



RE Curriculum Overview

The rationale of Religious Education:

At St. Joseph's, the primary purpose of Catholic Religious Education is to come to know and understand God's revelation which is fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. This revelation is known through the scriptures and the tradition of the Church. Religious Education helps the pupil to know and experience the meaning of this revelation in his or her own life and the life of the community which is the Church. Religious Education is the '**core of the core curriculum**' in a Catholic school and is planned, taught, assessed and monitored with the same rigour as other core curriculum subjects. It is at the heart of our whole curriculum and is taught for 10% curriculum time within a broad and balanced curriculum. It informs every aspect of the curriculum.

The aims of Religious Education are:

- 1.** To engage in a systematic study of the mystery of God, of the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, the teachings of the Church, the central beliefs Catholics hold, the basis for them and the relationship between faith and life.
- 2.** To enable pupils continually to deepen their religious and theological understanding and be able to communicate this effectively.
- 3.** To present an authentic vision of the Church's moral and social teaching to provide pupils with a sure guide for living and the tools to critically engage with contemporary culture and society.
- 4.** To give pupils an understanding of the religions and worldviews present in the world today and the skills to engage in respectful and fruitful dialogue with those whose worldviews differ from their own.
- 5.** To develop the critical faculties of pupils so to bring clarity to the relationship between faith and life, and between faith and culture.
- 6.** To stimulate pupils' imagination and provoke a desire for personal meaning as revealed in the truth of the Catholic faith.
- 7.** To enable pupils to relate the knowledge gained through religious education to their understanding of other subjects in the curriculum.

The outcome of Religious Education:

The outcome of Religious Education is religiously literate and consciously engaged young people who have the knowledge, understanding and skills - appropriate to their age and capacity - to reflect spiritually and think ethically and theologically, and who recognise the demands of religious commitment in everyday life.

Below is our RE curriculum overview which complies with the guidance in the new Religious Education Directory - 'To know you more clearly'.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Branch 1: Creation & Covenant	Branch 2: Prophecy & Promise	Branch 3: Galilee to Jerusalem	Branch 4: Desert to Garden	Branch 5: To the Ends of the Earth	Branch 6: Dialogue & Encounter
EYFS	Overarching theme: God, Jesus and Friends of Jesus					
	God made our world God made me <i>(Gen 1)</i>	The Christmas Story <i>(Luke 1 - 2)</i>	The Wise men Jesus welcomes and blesses the children Feeding the 5000 <i>(Mtt 2, Mk 10, Jn 6)</i>	Lent - a time to care for others The Easter story Love God & love everyone <i>(Lk 10)</i>	Jesus goes back to his Father Pentecost - the Holy Spirit & Jesus's Good News The early Christian community The Parish church <i>(Acts 2)</i>	Friends of Jesus (St. Peter & Paul's feast day) Pictures of Jesus Encounter local parishioners to hear about their faith Respecting cultural diversity Introduction to Judaism

