



St. Anthony's Religious Education Newsletter
Including Mark Ten Mission and Wellbeing Challenge
Friday 11th September 2026

CATHOLIC LIFE

Our SVP Partnership: A Special Focus on Twinning This Year

At St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, we are proud to continue our close work with the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP). This year, we are placing special emphasis on twinning. This is a powerful way for our school community to live out our Catholic faith by standing in solidarity with others around the world.

What is Twinning?

Twinning is a partnership between SVP groups, schools, or parishes in different countries. Through prayer, friendship and practical support, twinning helps us share resources and build a spirit of compassion across cultures. It reminds us that, as members of the Body of Christ, we are all connected.

How will we get involved?

Through our continued work with Holy Rood's SVP, it has been our long-term aim to twin with another parish. By July 2027, we aim to be working with a parish in another part of the world.

We invite all families to support our twinning project through:

Praying for our twin partners regularly.

Contributing to fundraising events throughout the year.

Encouraging your child to take part in Mini Vinnies activities.

Sharing ideas or skills that might benefit our twin community.

Together, through twinning, we can make a real difference in the lives of others while deepening our own faith and sense of mission.

We promise to keep you updated on our progress.



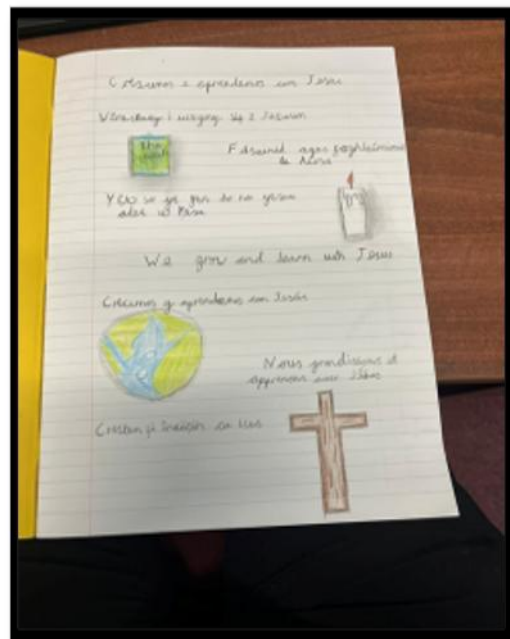
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This week, the children from Years 5 and 6 have been working on Branch 1 of the RE Topic: *Creation and Covenant*.

We share work from some of the children's books below.

The first example shows the children's RE books with a picture of their House Saint on the front.

The second picture shows the first page of a child's RE book in which the Mission Statement, *We Grow and Learn with Jesus*, is written in different languages.





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Responsibility: Our responsibility to care for the world God made.

Scripture References:

Genesis 2:7 - "God breathed life into Adam."
Genesis 9:1 - "What is a covenant? I hope that God shows His promises in the Bible."
Genesis 22:4 - "What is a covenant? I hope that you are mindful of them."

Questions to think about:

What is a covenant?
How does God show His promises in the Bible?
How can we respond to God's love today?

My Covenant Cloud

God's promises	Our response
Life & Dignity (Genesis 2:7) God breathed life into humans, giving us the ability to think, feel, and love. We are made in the image of God.	Respecting Life - As God gave us life, we must respect all life. We should not harm or disrespect the world God made.
Faithfulness & Relationship (Genesis 9:1) God promises to be faithful to His people, just as they are faithful to Him.	Trust and Obedience - I will respond to God's promises by keeping His commandments, loving Him, and following His guidance.
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I will help the poor and sick because God created life, and we are made in His image. We should not harm or disrespect the world God made.

