



**St. Anthony's Religious Education Newsletter**  
**Including Mark Ten Mission and Wellbeing Challenge**  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025**



Welcome back to the new term which will lead into Advent and our preparations for Christmas.

### **CATHOLIC LIFE**

In the next few 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. We will announce our launch date shortly.

### **WATFORD FOOD BANK**

The response to October's appeal for donations was genuinely incredible. By the time the volunteers arrived to collect on Friday, we were able to hand over several full bags of items.

We received this message from Jane at Watford Foodbank:

***On behalf of all the volunteers at Watford Foodbank, I would like to say a huge thank you to the amazing Harvest food donation that we received today.***

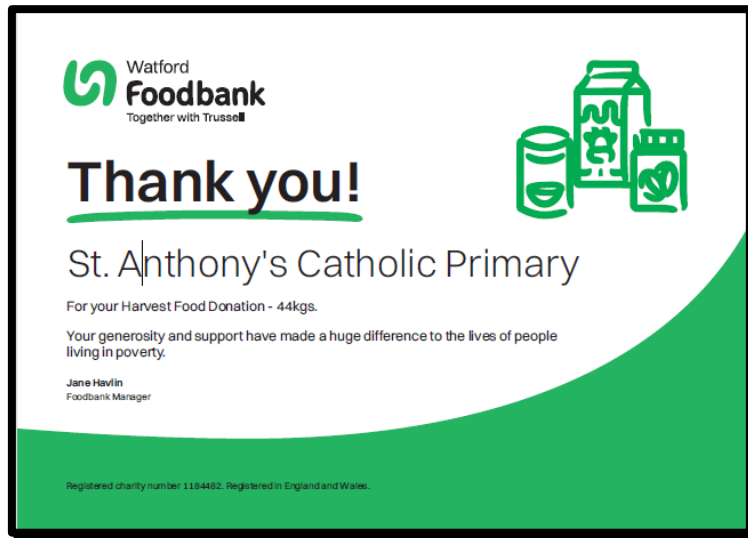
***Please find below, your thank you certificate.***

***We really value and appreciate your continued support.***

***Best wishes,***

***Jane***

**Watford Foodbank**



Thank you to all our families for continuing to make a real difference.

## **SVP**

Paul Montgomery from Holy Rood SVP joined us on the Friday before half term for our termly meeting. Included in the discussions were arrangements for the Mini Vinnie Carol Service taking place at Holy Rood Church in early December. We will give you further details of this in the next few weeks.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

We shall begin Branch 2, Prophecy and Promise, of the new Religious Education Curriculum Directory and over the course of the term, we shall upload some work from around the year groups.

## **PROPHECY AND PROMISE**

This term the children will be exploring the theme of Prophecy and Promise. They will hear how God's prophets shared messages of hope and prepared the way for the coming of Jesus. Through stories and reflection, pupils will discover that God always keeps His promises and that we are each called to share His hope and love with others.



## **FROM FR.TIM**

With our new RE topic in mind, Fr. Tim's reflection this week is about the prophets.

***In the Old Testament we are presented with many prophets such as Moses, Elijah, Jeremiah & Isaiah. Their role and mission is simple: relay what God has told them in order to prepare those being addressed with what is to come.***

***Prophets are always sent by God, sometimes it is to warn people or bring them back to the right path if they have strayed, other times, it is to encourage people not to lose hope in God despite whatever seemingly hopeless situation they may find themselves in.***

***Ultimately, the role and purpose of the prophet is to lead people to God.***

***The greatest prophet in the Bible as Jesus Himself says was John the Baptist. His role was to prepare the way of the Lord. It was John the Baptist who said: Behold the Lamb of God. Words that are used at every Mass.***

***All the events of the Old Testament lead up to the birth of Christ; the Incarnation of God. For the first time in history God has taken flesh and dwelt among us. He doesn't remain hidden in the heavens but comes down to earth to show us the way to heaven which is uniquely only through Him.***

Fr. Tim

## **PRAYER LIFE**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> to November 9<sup>th</sup>**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>      All Souls Day**

**November 4<sup>th</sup>      St. Charles Borromeo**

**November 9<sup>th</sup>      Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

**(Please see our Mark 10 Mission below)**



## **Focus for Prayer Around the School**

Our Early Years children will listen to a simple All Saints story; remember loved ones.

