



St. Anthony's Religious Education Newsletter

Including Mark Ten Mission and Wellbeing Challenge

Friday 14th November 2025



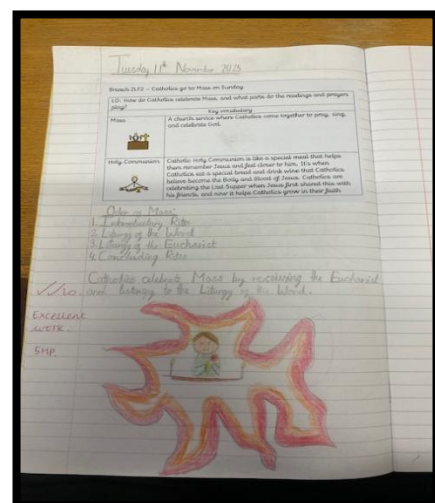
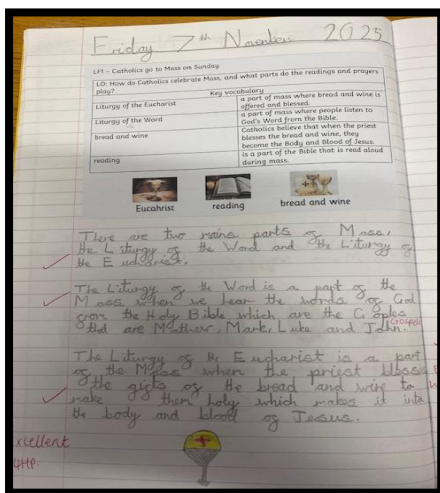
CATHOLIC LIFE

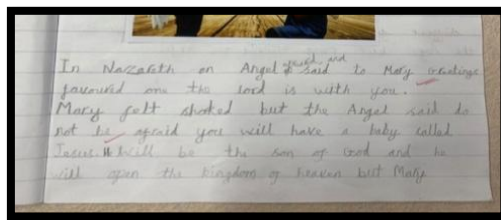
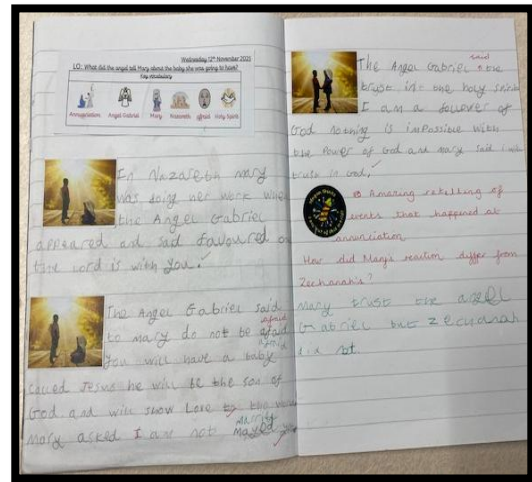
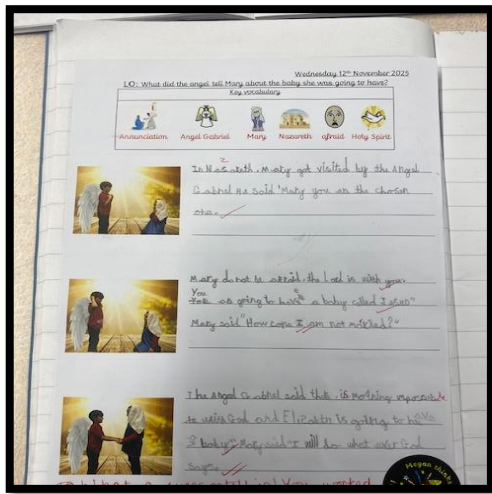
In two weeks, we shall be launching our Christmas Appeal with South West Herts Partnership to provide gifts in support of the wellbeing of families in our part of Hertfordshire.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PROPHECY AND PROMISE

Last week we made a start on our new RE Branch, *Prophecy and Promise*. Please see below examples of some work from Years 2 and 3.





FROM FR. TIM

This week marks the time when we remember all those lost in war and conflict. On Tuesday, Elaine led an assembly inviting the children to reflect on the reasons why people around the world pause from their daily routines at 11am on November 11th. At St. Anthony's some of the older children watched the different poppy laying ceremonies around the country before our own two minutes silence.

Fr Tim's reflection this week is about remembrance.

We will remember them.

It is hard to escape the iconic flower associated with bloodshed, sacrifice, duty and honour: the poppy. We see it worn by many in our towns and cities, on our television screens and in churches and memorials during the month of



November where, too, is our custom, to remember all the Holy Souls and pray fervently for their peaceful repose.

