

## RE Newsletter

### Autumn 2 - Prophecy and Promise



#### Cardinal John Henry Newman - Doctor of the Church



On Sunday 2nd November, Pope Leo XIV declared Saint John Henry Newman the 38th Doctor of the Church.

This title recognises his exceptional holiness, learning, and wisdom. Born in London in 1801, Newman was a deeply intellectual man who experienced a profound religious conversion at age fifteen. After a long spiritual journey, he converted from the Church of England to Catholicism in 1845 and was later ordained a Catholic priest. Saint John Henry Newman's life reminds us that faith is a journey, and his writings explain how God's grace works within us to grow in holiness. He is a wonderful saint for our school community to explore, embodying the pursuit of truth and a deep, personal love for God.



#### Prophecy and Promise



During Autumn 2, children will be exploring the themes of prophecy and promise through scripture and teachings. Focus will be placed on the significance of Sunday Mass, the Liturgy of the Word, and preparing for Advent by learning about the birth of Jesus as foretold in the Old Testament. Children will also learn how the life of David connects to servant leadership. We will reflect on how these teachings help prepare us for Advent. Year 6 will examine the role of key women in salvation history, exploring their contributions to God's promises and learning about the Magnificat prayer, which reveals expectations of the Messiah.

#### Faith Ambassadors and our Little Liturgy Leaders

Our Faith Ambassadors continue to be dedicated to enhancing RE, Catholic Life, and worship across the school. From leading prayers to brainstorming with Fr. Stephen, they are invaluable helpers and leaders.

Inspired by their faith, our Year KS1 pupils have launched their own group: The Little Liturgy Leaders! Their passion for leading worship through song is truly inspiring, and we are delighted to welcome them to this important role.

We are so proud of all our young leaders for their commitment and service to our school community.



#### At Home

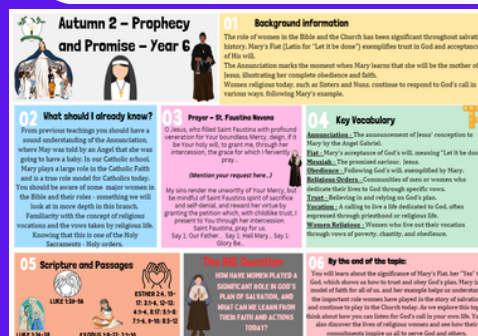
All children will have received their RE Knowledge Organisers to support with their learning. Spend some time going through these with your child / children to help their understanding of the new topic.

Discuss Faith in Daily Life: Try to spend some time talking about how faith can guide everyday decisions. For instance, discuss kindness, sharing, and forgiveness, connecting them to the teachings we are exploring in school, Catholic Social Teachings and our St Anne's School Values.

#### Key Dates



Year 3 - St Cecilia and Year 6 - St Francis Xavier Class to attend Mass at St Anne's Church - <u>Parents / Guardians welcome to attend.</u>	24/11/2025
Wintershall Travelling Nativity at St. Anne's - Reception - Year 2	24/11/2025
Advent Reconciliation	2/12/2025 and 4/12/25
Travelling Crib Begins	2/12/2025
St Nicholas' Class Attends Mass - St Anne's Church - <u>Parents / Guardians welcome to attend.</u>	8/12/2025
EYFS Nativity - School Hall @ 10am	9/12/2025
Choir Concert - School Hall @ 6pm	10/12/2025
Year 3 Nativity - School Hall @ 1:30pm	11/12/2025
Year 2 Nativity - School Hall @ 9:30am	12/12/2025
Year 1 Nativity - School Hall @ 2pm	12/12/2025
Year 4 Christmas Play - School Hall @ 1:30pm	15/12/2025



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Prayer Booklet



Mission Statement  
With Christ at the centre of our lives, we live our faith to serve the young.  
It is not enough to love children, they must know that they are loved.  
Year 2