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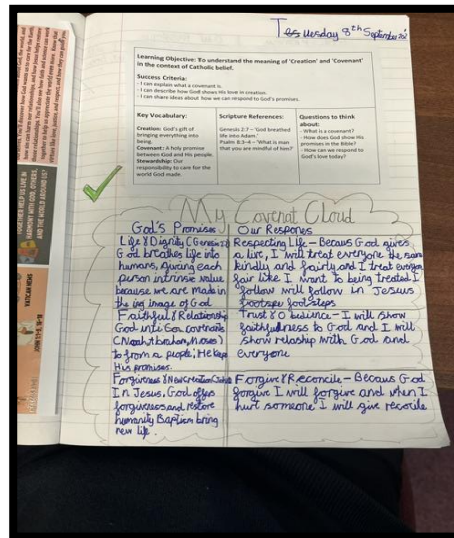
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Our thanks to the Year 5 and 6 children for allowing us to use their work.

PRAYER LIFE

In our prayers this week, we remember all children and young people who are struggling with their mental health.

We pray for those feeling anxious, overwhelmed, or alone, that they may know God's peace and comfort.

We pray for children facing difficulties at home, at school, or with friends, that they may find understanding, support, and hope.

We pray for those who feel unseen or unheard, that they may be met with kindness, patience, and love.

We pray for families and carers, that they may have strength, wisdom, and grace as they support their children.

We pray for teachers, counsellors, and all who work with young people, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in offering care and compassion.

We pray for our school community, that it may always be a safe and welcoming place where every child is valued and loved.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For the care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



SEPTEMBER 11th 25 YEARS

Perhaps for many of us in the school community, it hardly seems possible that it is 25 years since the events of September 11th 2001.

Today is a day when many people around the world pause to remember those affected by tragedy and loss. In our Catholic school community, we also turn to our faith for hope, healing, and peace.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday is the feast of the Holy Cross, a special day for those connected to Holy Rood Church.

Thursday is the Feast of St. Hildegard of Bingen. She is one of our House Saints and so we wish all those children in Key Stage 2 from the Hildegard House, an especially happy day.

September

Monday 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross feast

Tuesday 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday 16 Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Thursday 17 St Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

Friday 18 Weekday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 19 Weekday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHAPEL

A reminder that our school chapel is available for the children to use either with their classes, small groups or individually. The chapel, located in the Year 3 corridor, is a place of peace and reflection where children and adults can go for prayer and moments of stillness. During the seasons of Advent and Lent, the chapel is open before school for families to visit as the working day begins. The chapel is also open most lunchtimes between 12.30 and 1pm.



MASSES

We are looking forward to attending class masses over the course of the year with parishioners at Holy Rood Church. We will begin with our oldest children from Year 6. In September and October, each Year 6 class will be attending special retreat days at Holy Rood Church on the theme of Leadership. They will do activities in the parish centre and attend mass at midday. The dates are to be confirmed and we will give you further details in due course.

Our aim is for every class to attend mass over the course of the year either at church or in school.

PARISH LINKS TO HOLY ROOD CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/watford/wp-content/uploads/sites/103/2026/09/Newsletter-06.09.2026.pdf>

PARISH LINKS TO ST. BEDE'S CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/croxleygreen/wp-content/uploads/sites/95/2026/07/20260719-NEWSLETTER-2026.pdf>

From July 2026

LITURGICAL COLOURS WORN AT MASS

Green for Ordinary Time

EDUCATION SUNDAY

Education Sunday takes place on Sunday 13th September. It is the day of prayer and celebration for all those involved in education: pupils, staff, governors and families.

It is a chance for us to thank God for the gift of learning and to pray for all those who guide and support us on our journey. We ask God to bless St. Anthony's School community and all the schools across the UK.



Prayer for Education Sunday Week

Lord God, source of all wisdom and truth,
As we celebrate Education Sunday,
We thank you for the gift of Catholic education
And for all who teach, learn, and serve in our schools.

Bless our pupils with curiosity and courage,
Our teachers with inspiration,
Our families with faith and hope,
And our school community with unity and joy.

May Catholic education continue to form hearts and minds
In the light of the Gospel,
So that every child may grow in wisdom, grace, and love.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



LOOK AFTER YOUR WELLBEING THIS WEEK



Every week we offer activities to support the wellbeing of our school community.

These activities are there for you to do if you need them and cover 5 main elements:

Connect	Be with friends and family.
Be Active	Move about every day.
Keep Learning	Try new things and ask questions.
Give	Be kind and help others.
Take Notice	Look, listen and enjoy the world around you.

