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To Love You More Dearly: *The purpose of our Annual Plan of Provision*

At Sacred Heart, the purpose of prayer and liturgy is to help every child come to know and love God more deeply, encounter Jesus Christ and grow in a personal relationship with Him.

Rooted in the **Prayer and Liturgy Directory, *To Love You More Dearly***, our Annual Plan of Provision (APoP) ensures that prayer and liturgy are at the heart of our school community. They are not simply events in the school calendar, but meaningful encounters with God that shape who we are, how we live and how we love one another.

Through daily prayer, Celebrations of the Word, liturgy and the sacraments, we provide a rich, progressive and inclusive journey of faith. As children grow, they are supported to move from engagement towards increasingly conscious and active participation, taking responsibility for preparing, leading and serving in prayer and liturgy.

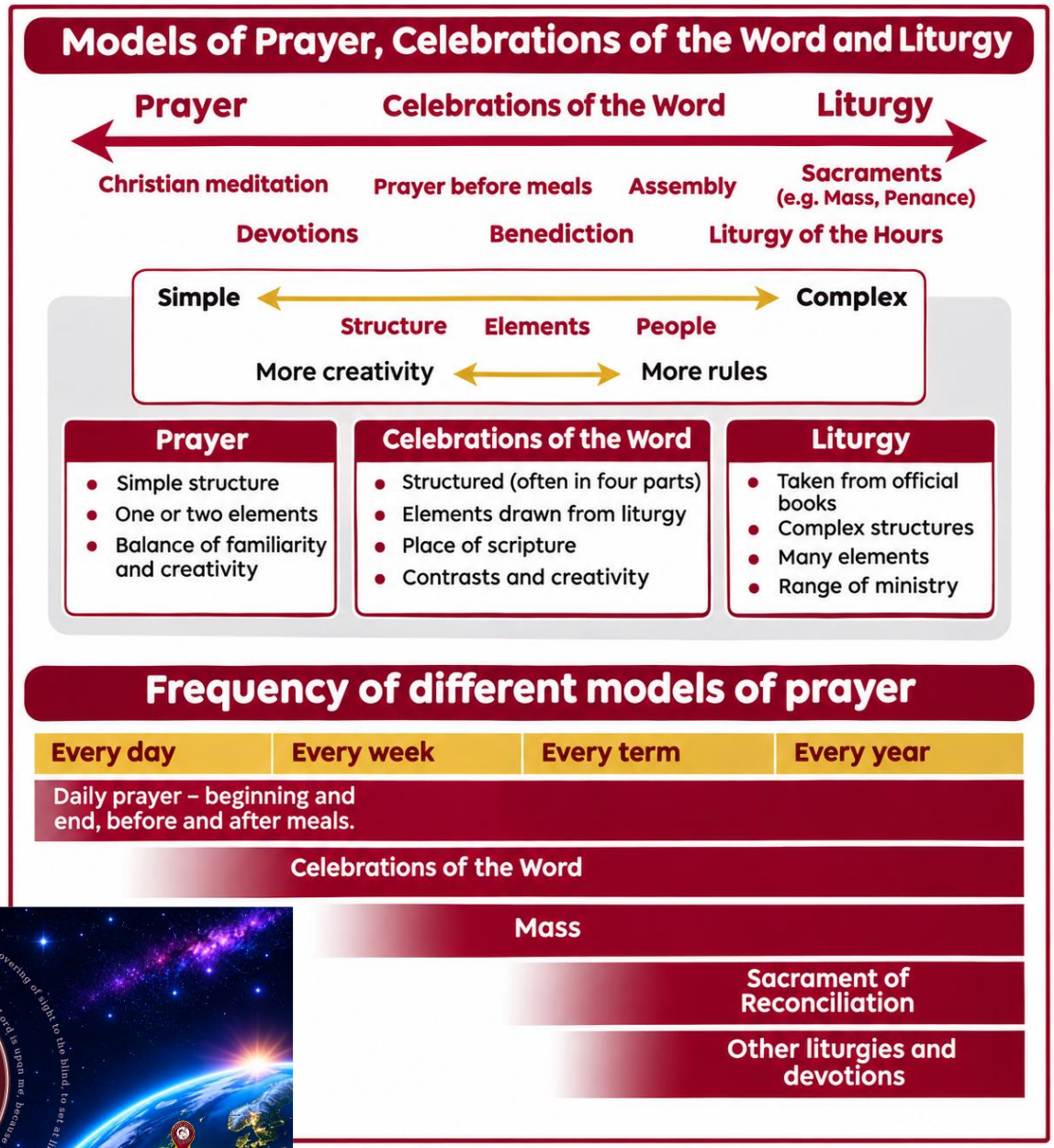
Our APoP also recognises that **prayer leads us to mission**. Encountering Christ in prayer inspires us to recognise Him in others, put Catholic Social Teaching into action and live out our school motto, *Ut Diligatis Invicem* — **That you love one another**.

