



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

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025**



## **WELCOME BACK**

Welcome back to the new term which, from next Wednesday, will see the beginning of Lent. We will be having special activities at St. Anthony's to mark the season. These will include visitors, liturgies, visits to places of worship and, of course, Jubilee activities. We will give you more details in next week's update.

## **POPE FRANCIS**



You will be aware from the news that there are regular updates about the health of Pope Francis.

St. Anthony's School community joins with the rest of the world in praying for the Pope.

Here is a prayer offered to Pope Francis from CAFOD.



*Loving and Merciful God,*

*We come before You in prayer, lifting up Your servant, Pope Francis, in his time of need. You are the Source of all healing, and we ask You to surround him with Your loving presence, granting him strength and recovery. May Your divine grace rest upon him, restoring his health and filling him with renewed vigor to continue leading Your Church with compassion and wisdom.*

*“But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds, declares the Lord.”  
(Jeremiah 30:17)*

*We place Pope Francis into Your hands, trusting in Your eternal care. May he be comforted by the love of the Church and the prayers of all the faithful. We ask, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that his recovery be swift, and his spirit be strengthened in Your peace. May Your will be done in his life, O Lord, and may Your healing power be with him always.*

*We offer this prayer in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit.*

*Amen.*

*Credit: Caritas Jerusalem*

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### **YEAR 2 BEGINS NEW CATHOLIC RE CURRICULUM**

This week the Year 2 children will begin their work on the new RE Curriculum, ***To Know You More Clearly***. This is the Catholic curriculum approved by the Bishops of England and Wales which Year 1 started working to in January and our Early Years children since April 2023.

We will give you regular updates on what the children are working on.



## CATHOLIC LIFE

### CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

We begin this new term by introducing our Catholic Social Teaching topic, *Community and Participation*. We will be looking at how our active participation can uphold the dignity of all those in our communities.

### CHAPLAINCY TEAM MEETING

On the Wednesday before half term (12<sup>th</sup> February), we held a Chaplaincy Team meeting in which we discussed two main areas:

1. **Prayer and Liturgy** around the school whereby children will be invited to lead prayer in their classrooms or other classes with the support of an adult. The team members brought Prayer and Liturgy planning sheets back to their classes to encourage their classmates to play a part.
2. **Jubilee Year of Hope roadmap.** Our Chaplaincy Team distributed prayer cards for hope to every child in the school. The team also gave each class a special roadmap which will guide us through the special jubilee activities for the coming year.

### PARISH LINKS TO HOLY ROOD CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/watford/wp-content/uploads/sites/103/2025/02/Newsletter-23.02.2025.pdf>

### PARISH LINK TO ST. BEDE'S CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/croxleygreen/wp-content/uploads/sites/95/2025/02/NEWSLETTER-2025-23rd-February.pdf>

### FROM HOLY ROOD SVP

We are looking forward to welcoming members of the SVP to St. Anthony's over the coming weeks.

Our first visit, from Paul Montgomery and Julie Nunn on March 7<sup>th</sup> to our Chaplaincy Team will focus on the work of the SVP at a local level. How does the SVP help people in very practical ways and what can we do to get involved?



On March 14<sup>th</sup>, we look forward to welcoming Rebecca Montgomery to talk to our older children about the work of the SVP on a global level. Rebecca is a former pupil and she is currently International Projects Manager for the SVP.

## **PRAYER LIFE**

### **A VISIT TO ROME**

Sasha from Year 6 Lisbon visited the Vatican over half term and returned with a plaque of St. John Paul which, with Sasha's permission, will be passed round between her classmates during Year 6 Lisbon's Prayer and Liturgy.

### **YEAR 5 AT WEDNESDAY MASS**

Year 5 will be joining the parishioners for the 12.00 Mass at Holy Rood Church on Wednesday. The children will be having their packed lunches in the parish centre afterwards.

### **FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

February 22nd      The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

### **LITURGICAL COLOURS WORN AT MASS**

**Green for Ordinary Time**



## **JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE WEEKLY REFLECTION**

### **Grant me your Spirit**

*God, grant me the spirit of courage,  
that I may have the strength to fight injustice.  
Give me the spirit of challenge,  
that I may not accept the status quo without question.  
Give me the spirit of compassion,  
that I may see the world from other people's viewpoint.  
  
I ask for the spirit of gentleness,  
that I may listen to the voice of those who are poor  
without trampling on their dreams in my rush to action.*

*God, grant me your Spirit,  
the spirit of truth, justice and hope  
that I may rest and work in the vision of a new future  
where all are linked by the bonds of humanity  
not enslaved by the chains of debt.*

*Amen.*



## LOOK AFTER YOUR WELLBEING THIS WEEK



### CONNECT

What you say and what you do makes a difference.

In this week before Lent begins, make a difference to someone's day by giving words of encouragement, offering a compliment and making them feel special.



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## Mark Ten Mission

**THE MARK 10 MISSION**  
GET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COMING TO ME

# THE MISSION

**FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT**

**Which Fruit of the Holy Spirit would you most like to grow in and why? Your Mission is to choose a fruit and try to find ways to live out that fruit this week. When you live out the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, people can really notice.**



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# MISSION FILE

## GOSPEL

Luke 6:39-45

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable: 'Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye", when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

'For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.'

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 can a person have good treasure in their heart?

Why do you think Jesus uses fruit in his parable?

## WORD OF THE WEEK

# TEMPERANCE

## PRAYER

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit are:

**LOVE, JOY, PEACE, TRUSTFULNESS, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL**

Which of the Fruits would you like to show more of and why?

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## COLOUR

