



St. Anthony's Religious Education Newsletter
Including Mark Ten Mission and Wellbeing Challenge

Monday 20th January 2025



Friday 24th January marks the beginning of the Jubilee Year of Hope in schools.

To mark the occasion, the children will be carrying out special activities. At least once a month over the school year, we intend to devote time in lessons to the Jubilee.

Our weekly updates will include a special section on the Jubilee throughout the year so do look out for it in your weekly email.

We hope all our families benefit from it.

FROM FR. TIM

Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee

Pope Francis has declared that the year 2025 will be a Holy Year of Jubilee for the Catholic Church-an event that takes place once every 25 years.

The theme for the 2025 Jubilee is "Pilgrims of Hope", an invitation to showcase the hope of our Christian faith to people right across the



world at a time when there is so much suffering from the impact of war, poverty, climate change and the lasting effects of the COVID pandemic.

The Jubilee Year presents each one of us with an opportunity to reignite the flame of or faith in our own hearts and to share the light of that faith with those in darkness.

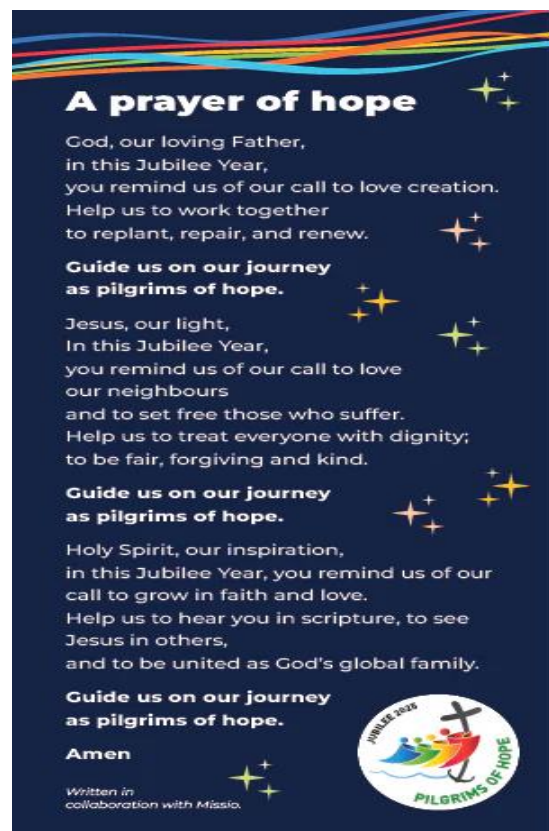
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CATHOLIC LIFE

As mentioned above, our Jubilee year begins on Friday with an assembly and some class-based activities for the children to engage in.

PRAYER LIFE

Please find below the Prayer of Hope. We have ordered some prayer cards for the children to keep and they will be going home with them soon.





PRAYER AND LITURGY IN OUR CLASSES

The way in which schools plan and deliver prayer is changing.

The new Prayer and Liturgy Directory is called *To Love you More Dearly* and schools will be implementing this directory fully from September 2025.

Some of our Year 6 Lisbon children, Antonella, Beatrice and Clara have been leading Prayer and Liturgy in their class.

Here is what they had to say:

When we lead a prayer and liturgy, we must plan and have an idea about what we want to say.

One of our themes was about doing the right thing. Our scripture reading was from Matthew's Gospel- the two sons who were asked by their dad to work in the vineyard. We thought about the different choices the two brothers made.

We gave our thoughts about what the reading was trying to say and our classmates talked about times when they saw people doing the right thing around the school.

Another theme was about talents. We used the scripture reading about the three servants from Matthew's Gospel and how they used their talents.

The mission we set our classmates was for us to share our talents around the school.

PARISH LINKS

Please click on the link below for the latest newsletter from Holy Rood Church:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/watford/wp-content/uploads/sites/103/2025/01/Newsletter-19.01.2025.pdf>

The link below will take you to the webpage of St. Bede's Church at Croxley.

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



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

January 21 st	St. Agnes, Martyr
January 24 th	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
January 25 th	Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

LITURGICAL COLOURS WORN AT MASS

Green for Ordinary Time

LOOK AFTER YOUR WELLBEING THIS WEEK



GIVE

Do something kind for someone in your class, school or family. Choose one person per day for the next week. How many kind acts will you manage?



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Mark Ten Mission



THE MISSION

WEDDING AT CANA

Imagine you were one of the servants at the wedding. Write a short account of what happened or draw a picture of a moment in the Gospel. Maybe you can imagine other words spoken. What about if Jesus had something to say to you? Before you begin, pray and ask Jesus to show you what it was like that day.





THE MARK 10
Mission

MISSION FILE

GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

At that time: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding seventy or one hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.' So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.'

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

WORD OF THE WEEK

DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYER

Our Lady is always ready to take your prayers to Jesus. Is there something you or someone you know needs help with? Write a prayer asking Our Lady to help and pray with you.

End your prayer with three Hail Marys.

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

How did Jesus feel when his mother asked him to help people?

What did the servants think when they poured out the wine?

COLOUR



MISSION

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