



*Ad Majorem Dei
Gloriam
To the Greater Glory
of God*

R.E. News At Loyola



Lent Term
2023

Dear Parents,

This term in R.E. we are thinking about ‘Local Church’. Being part of a community is an essential and enjoyable part of life for people of every age and faith. Throughout our lives and throughout each year there are occasions for regular celebrations as well as unexpected surprises, when people want to celebrate with family, friends and communities.

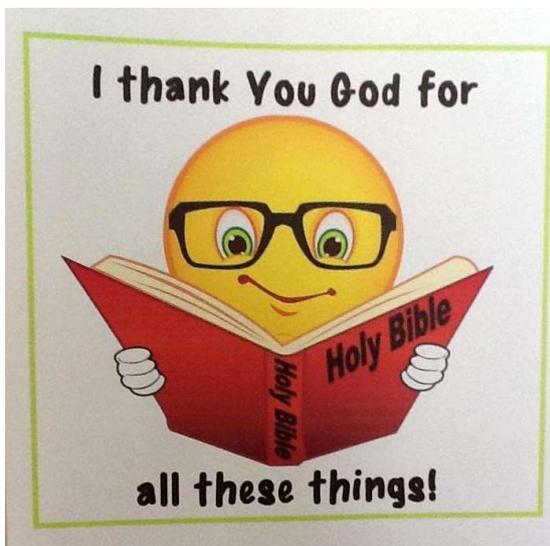


Since the beginning of the term, different classes have looked at people who are special to them, journeys, books and much more within Religious Education. In the next half term, we will be continuing with mini topics under the theme of life through ‘The Eucharist’. This may mean family life, life in school and how life itself is full of opportunities for self-giving.

Please take the time to look on Planbook to see what we are covering in school and also to support each other on our faith journey. This will help you to discuss the topics and answer some of the questions that may be asked in school.

For the rest of this term we will be focusing on:

Class	Topic	Your help
EYFS (Kindergarten & Reception)	CELEBRATING - People celebrate in Church GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist GROWING - Looking forward to Easter	<i>Suggestions for home activities As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity of your choice. If you have an older child (PP2 upwards) provide him with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross.</i>
Pre Prep 1	SPECIAL PEOPLE - People in the parish family MEALS - Mass, Jesus’ special meal CHANGE - Lent: a time for change	
Pre Prep 2	BOOKS - The books used in Church THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to give thanks OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew	
Prep	JOURNEYS - Christian family’s journey with Christ LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus’ total giving	
Elements	COMMUNITY - Life in the Christian community and ministries in the parish GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life	
Figures	MISSION - Continuing Jesus’ mission in diocese MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ’s sacrifice SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus	
Rudiments	SOURCES - The Bible, the special book for the Church UNITY - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus’ death and resurrection	



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**PRAYER FOR GENEROSITY
"COMPASSION"**

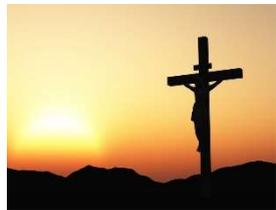
Father of Compassion,
generosity derives from compassion –
a compassion that you have for the
world. For how can we be generous if
we have no compassion for those who
are less fortunate than we? Lord, make
our hearts compassionate towards
others. Let us look upon the world and
take pity on those who are in peril.
Help us rise to the challenge that you
set before all of us, that we might
share your wondrous gifts of faith,
hope, and eternal life with the world.
Lord, have mercy and hear us.
Amen.

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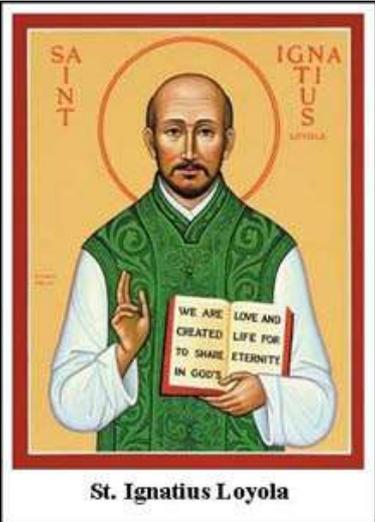
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Charity is a continuous effort to make life better for others, especially those who have less than you. There's always something you can do to ease other people's suffering. It's not about what you can give but what you are willing to give. So at this time, Lent, we would like all of our boys to be compassionate and to think of others. This may be by making a donation to a charity of their choice or donating to the local Food Bank collection. Throughout the year, we collect for this important community charity by receiving donations at the school office. By doing any of these things it will show that in one small way we can relieve some of the burden from others and follow in the footsteps of the Lord. *"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God". – Hebrews 13:16*



We are coming up to the most Holy time of the Catholic Church calendar where we are preparing for Easter. Here are some important dates for you to know:
 22nd February– Ash Wednesday
 25th March - The Annunciation of the Lord
 2nd April - Palm Sunday and the Passion of the Lord
 6th April - Maundy Thursday
 7th April - Good Friday
 9th April - Easter Sunday

A PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKES IN TURKEY & SYRIA
 God of mercy,
 We pray for the people of Turkey and Syria following the recent earthquakes.
 We mourn the death and destruction and pray for those who have died and those who grieve.
Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.
 We hold in our hearts those who are injured and those who have lost loved ones, livelihoods, and homes.
Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.
 Sustain and guide all responding to this disaster. Grant those affected courage and resilience, as they rebuild their lives and communities.
Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.
 Inspire us to unite in solidarity, acting swiftly and generously, so that help may reach all who need it.
Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope. AMEN



Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous.
 Teach me to serve as you deserve,
 To give and not to count the cost,
 To fight and not to heed the wounds,
 To labour and not to seek to rest,
 To give of myself and not ask for a reward,
 Except the reward of knowing that I am doing your will.
 Amen