expectation, certainty, Advent, Christmas Emmanuel, Annunciation, Angelus, Incarnation	• The Bible as the story of God's love, told by the People of God – Reveal Key Vocabulary Poetry, prose, history, information, stories, Bible, Old Testament, New Testament, genre	unity – Explore • The Eucharist challenges and enables the Christian family to live and grow in communion every day – Reveal Key Vocabulary Eucharist, communion, community, unity, friendship, nourish	resurrection of Jesus led to new life – Reveal Key Vocabulary Loss, death, change, growth, Ash Wednesday Lent, Holy Week, the Triduum, Easter Vigil, Resurrection, Paschal	message – Reveal Key Vocabulary witness, Holy Spirit, Witnesses, martyrs, courage, truth inspiration, Good News	Care, sickness, hospice, compassion, Sacrament, anointing, sin, forgiveness, parable, Lourdes, responsibility • Justice for the good of all – Explore • The work which Christians do for the common good of all – Reveal Key Vocabulary justice, injustice, respect, solidarity, difference, Social Justice, common good, dignity, Catholic Social Teaching.
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