



St. Anthony's Religious Education Newsletter.

Including Mark Ten Mission and Wellbeing Challenge

Monday 13th January 2025

CATHOLIC LIFE

Welcome to the new week.

To mark the Jubilee Year of Hope, which will be launched in schools on January 24th, we will include its special symbol in our updates.

PARISH LINKS

Please see the link to this week's Newsletter from Holy Rood Church.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/watford/wp-content/uploads/sites/103/2025/01/Newsletter-12.01.2025-2.pdf>

Please use the link to visit the site of St. Bede's Church in Croxley.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/croxleygreen/>

FROM OUR SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY TEAM

Our school chaplaincy team is made up of children from Years 3 to 6. This week, we thought the older members of the group from Year 6 could tell you a bit about the work they do around the school.

We represent the religious life of the school. Lutho

On the last Thursday of each month, we collect your food donations and help load them into the Foodbank delivery van. Tiernan

Last Christmas we helped to lead the St. Anthony's Christmas appeal. We went around to classes to collect the presents you donated and met with Ella from South West Herts to talk to her about her work and to give her the presents from St. Anthony's. Harvey

We do practical jobs like look after the chapel, keeping it tidy with the RE monitors. We make sure holy water fonts around the school are filled so that they can be used by each class. Ailbhe



We lead prayer and liturgy in different classes. We speak to the teachers and help them to reflect on a theme or topic from the bible with their children. Christina

Sometimes we lead assemblies and special celebrations for Key Stages. Ailbhe

We take a lead in helping to prepare for masses in school. Tiernan

We go to Holy Rood Church and we work closely with Fr. Tim. We last visited there just before Christmas for the school's annual carol service for the parishioners. Adriano

At parish masses we also help to do the readings. Zofia

PRAYER LIFE

The children have been spending time in the chapel as we focus on the Holy Name of Jesus for the month of January.

In this long cold month, it's important for them to have time in reflection and peace as we move together through the winter.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

January 13th St. Hilary, Doctor of the Church

January 17th St. Anthony of Egypt, Abbot

LITURGICAL COLOURS WORN AT MASS

Green for Ordinary Time



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

The launch date for the Jubilee Year of Hope is Friday 24th January.

We will mark this launch with special activities in classes.

What is the Jubilee Year?

In the Catholic Church, a Jubilee or Holy Year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to come back into right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

What is the theme of the Jubilee Year in 2025?

The theme is Pilgrims of Hope. Pope Francis has invited Catholics to “rediscover a spirituality of God's creation in which we understand ourselves as "pilgrims on the earth" rather than masters of the world”.



JUBILEE PRAYER

***Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.***

***May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the
whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.***

***May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.***

***May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.***

***To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.***

Amen.

Official prayer from Pope Francis for the Jubilee year 2025, "Pilgrims of hope"



LOOK AFTER YOUR WELLBEING THIS WEEK



TAKE NOTICE

When you get to the end of your school day, write down at least one thing you are thankful for. It could be a kind word from a friend or staff member. Maybe you learned a new idea. Perhaps you were the person who cheered someone up today.



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Mark Ten Mission



THE MISSION

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Your Mission is to write down the words of the Father on a piece of paper but also to add your name. Keep these words with you and read them at the start of each day. This can help you remember that the Father loves you no matter what you achieve.



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BY REV. FR. DAVID FOR THE

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GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

At that time: As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, 'I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people were baptised by John the Baptist and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'

As you slowly read or listen to the Gospel, which line stands out? Highlight it in the text. Pray about how God may be speaking to you through this line?

Wonder Questions

What would it be like to see the heavens open and hear the words of the Father?

How does it feel when you know that you are loved?

WORD OF THE WEEK

BAPTISM

KNOW YOUR IDENTITY

Think of three ways you could show that you are a child of God.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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COLOUR

