



St. Anthony's Religious Education Newsletter
Including Mark Ten Mission and Wellbeing Challenge
Wednesday 24th September 2025



OUR TEACHING ASSISTANTS

On Friday we celebrate National Teaching Assistants' Day. We have been marking this day at St. Anthony's for several years as a way of highlighting their contribution in helping the school to function effectively. We thank all our teaching assistants and support staff for their vital work.

MISSION STATEMENT REVIEW

This week we continue to share some of your responses to our Mission Statement review which took place in July. These statements help to remind us why We Grow and Learn with Jesus is central to our Catholic ethos here at St. Anthony's.

[My daughter] loves this motto and tries to think about her behaviour in line with this.

To help our children alongside Jesus guiding them.

Great that children are taught the importance of faith at school from a young age.

I feel that it helps shape our child not only academically but also morally and spiritually. We're grateful to be part of the school community that supports holistic development with Christian values.



CATHOLIC LIFE

Watford Foodbank

Our Watford Foodbank boxes will be available for you to donate items this Thursday.

Please find boxes in the following locations:

Outside the Early Years Building

Outside the Front Office

Outside the St. Francis Building on the Key Stage 2 Playground.

Please consider donating:

Tinned or dried foods (beans, soup, pasta, rice)

Cereals and long-life milk

Toiletries and cleaning products

Your generosity was hugely appreciated last year and will go directly to families in need in our area.

Thank you for making a real difference! Every contribution, big or small, will help.

CHAPLAINCY TEAM

This week, the children will have a chance to apply to be in the St. Anthony's School Chaplaincy Team. Please find below some of the main points of the role we will be sharing with the children:

The St. Anthony's School Chaplaincy Team:

Helps everyone in the school to pray and come closer to God.

Organises and leads special prayers, liturgies, or assemblies.

Sets a good example by showing kindness, care, and respect to others.

Suggests ideas for making the school a happy place with Jesus at the centre.

Helps support charity work, such as food collections or fundraising for those in need.

Being in the St. Anthony's School Chaplaincy Team means:

Working together with friends to deepen prayer and faith in school.



Leading simple prayers around the school.

Listening to others and sharing ideas for living out the values of Jesus.

Taking on special roles at Mass, school events, and during important liturgical seasons.

Attending regular meetings to discuss upcoming events.

The chaplaincy team is a wonderful way to make a positive difference in the school community and grow in faith together.

Our intention is to ensure as many children as possible are actively engaged in the Catholic life of the school either by being a Chaplaincy Team member, part of the Mini Vinnies or participating in Caritas projects (more details to follow).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Creation and Covenant

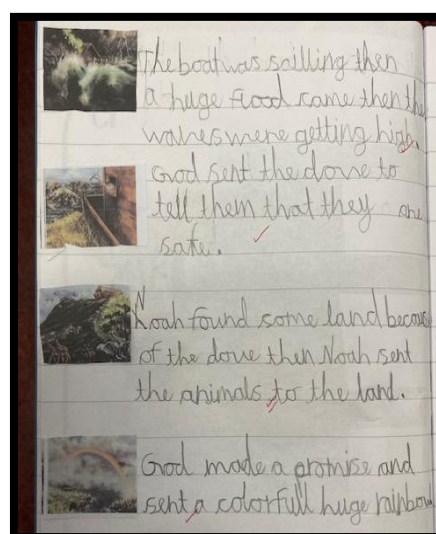
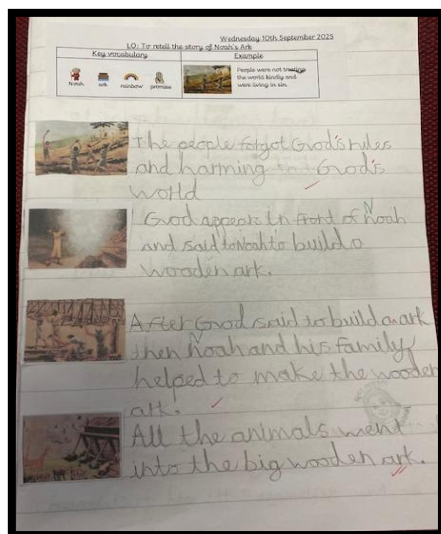
YEAR 2

Each week we will focus on a year group to help you understand more about our new Religious Education Curriculum Directory. The theme for the first half term throughout the school is Creation and Covenant.

Here is an example of some work from Year 2 which looks at the story of Noah's Ark and how it relates to our care for the world.