Here is this week's challenge:

KEEP LEARNING

14th September is the feast of the Holy Rood.

Try to visit Holy Rood especially if it is not your local church.

Or, when you see Fr. Tim, ask some questions about the church and about what Holy Rood means.



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 continue to look at the idea of forgiveness and reflect on the life of St. Peter Claver.



MISSION FILE

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.'

Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.'

WORD OF THE WEEK

OUTREACH

PRAYER

Write a short prayer thanking God for his never-ending love and forgiveness.

FIND + MEMORISE

The Lord is ----- and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Psalms 103:8



WONDER QUESTIONS

How do you think it feels to be completely forgiven?

Do you think it feels better to be the person who is forgiven or the person who forgives?



Your Mark 10 Mission is to be a person of forgiveness. Don't hold onto anger or try to get even. Forgive others as you have been forgiven, and let God's love shine through you.



Watch this week's episodes

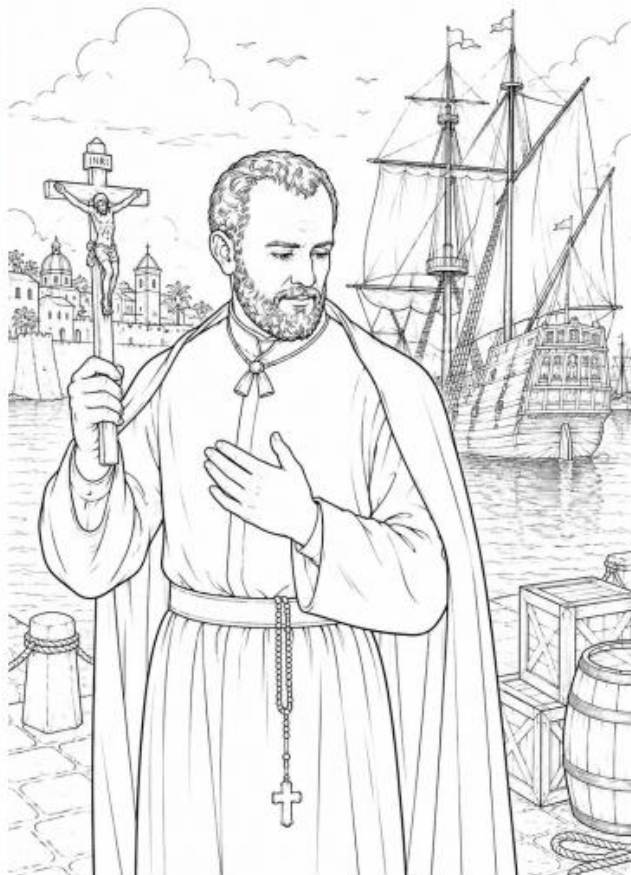
SAINT OF THE WEEK



MISSIONARY | PRIEST

SAINT PETER CLAVER

FEAST
SEPTEMBER 9TH



WHO IS HE?

St Peter Claver loved Jesus deeply and believed that every person was precious to God, whatever their circumstances. He became a Jesuit priest in Colombia, where he spent his life caring for slaves. As the slaves arrived on ships, he would quickly go below decks giving them food and medicine, and teaching them about Jesus. He called himself "the slave of the slaves" because he wanted to serve people who were suffering with the same love that Jesus had for them. St Peter Claver reminds us that loving Jesus means seeing the dignity of every person and choosing to serve them with kindness and courage.

PRAYER

O God,
you gave St Peter Claver a
heart full of love for people
who were suffering.
Through his prayers,
help us to love our neighbours
not only with our words,
but through what we do.
Help us to see Jesus in every
person and to serve others
with love.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SAINT MISSION

St Peter Claver made his entire life
about serving others. He wasn't
afraid to do uncomfortable things.
Your Saint Mission is to find five
ways to serve others this week. You
could especially try to do tasks that
mean getting your hands dirty or
facing some discomfort. Count your
five acts of service below.