Year 1	Overarching theme: Revelation - How do people know about God?					
<p>The creation story</p> <p>God the Creator & Father of all</p> <p>God our Father loves us</p> <p>Caring for Creation</p> <p>Prayer - talking to God</p> <p>The Creed</p> <p><i>(Gen. 1, 24 - 26)</i></p>	<p>The Christmas Story</p> <p>God sent his Son because He loves us</p> <p>Jesus is God made visible</p> <p>Mary - Jesus's mother</p> <p>The Bible</p> <p>The Hail Mary</p> <p><i>(Luke 1 - 2)</i></p>	<p>Presentation in the temple</p> <p>Jesus announces his mission</p> <p>Call of the disciples</p> <p>Little children</p> <p>Zacchaeus</p> <p><i>(Lk 2, 4, 5, 18, 19)</i></p>	<p>Season of Lent</p> <p>The Easter narrative - last week of Jesus's life, death and resurrection</p> <p><i>(Lk 4, 19 - 24)</i></p>	<p>Road to Emmaus</p> <p>The Ascension</p> <p>The story of Pentecost</p> <p>The Holy Spirit</p> <p>The Glory Be prayer</p> <p><i>(Acts 1, 2; Lk 24)</i></p>	<p>The community of the Church</p> <p>The cross - a symbol of the Church</p> <p>Sign of the cross</p> <p>The local parish community and church</p> <p>Judaism - belief in one God, The Torah as a sacred text</p> <p>Shared values</p>	
Year 2	Overarching theme: Baptism					
<p>Story of Noah - God's covenant</p> <p>Introduction of idea of Sin (turning away from God, acting badly)</p> <p>The Sacrament of Baptism</p> <p>The Bible - Old & New Testament</p>	<p>Annunciation and birth of John the Baptist & Jesus</p> <p>The Visitation</p> <p>Advent</p> <p><i>(Lk 1, 2)</i></p>	<p>The Epiphany</p> <p>Preaching of John the Baptist</p> <p>Baptism of Jesus</p> <p>The miracles & Parables of Jesus</p> <p><i>(Lk 3 - 6, 8, 15; Matt 2)</i></p>	<p>Lent - reconciliation & forgiveness</p> <p>Holy Week</p> <p>The Sacrament of Reconciliation</p> <p>The Penitential Rite</p> <p><i>(Lk 19, 22 - 24)</i></p>	<p>The Ascension</p> <p>Pentecost</p> <p>How people are changed by the Holy Spirit (conversion of Saul)</p> <p>Fruits of the Holy Spirit</p> <p><i>(Lk 24, Acts 2, 9,</i></p>	<p>The Good Samaritan</p> <p>The Christian concept of 'neighbour'</p> <p>Service to others</p> <p>Global Christian charities</p> <p>Jewish religious laws and practices</p>	

	(Gen 9, Psalm 139)				Gal 5)	<p>Shabbat and its importance</p> <p>Hebrew language in Judaism</p> <p>Sacredness of Jewish religious words</p>
Year 3	Overarching theme: Celebrating the Eucharist					
	<p>Revisit the Creation story - use of symbolism to explain the relationship between God, humans & the world</p> <p>The 'holy' day</p> <p>The Holy Trinity</p> <p>(Gen 1 -2)</p>	<p>Why Christians go to Mass</p> <p>What happens at Mass</p> <p>The Nativity Story</p> <p>(Is. 1, Matt 1, Lk 1)</p>	<p>Gospel of Matthew</p> <p>Miracles of Jesus</p> <p>Parables of Jesus</p> <p>Epiphany - visit of the Magi</p> <p>(Matt 2, 8, 9, 13)</p>	<p>The miracle of the loaves</p> <p>The Last Supper</p> <p>The Sacrament of the Eucharist</p> <p>Extracts from the Eucharistic prayer</p> <p>(Matt 14, 26)</p>	<p>The road to Emmaus</p> <p>Mission to the world</p> <p>The apostles</p> <p>The early church</p> <p>St Paul's letters to Corinthians</p> <p>The Holy Trinity</p> <p>(Lk 24, Matt 28, Acts 1-2, 1 Cor)</p>	<p>The Exodus story</p> <p>Judaism - The Passover & its link to the Last Supper</p> <p>Belief in one God</p> <p>Importance of prayer (salat) in Islam</p> <p>Islamic art and calligraphy</p> <p>Religious music and Qur'anic recitation</p> <p>(Ex. 12, 13, 15, Lk 22)</p>
Year 4	Overarching theme: People whose lives have been transformed by faith & hope in God					