Next week we will include some work from one of the Key Stage 2 classes so you will be able to see how Creation and Covenant is studied by the older children.

Thank you to Year 2 for this contribution.





PRAYER LIFE

September 22nd to 28th

Feast Days:

Tuesday, September 23: Feast of St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest

Wednesday, September 24: Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham

Friday, September 26: Feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Saturday, September 27: Feast of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Focus for Prayer Around the School

Our Early Years children will think about caring for others with simple prayers.

Years 1 and 2 will focus on charity, prayer and service.

Years 3 to 6 will be reflecting on charity, service, and guardianship; Rosary introduction week.

PARISH LINKS TO HOLY ROOD CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/watford/wp-content/uploads/sites/103/2025/09/Newsletter-21.09.2025-1.pdf>

PARISH LINKS TO ST. BEDE'S CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/croxleygreen/wp-content/uploads/sites/95/2025/09/Newsletter-2025-21st-September.pdf>

LITURGICAL COLOURS WORN AT MASS

Green for Ordinary Time

Lectionary Cycle

- **Sunday — Year C**
- **Weekday — Cycle I**



FROM Fr. TIM

Saturday is the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. He is a saint who means a lot to us at St. Anthony's given our close connections with the SVP Society who do so much to support our children.

This is a good opportunity for Fr. Tim to share his thoughts about St. Vincent's work.

St. Vincent de Paul is well known for his service to the lowliest members of society. He was a French Catholic priest who dedicated his priestly life to the community outreach and evangelisation of the poor by founding the Congregation of the Mission. Through his example, St. Vincent de Paul teaches us to see Christ in the poor and suffering, helping us to live out Jesus' calling, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

St. Vincent de Paul once said, "The poor have much to teach you. You have much to learn from them." As we speak and listen to the poor, we come to know better God and are humbled by the circumstances of others. By extending a helpful hand or lending an ear to the less fortunate, we show God's love and compassion to all. There are many ways we can demonstrate this love and acceptance. Consider one of the following:

Become a better active listener

Develop a family charity project that you and your siblings, parents, and other relatives can work on together for example donating to food banks and giving unwanted items to charity.

Become a Mini-Vinnie and help spread the values of St Vincent de Paul in your community/neighbourhood.

Speak out against injustice and hatred and show kindness to those less fortunate: the lonely, the friendless, the forgotten.

Although we may not encounter the financially poor every day, we do face people daily who may be poor in their spirituality, relationships, knowledge, and other ways. By making an effort to lend a listening ear or helping hand to friends, family, people in your neighbourhood, the homeless, we can help to achieve the work of God on earth a little bit day by day.

It is worth the trouble to become the person you were meant to be!

Fr Tim



ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL 70th ANNIVERSARY MASS

On Friday a staff representative from St. Anthony's attended St. Michael's School for their Jubilee Mass. It was a wonderful occasion with over 1,000 people in attendance. The St. Michael's students did themselves proud by leading the readings and music as well as taking on ushering duties. It was a privilege to be part of it. Special thanks to Mr. Conway for his kind invitation and to the Sixth Form students for their work in making the morning run so smoothly. All of us here at St. Anthony's wish our friends and colleagues at St. Michael's all the very best for the academic year ahead.



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE



Head to the SVP website and look on the social justice page at the policy priorities (the things we are encouraging the government to tackle).

Look at one of the subjects and learn more as a class or as individuals about who and how that issue is affecting people.

How could you use your voice to share the message?

<https://svp.org.uk/>



LOOK AFTER YOUR WELLBEING THIS WEEK



GIVE

This week is National Teaching Assistants' Day.
What can you do this week to help our teaching assistants?



Mark Ten Mission

The Mark Ten Mission is a chance for us to reflect in a deeper way into a feast or celebration that is taking place on the liturgical calendar. This week, we look two very young saints.

THE MARK 10 MISSION

MISSION FILE

GOSPEL

LUKE 14:25-33

At that time, Great crowds accompanied Jesus, and he turned and said to them, 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.'

WORD OF THE WEEK

ENCOUNTER

PRAYER

WRITE YOUR OWN PRAYER TO SAINTS CARLO AND PIER GIORGIO.

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WONDER QUESTIONS

WHAT TYPES OF CROSSES DO PEOPLE HAVE TO CARRY, WHAT THINGS WEIGH THEM DOWN?

A CROWD WAS WITH JESUS. DID THE CROWD GET BIGGER OR SMALLER AFTER THIS TEACHING? WHY?

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