



Religious Education Directory

Year 4 overview

St Thomas More's Class

2026-2027



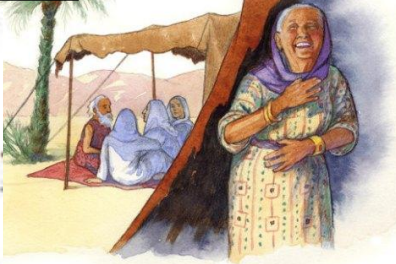
Hear



Abraham and Sarah
(Gen 18:1-15)

The call of
Abraham (Gen
12:1-5)

The
Abrahamic
covenant (Gen
15:1-6)



We will focus on the historical, cultural, and religious context out of which Abraham was called and the importance of understanding historical context to appreciate the literal sense of biblical stories.

Believe

- God's covenant with Abraham is the foundation of the faith of the people of the Old and New Testaments: Judaism and Christianity.
- Faith is believing in God, trusting what God reveals, and following God's loving purpose to live a good life.
- Through living out virtues of faith, hope, and love (sometimes referred to as charity), Christians are drawn into a closer relationship with the Holy Trinity.



Live

- We will look at The virtues of faith, hope, and love.
- The life and work of a person who was an example of faith made active in love, e.g: Mother Theresa



Celebrate

- We will look at extracts from prayers of faith such as: Psalm 40:1, The Prayer of St Theresa and St. John Henry Newman's - The Mission of my Life.

"May today there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith in yourself and others. May you use the gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content with yourself just the way you are. Let this knowledge settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us."

—St. Theresa

I waited patiently for the Lord; he
inclined to me and heard my cry.

Psalm 40:1

Catholic Social Teaching Focus

We look after the world God has given us. We can help by keeping the Earth clean, saving water, protecting animals, and not wasting things. When we care for nature, we are showing love for God's beautiful creation.

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."
— Genesis 2:15



Branch 2 - Autumn 2 Prophecy and Promise



Hear



The miracle of the flour and the oil
(1 Kings 17:7-14)

The preaching of John the Baptist
(Matt 3:1-12 and Mk 1:1-8)



The ancestry of Jesus (Matt 1:1-17)



Elijah's encounter with God: the journey
1 Kings 19:4-8



Believe

- For Christians, the prophets awaken an expectation of the coming of the Messiah in people's hearts.
- John the Baptist is sent to prepare the way for Jesus.
- In the Advent liturgies, Christians pray for the second coming of Jesus alongside preparing for Christmas.
- Advent is a time of preparation for Jesus' incarnation at Christmas and for the second coming as King of the Universe.



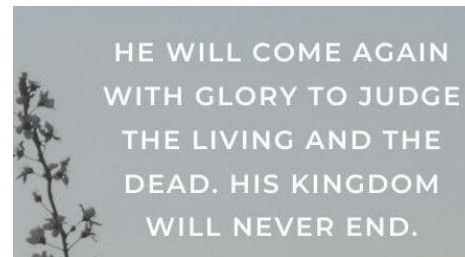
Live

- We explore ways that Christians prepare for the coming of Christ during Advent.
- Representations of the Jesse Tree during Advent and identifying its significance around the world.



Celebrate

- We will learn about the Jesse Tree.
- We will go through and learn parts of The Nicene Creed throughout this half term.



Catholic Social Teaching Focus

Option for the poor means we care especially for people who are struggling or don't have enough. We try to help them, share what we have, and make sure they are treated fairly. It reminds us to be kind and to notice when someone needs help.

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done."
— Proverbs 19:17



Branch 3 - Spring I From Galilee to Jerusalem



Hear



Peter's mother-in-law and casting out devils (Matt 8:14-17)



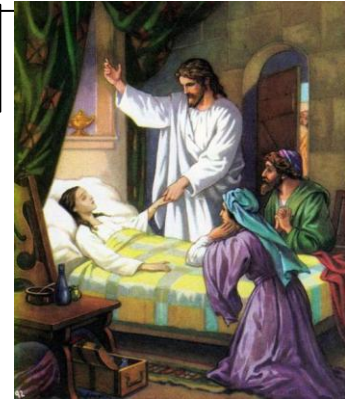
Cure of the woman with a haemorrhage. (Matt 9:20-22)

The official's daughter raised to life (Matt 9:18-26)



Peter's profession of faith (Matt 16:13-26)

Jesus walks on water and, with him, Peter (Matt 14:22-33)



Believe

- Jesus is the Messiah/Christ but in a way that subverted the expectations of those of his own day: Jesus comes as a suffering servant, not a triumphant king.
- Jesus is fully God and fully human. We call this belief the incarnation.
- Jesus reveals the kind of messiah he is by showing that God's Kingdom includes those who are excluded by society.
- Jesus showed compassionate healing in mind and body through his ministry and continues to do so through His Body, the Church, especially in the sacraments, such as the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick.

Celebrate

- Learning why we say the Creed at Mass.
- We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and through it we experience forgiveness.
- We explore how the anointing of the sick brings God's strength to those who are unwell.