Ultimately, our APoP is not about how many opportunities we provide, but about their spiritual purpose and impact: **helping every child to love God more dearly, deepen their relationship with Jesus and carry His love into the world.**

	Engagement	Participation	Ministry
Who?	Everybody – including members of other religious traditions and people of good will	*Those who have been baptised (of any denomination)*	*Member of those who have been baptised (of any denomination)*
Gather	**To be present** – to become alert to what is going in their lives and the world	**To recognise** one's membership of body of Christ	**To welcome,** to articulate the context and to set the atmosphere
Word	**To experience** – to engage with what is happening through the senses	**To listen** to God's speaking in his Word	**To proclaim** the Word, communicating effectively and appropriately
Response	**To reflect** – to ask what has been experienced and what it means to their lives	**To offer** praise, thanksgiving and petition to God through Christ.	**To provide** a focus for the response and to enable an appropriate response
Send	**To respond** – to ask how to take forward into living a good life	**To live out** one's baptismal calling.	**To draw together** the celebration and to offer a bridge to life in practice.

Menu of Provision:

1. Weekly master timetable
2. Prayer, CoW & Liturgy timetable
3. Liturgy of the Mass
4. Sacraments including:
    a. Sacramental Programme
    b. Reconciliation
    c. (& Confirmation)
5. Weekly pupil led Celebrations of the Word Timetable
6. Friday Morning prayer Celebration of the Word
7. Class Saint & Scripture quotes
8. Music Recitals
9. Liturgical Events & Rolling Worship
10. Like Jesus Celebration of the Word: Hymnody
11. Ruah Singing Praise CoW: Hymnody
12. Friday Morning Prayer CoW: Hymnody
13. Governance: Opening/Closing Prayers for Governing Board meetings
14. Ordo 2026-2027 with scripture references, Liturgical colours and themes.
15. Diocesan resources
16. Prayer Progression
17. Croí Ró-Naofa Íosa theme
18. L2: Year group adaptation
19. L3: Pupil Ministry





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Weekly master timetable: 2026-2027

DOORF OPEN 8:30am	8.45-9.45am TERCE BELL	9.45-10.45am	10:45-11am	11:00-12:00pm ANGELUS BELL	12:00noon - 1:00pm	1:00-2:00pm	2:00-3:00pm	3.00-3.35pm EXAMEN BELL
MONDAY	WHOLE SCHOOL LIKE JESUS ASSEMBLY 2H (ECT TIME)			ANGELUS YR & 1	STUDIO CLUB	4B 4C 4C	4C	
TUESDAY	RW RF (LG) 1P (CF AU1)	RF RW (LG) 1P (CF AU1)		2H (ECT TIME) 2H 2D 1P (CF AU1) 4B (LG) (ECT TIME) 4B ANGELUS Y2	STUDIO CLUB	1S 1P 6AT 6BT 5G (1:30-2:15) 5G 5G	1P 1S 6BT 6AT 5D (2:15-3:00) 5D 5D 2:20: Y3 (STUDIO)	KPE – STAY WITH 1P (DURING AU1 TERM) ASSSESMENT / TIDY KH – PPA 2:50: Y4 (STUDIO)

WEDNESDAY LAY CHAPLAIN MEETINGS WITH PUPIL LEADERF OF CoW (AM)	2H 2D	2D 2H		4C 4B ANGELUS Y3 & Y4	**STUDIO CLUB**	5G 5D 3W 3C 3C 1:05 4C 1:30 RW 1:55 RF	5D 5G 3C 3W 3W 2:2O 2D 2:45 2H	KPE – ASSSESMENT / TIDY KH – PPA 3:10 6BT
THURSDAY LAY CHAPLAIN MEETINGS WITH PUPIL LEADERF OF CoW (AM)	4B 4C (BT: PPA/CPLDF time)	3C 3W		3W 3C 2H ANGELUS Y5 & Y6	**STUDIO CLUB**	6AT 6BT 5D 2D 2D 1:05 4B 1:30 1S 1:55 1P	6BT 6AT 5G 2:20 3W 2:45 3C	KPE – ASSSESMENT / TIDY KH – PPA 3:10 6AT
FRIDAY	MORNING PRAYER CoW WITH COMMUNITY ROTA	CLASS MASS ROTA			**STUDIO CLUB**	1S 1P 1P 1:05 5D	1P 1S 1S 2:40 5G	WHOLE SCHOOL RUAH SINGING PRAISE

KEY: ***Note that exact timings are all as noted above with teacher returning to class at end of day for secure dismissal.***
KEY PE SPORTS (MAIN HALL) | FOREIGN LANGUAGES | MEDIA SUITE | SWIM 10 (9) WEEKS (Tuesdays) 29/09/26 – 08/12/26, 5G 1:30-2:15 / 5D 2:15-3:00PM) | OUTDOOR PE | oLé (Y1-Y5 – note this is during outdoor PE and children take part on a half termly rota from Au2 term) | CELEBRATIONS OF THE WORD | COVERED BY LG | COVERED BY CF | SINGING PROGRAMME