Years 1 and 2 will focus on All Souls prayer for departed and doing acts of kindness

Years 3 to 6 Prayer for Holy Souls and deceased and remembrance activities.

## **YEAR 6 PADUA CLASS MASS**

Fr. David from St. Bede's will be joining Year 6 Padua this Friday afternoon to prepare for their class mass which will take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

## **PARISH LINKS TO HOLY ROOD CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/watford/wp-content/uploads/sites/103/2025/11/Newsletter-2.11.25.pdf>

## **PARISH LINKS TO ST. BEDE'S CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/croxleygreen/wp-content/uploads/sites/95/2025/11/NEWSLETTER-2025-2nd-November.pdf>

## **LITURGICAL COLOURS WORN AT MASS**

**Green for Ordinary Time**

### **Lectionary Cycle**

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



## **JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE**



### **Open the Door to the Poor**

**We pray for all who suffer. Help us to hear their cries and come to their aid. Teach us to see with your eyes their tremendous dignity and to care for them as you care. Let us see in them your face, that through our solidarity with them they may experience your compassion, concern and love.**



## LOOK AFTER YOUR WELLBEING THIS WEEK



### TAKE NOTICE

Look out for anyone in our school who might look sad and needs cheering up. A cheery hello, an invite to play a game on the playground, a chat, sitting with them in the chapel might all they need to feel better again.

## 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 weekend the Church celebrates a special feast — the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. It's the Pope's own church, and the oldest one in the world that's still used for worship today!

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, we remember that the Church isn't just made of bricks and stone — it's made up of people. Each of us is part of God's living Church, joined together by faith, hope and love. Wherever we gather to pray, learn and care for one another, God is with us.

Our Mission file and poster below focus on this special feast day.



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## MISSION FILE

### GOSPEL

JOHN 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' So the Jews said to him, 'What sign do you show us for doing these things?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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?

### MISSION

YOUR HEART IS SO PRECIOUS TO JESUS AND HE WANTS TO HELP YOU GUARD IT. TAKE A PIECE OF PAPER, CLOSE YOUR EYES AND ASK JESUS TO SHOW YOU ALL THE DIFFERENT FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS YOU HAVE IN YOUR HEART. WRITE THEM DOWN AND LOOK OVER THE LIST OF FEELINGS. CIRCLE THOSE YOU KNOW JESUS WANTS TO STAY IN YOUR HEART AND CROSS OUT ANY HE DOESN'T. KEEP THIS LIST WITH YOU AND WHEN YOU PRAY, ASK JESUS TO HELP YOU PROTECT THE FEELINGS CIRCLED AND GUARD YOUR HEART FROM THOSE CROSSED OUT.

### WORD OF THE WEEK

### REMEMBRANCE

### PRAYER

FIND A QUIET PLACE AWAY FROM BUSYNESS AND NOISE. TAKE SOME SILENT SLOW BREATHS. MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS AND REPEAT THESE WORDS FROM PSALM 46:

**"BE STILL, AND KNOW  
THAT I AM GOD."**

THEN BE WITH GOD IN THE HOLY PLACE IN YOUR HEART. SHARE WHATEVER PRAYER IS IN YOUR HEART AND ENTER INTO HIS LOVING PRESENCE.

### WONDER QUESTIONS

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE IN A HOLY PLACE?

WHY DOES JESUS CARE SO MUCH ABOUT CREATING A QUIET SPACE FOR PRAYER?

### COLOUR







# THE MISSION

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

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