Live

- We look at how the work of a person or organisation has been inspired by Jesus and His work with those marginalised by societal attitudes to illness (e.g., St Francis Leprosy Guild)



Catholic Social Teaching Focus

Every job is important and every worker should be treated with respect and fairness. Whether someone is building, teaching, cleaning, or helping others, their work matters. Everyone deserves to be valued and treated kindly for what they do.

"The worker deserves his wages."
— Luke 10:7





Hear



The
Judgement
of the
Nations
(sheep and
goats.) (Matt
25:31-46)

The lost
son (the
prodigal)
and the
dutiful
son (Lk
15:11-32)



We look closely at The events during Holy Week according to Matthew's Gospel .



Believe

- God loves everyone. He can and wants to forgive people's sins.
- When people love God, they want to help others as the virtues of faith, hope, and love have their foundations in God who is love.
- Lent is a time for Christians to make a new start by loving God with their whole heart and expressing this love through good works.



Live

- We Learn about the corporal and spiritual acts of mercy and explore how the life and work of CAFOD lives out the works of mercy and love for those oppressed by poverty.

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Celebrate

- We celebrate the resurrection as part of our learning about Holy Week.
- We learn about the Works of Mercy and how they guide us in our treatment of others.



Catholic Social Teaching Focus

Every person is special and important because they are made by, and in the image of, God. No matter who they are, everyone deserves to be loved, respected, and treated kindly. We should always stand up for others and make sure no one is left out or treated badly. "So God created mankind in his own image."
— Genesis 1:27



Branch 5 - Summer I To the Ends of the Earth



Hear

The empty tomb (Jn 20:1-10)



The appearance on the shore of Tiberius (Jn 21:1-19)



Believe

- The Pope is the successor to Peter.
- The Church is the People of God.
- The Church is apostolic.
- The work of the Church is to continue the ministry of Jesus and build the Kingdom of God.
- Mary is the Mother of the Church and Queen of Heaven.



Live

- Some artistic depictions of the Blessed Virgin Mary as Mother of the Church or as Queen of Heaven from different times and places.
- We will learn some ways in which the Church today (Locally or globally) continues the work of Jesus - St Vincent de Paul.



Celebrate

- That the Apostles' Creed summarises Christian beliefs.
- That May is the special month of Mary.
- We will learn some Marian prayers and hymns such as the Rosary, the Magnificat and Ave Maria



Catholic Social Teaching Focus

Everyone at St. Mary's belongs and has something special to share. We are all invited to join in, help others, and work together to make things better. When we include others and listen to their ideas, we build a happy and caring community.

"Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."
— Matthew 18:20





Dialogue

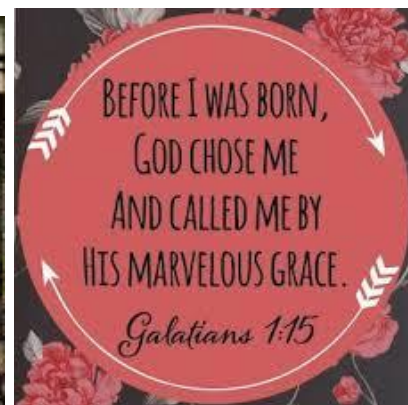


The road to Damascus
(Acts 9:3-9, 17-19)

Galatians 3:27-28
There are different traditions
in the Liturgy of the Church

There is neither Jew nor Gentile,
neither slave nor free,
nor is there male and female,
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
Galatians 3:28

St Paul's speech before the
Council of the Areopagus (Acts
17:22-26, 28-29).

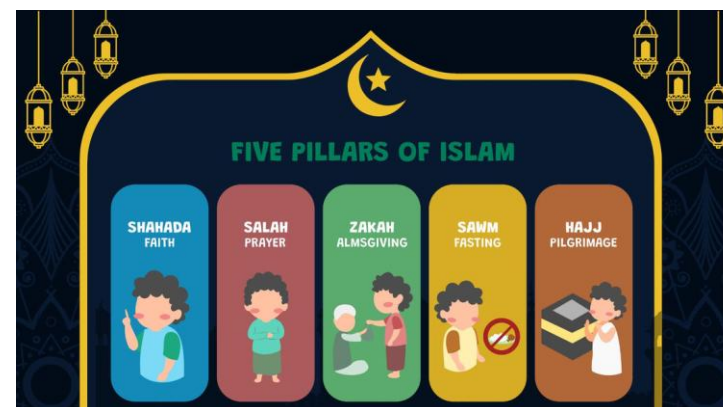


Paul called by God:
Galatians 1:11-24



Encounter

- We will learn the five pillars of Islam.
- We will look at how Muslims live in modern Britain.



Catholic Social Teaching Focus

We remember that everyone in the world is part of one big family. We try to solve problems without fighting, by listening, sharing, and being kind. When we stand together and treat others with love and respect, we help make the world a more peaceful place just like Jesus asked us to.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

— Matthew 5:9

