



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

Friday 6th June 2025



FATHER JOHN WILEY

We were very sad to hear of the recent passing of Fr. John Wiley who served the parish of St. Bede's at Croxley. The St. Anthony's School community will keep him and his family in our prayers.

It has been a very busy few weeks at St. Anthony's and we would like to share what we have been doing since our last RE Update and to tell you about upcoming events.

ST. ANTHONY'S FEAST DAY

Next Friday 13th June is the feast of St. Anthony of Padua, our school's Patron Saint. We will celebrate this day with assemblies and special activities.



From Fr. Tim

Fr. Tim writes here about St. Anthony:

St Anthony of Padua - Patron Saint of St Anthony's Catholic Primary School.

For many people the most famous thing about St. Anthony of Padua is his reputation as a wonder-worker. He has brought happiness to many believers, for example, by helping them find their lost wedding rings or car keys. Or perhaps his prayers helped bring about the healing of a sick child or spouse.

Since the moment of his death on June 13, 1231, St Anthony has had a reputation for working wonders. Indeed, he has been a real gift to the Church in bringing people joy and healing in these ways.

But St Anthony has been a gift to the Church in other ways, too.

In 1946, for example, Pope Pius XII named St. Anthony a Doctor of the Universal Church, that is, one of the great Christian teachers of all time—and a renowned preacher of God's word.

St Anthony dedicated his life to Christ, in service to Him and His holy Church. May we be inspired by his example, zeal and love for God's Word and people.

As we approach his feast day on 13 June perhaps we may pray this prayer with our friends and families.

Prayer to Saint Anthony Holding the Child Jesus.

Blessed Anthony, Jesus was the centre of your life. It must be the same for me, as for every Christian. Your purity of soul, your humility, your simple radiant faith fits well with the gentle and humble Savior, who was a little child to his Father in heaven. Help us to give up our desire for power and control. Keep us from a merely intellectual faith, and may we be totally dependent on Jesus as you were, with the helplessness of a little child. Amen.

Fr. Tim



PRAYER LIFE

On May 22nd, the St. Anthony's School community came together to celebrate the Crowning of Mary. This is a tradition that dates to medieval times and is marked all over the world at some point in May.

The children laid flowers, said prayers and sang songs as part of our celebrations concluding with representatives from the oldest and youngest classes placing the crown on the head of Mary's statue.

It was so good to see so many families on the Key Stage 2 playground and we hope everyone had a chance for some reflection and stillness that the occasion tried to bring.

After the event, we were left with so many flowers which we decided to deliver to the local care homes.

We delivered flowers to River Court in Explorer Drive and Anthony's at Mildred Avenue. All the staff and residents have sent their sincere thanks for helping to bring added cheer to their sitting rooms.





CHAPEL

The focus of prayer and reflection in the chapel this month of June will be the Sacred Heart. The children will have continued opportunities to visit the chapel over the month of June.

CATHOLIC LIFE



Student representatives, staff and a governor from St. Anthony's School will be visiting Westminster Cathedral on June 24th for an afternoon with prayers and liturgy led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. We look forward to sharing pictures and news from that event in a future update.

MISSION STATEMENT

Apologies for the delay in sending out the questionnaire regarding our Mission Statement and we will have this to you as soon as possible.

PARISH LINKS TO HOLY ROOD CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/watford/wp-content/uploads/sites/103/2025/05/Newsletter-01.06.2025.pdf>

PARISH LINK TO ST. BEDE'S CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/croxleygreen/wp-content/uploads/sites/95/2025/06/NEWSLETTER-2025-8st-June-.pdf>



LITURGICAL COLOURS WORN AT MASS

Green for Ordinary Time

FEAST DAYS

- June 8th Pentecost
- June 9th Mary, Mother of the Church
- June 11th St. Barnabas, Apostle
- June 13th St. Anthony of Padua

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

YEAR 5

On Tuesday 20th May, Year 5 visited the Al-Zahra Centre in Watford morning as part of the children's study into other faith traditions. They met the Imam and other representatives from the community who spoke about customs and traditions of Shia Islam. The Imam also answered the many questions asked by the children. We want to thank the Imam and all those who made us feel so welcome during our visit.





RECEPTION

Our Reception classes have been busy carrying out Pentecost Retreats and we will include details and pictures of their work in next week's update.



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE WEEKLY REFLECTION

Open the Door to the Power of Prayer

Let us pray, bless and guide those in power around the world. May they work together to bring peace and unity. Give us the strength to raise our voices when we want to see change.



LOOK AFTER YOUR WELLBEING THIS WEEK



CONNECT

With next week being the week of St. Anthony's Feast Day, say a prayer for our school community by visiting the chapel either on your own, with a friend or with your class.



Mark Ten Mission

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MISSION

MISSION FILE

READING

ACTS 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

AS YOU SLOWLY READ OR LISTEN TO THE SCRIPTURE, WHICH LINE STANDS OUT? HIGHLIGHT IT IN THE TEXT. PRAY ABOUT HOW GOD MAY BE SPEAKING TO YOU THROUGH THIS LINE?

WONDER QUESTIONS

WHAT DID JESUS' FRIENDS FEEL AND EXPERIENCE AS THEY WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO TRANSFORM YOU?

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WORD OF THE WEEK

PENTECOST

BE A WITNESS

AFTER PENTECOST, THE DISCIPLES STEPPED OUT AND SHARED THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS'S LOVE. PRAYERFULLY CHOOSE THREE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE WHOM YOU CAN SPEAK TO AND SHARE THAT JESUS LOVES THEM. WRITE THEIR NAMES BELOW.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

COLOUR



PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-4



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