<p>Story of Abraham</p> <p>God's covenant with Abraham</p> <p>Abraham, Sarah & Isaac</p> <p>Story of Joseph</p> <p>Historical, cultural & religious context</p> <p><i>(Gen 12, 15, 18, 22)</i></p>	<p>Miracle of the flour & oil</p> <p>Elijah's encounter with God</p> <p>Preaching of John the Baptist</p> <p>The ancestry of Jesus</p> <p>What is meant by 'prophecy'</p> <p><i>1 Kings 17, 19, Matt 1 & 3, Mk 1, Is 40,)</i></p>	<p>Jesus' question to Peter - Who do you say I am?</p> <p>Jesus' healing</p> <p>The Baptist's question</p> <p>Jesus walks on water</p> <p>Jesus the Messiah</p> <p><i>(Matt 8, 9, 11, 14, 16)</i></p>	<p>Lent - themes of forgiveness & reconciliation</p> <p>Devotion to God leads people to do good works</p> <p>Parables - The Prodigal Son, The Sheep & the Goats</p> <p><i>(Lk 15, Matt 25)</i></p>	<p>Story of St. Peter - resurrection from John & declaration of faith & betrayal</p> <p>The empty tomb</p> <p>Appearance on shores of Tiberius</p> <p>The Apostle's Creed</p> <p><i>(John 20, 21)</i></p>	<p>Life & work of St. Paul</p> <p>Road to Damascus</p> <p>1st letter to the Corinthians and the mission of St. Paul</p> <p>The liturgy of the Church</p> <p>Islam - 5 pillars</p> <p>Understand some of the ways Muslims in Britain live out their beliefs</p> <p><i>(Acts 9, 1Cor 13)</i></p>
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Year 5	Overarching theme: Significance of the Old Testament in relation to the revelation of Jesus					
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<p>Story of Moses - the burning bush, Sinai covenant & 10 Commandments</p> <p>Jesus' summary of the Law</p> <p>Covenant - binding agreement between God & people</p> <p>Jesus teaching -</p>	<p>The life and story of David</p> <p>Jesus fulfils the promises made to David</p> <p>The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary</p> <p><i>(1 Sam. 16, 17, 2 Sam 5, 7, 1 Kings 2, Psalm 21, 23)</i></p>	<p>The Beatitudes - Sermon on the Mount</p> <p>Jesus summarises the law - The Great Commandment</p> <p>The Good Samaritan</p> <p>The Transfiguration</p> <p>The Our Father</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday - selection of readings</p> <p>Temptation in the wilderness</p> <p>The resurrection of the dead Paul</p> <p>Sin & conscience</p> <p>What prayer is</p> <p>The Sorrowful</p>	<p>Scriptural echoes of the Sacrament of Confirmation</p> <p>Pentecost</p> <p>Gifts of the Spirit</p> <p>Baptism in the Spirit</p> <p>The Holy Spirit - how it helps us understand Jesus</p>	<p>Why the Old Testament is important to Christians</p> <p>The original languages of the Bible</p> <p>Links between Judaism and Christianity</p> <p>Shema as the core</p>
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	Love God & love your neighbour <i>(Ex 3, 19, 20, Matt 22)</i>		prayer Virtues of faith, hope & love <i>(Matt 5, 6, 17, 22, Lk 10)</i>	Mysteries of the Rosary <i>(Joel 2, Psalm 50, 2 Cor. 5, Matt 4, 6, 1 Cor. 4)</i>	The effects of Confirmation Mary as an example of discipleship <i>(Is 11, 61, Lk 4, Matt 3, Acts 2, 8, 1 Cor. 12)</i>	Jewish belief Hebrew and sacred objects in Jewish life The role of The Torah The Mezuzah and its symbolism in Jewish homes
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Year 6	Overarching theme: The Gospel of John					
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Second account of creation and the Fall Original sin Baptism - first sacrament of forgiveness The Nicene Creed Laudato Si Jesus restores our relationship with God <i>(Gen 2, 3, Jn 1)</i>	The importance of women in salvation history (Sarah, Miriam, Esther, Deborah, Hannah) Mary - the fulfilment of the Old Testament promises The Infancy narratives in Matthew and Luke The Magnificat Examples of women today who are responding to God's call	Jesus the Messiah revealed through 7 signs: 1. The Wedding at Cana <i>(Jn 2:1-12)</i> 2. Healing the official's son <i>(Jn 4:46-54)</i> 3. Healing the man at Bethesda <i>(Jn 5:1-47)</i> 4. Feeding the 5000 <i>(Jn 6:1-4)</i> 5. Walking on water <i>(Jn 6:15-21)</i> 6. Healing the	Lent & Easter - Jesus' earthly life (John's Gospel) The Last supper & Maundy Thursday mass Stations of the Cross <i>(Jn 12, 13, 18, 19)</i>	John's account of the Resurrection The Empty Tomb - Jesus appears to Mary Magdala Jesus appears to the disciples The conclusion - Christians believe in the Resurrection Jesus as the Last Adam The Story of Stephen Examples of Saints	Promoting love and unity among all people Promoting the common good Together The Church in dialogue with the world around it Other non-religious worldviews
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