Wearing the poppy is not a fashionable trend nor an indication of one's political alliance, rather, it is an acknowledgement of all those service men and women who courageously gave their lives in both World Wars 1914-1918 & 1939-1945 respectively.

Our Blessed Lord tells us, his disciples: "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

The service men and women; those whose names we know and those only known to God did just that. What is more, they did it not only for their 'friends' but for strangers; for generations of peoples that would come after them. They did so, with the purpose of bringing about peace.

The poppy rightly is the colour red. We know from our liturgy that the colour red is used on Good Friday as well as in commemoration of the martyrs who gave their lives in defence of the Faith and the Gospel. This colour, then, is certainly the colour of sacrifice; the colour of blood.

Today, as we know well, wars are not a thing of the past. However, there is some consolation that we are not in a World War, but, needless to say, war should always be the last resort after other avenues have been exhausted.

Remembrance Sunday, above all, is a time to pray for the repose of the souls of all who gave generously; both in service and with their lives. We should also keep in our prayers those men and women currently serving at home and abroad for the same aim as their predecessors: peace.

Thank God for all those who laid down their lives; they shall not be forgotten, we will remember them.

Fr. Tim

PRAYER LIFE

November 10rd to November 16th

November 10th St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor

November 11th St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

November 12th St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr



Focus for Prayer Around the School

Our Early Years children will think about helping others and learning about charity.

Years 1 and 2 will focus on Remembrance reflections and prayers.

Years 3 to 6 will focus on Remembrance and prayers for peace.

YEAR 6 PADUA CLASS MASS

Year 6 Padua celebrated mass in their classroom this Friday afternoon with Fr. David.

PARISH LINKS TO HOLY ROOD CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/watford/wp-content/uploads/sites/103/2025/11/Newsletter-9.11.25.pdf>

PARISH LINKS TO ST. BEDE'S CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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LITURGICAL COLOURS WORN AT MASS

Green for Ordinary Time

Lectionary Cycle

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



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE



Open the doors of our heart.
Open the doors of welcome.
Open the doors of power.
Open the doors of our mind.
Open the doors to opportunity.
Amen.



LOOK AFTER YOUR WELLBEING THIS WEEK



KEEP LEARNING

In this week of remembrance, find out a bit more about why we use poppies as a symbol of remembrance. Look out for the special monuments in your area that help us to remember people who have died in conflicts.

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.

Today we think about support for the poor.



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GOSPEL

LUKE 21:5-19

At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.' And they asked him, 'Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?' And he said, 'See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am he!" and, "The time is at hand!" Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

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?

MISSION

PRAYERFULLY THINK ABOUT HOW YOU COULD SERVE THE POOR BOTH TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE. CAN SUPPORT CHARITIES OR DONATE TO A FOOD BANK OR LOCAL SOUP KITCHEN.

ALSO, THINK ABOUT A WAY THAT POVERTY COULD BE ENDED AROUND THE WORLD AND MAKE THIS YOUR PRAYER. IT COULD BE THAT GOVERNMENTS WORK TOGETHER SO THAT EVERYONE HAS ENOUGH FOOD. MAYBE IT'S THAT EVERY CHILD CAN GO TO SCHOOL. KEEP THIS IN PRAYER AND PERHAPS ONE DAY YOU CAN PLAY YOUR PART IN MAKING THIS PRAYER A REALITY.

WORD OF THE WEEK

YOUTH

PRAYER

JESUS INVITES US TO LOVE AND PRAY FOR THE POOR. WRITE A SIMPLE PRAYER FOR THE POOR BELOW.

WONDER QUESTIONS

WHAT DO YOU THINK JESUS MEANS WHEN HE SAYS, "YOU WILL GAIN YOUR LIVES?"

JESUS SAYS THE MOST DIFFICULT TIMES WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES TO BEAR WITNESS. WHAT COULD HE MEAN?

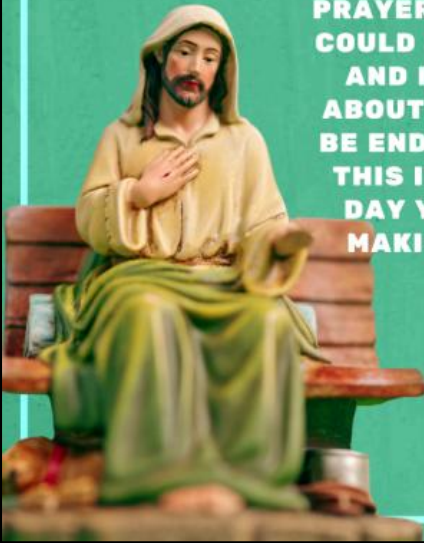
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