Prayer, Celebrations of the Word & Liturgy timetable:

DAY & TIME	EVENT
Monday-Friday, start & end of day	Terce & Examen prayers start and end of day, led in class. 8:55am: Terce prayers – words taken from Terce mid-morning prayer of the church to enable reflection. Progressive approach throughout school. 12:00noon & during lunchtime: Lunchtime prayers Daily prayer includes Angelus prayer once per week (graduated) ○ Monday: Reception & Y1 ○ Tuesday: Y2 ○ Wednesday: Y3 & Y4 ○ Thursday: Y5 & Y6 Prayer in hall during dining – prayer bells, led by pupil ministry. Individual spontaneous prayer upon finishing meal. 3:30pm: Examen prayers – spontaneous; including those formulated by pupils in each class.
Monday, 9:05-9:35am	Whole school 'Like Jesus' Gospel CoW

	Linked to previous day's Gospel; Catholic Social Teaching links & awards
Monday & Tuesday	Class teachers consult with pupils leading CoW who begin to fill in their planning sheet.
Tuesday, from 2:20pm	Y3 & Y4: School Singing Programme (SSP), led by Kathryn Bradley Also: SSP events through year.
Wednesday to Friday morning	Lay chaplain consults with pupils leading CoW.
Wednesday to Friday afternoon	Pupil led Celebrations of the Word
Wednesday, 8:15am	Staff prayer, led by lay chaplain
Wednesday, 4:00pm	Staff prayer, led by rota of staff to begin staff meeting – linked to Afternoon Prayer (None) from Universalis (Also prayer to open INSET days, including Mass once a year)
Thursday, 8:40am	Stay & Pray – parents / parishioners, in the Croi.
Friday, 9:05am	Morning prayer CoW – led by classes on rota, invite community. | Alternate weeks led by Lay Chaplain linked to church themes from Ordo.
Friday, 10:00am	Mass – see above. Lay chaplain to accompany classes. Readings as in Lectionary. Pupil led reading ministry from KS2. Hymns led by children in all year groups.
Friday, 3:00-3:30pm	Ruah Singing Praise CoW

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Stay and Pray

Parents, parishioners and family members are welcome to Stay and Pray each

Thursday morning at 8:40am in the Croí.

Mrs Doodson, our Lay Chaplain, and our pupil prayer leaders, would be delighted to welcome you.

Everyone is welcome, whatever their personal faith tradition.

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SACRED HEART MISSIONS

Our Sacred Heart Missions are short, pupil-led video missions, inviting children and families to pray, reflect and put Jesus' teaching into practice. Each mission includes challenges at school, home and in the community.

OUR SACRED HEART MISSIONS 2026–27

Led by our Year 5 and Year 6 Apostles

Watch. Reflect. Pray. Put love into action.

Annual Themes

Autumn	Remembrance • Christ the King • Advent • Christmas
Spring	Epiphany • Lent • Holy Week
Summer	Easter • Mary • Pentecost • Sacred Heart • Creation

One Scripture passage. One question. One challenge. One prayer.

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PRAYER BAGS

Taking prayer home

Our prayer bags invite children and families to share a moment together, talk about faith and pray.



Pause • Talk • Pray



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Liturgy of the Mass:

TERM	DATE	CELEBRATED WITH
Marian Term	1 September 2026	9:00am: Welcome Mass at Church – All staff
	11 September 2026	10:00am: Mass at Church – Y6
	18 September 2026	10:00am: Mass at Church – Y1 & Y2
	25 September 2026	10:00am: Reception Welcome Mass at Church – Families encouraged to attend
	2 October 2026	10:00am: Mass at Church – Y4
	9 October 2026	10:00am: Mass at Church – Y5
	16 October 2026	10:00am: Mass at Church – Y3
	23 October 2026	10:00am: Whole School Mass at Church
Remembrance Term	13 November 2026	10:00am: Mass at Church – Y6
	20 November 2026	10:00am: Mass at Church – Reception
	27 November 2026	10:00am: Mass at Church – Y1 & Y2
	4 December 2026	10:00am: Advent Mass in School – Whole School
	11 December 2026	10:00am: Mass at Church – Y5
	18 December 2026	10:00am: Mass at Church – Y3
Candlemas Term	6 January 2027	10:00am: Mass in School – Whole School (Holy Day of Obligation)
	8 January 2027	10:00am: Mass at Church – Y5 & Y6
	15 January 2027	10:00am: Mass at Church – Y1 & Y2
	22 January 2027	10:00am: Mass at Church – Reception
	29 January 2027	10:00am: Whole School Mass at Church
	12 February 2027	10:00am: Mass at Church – Y3 & Y4

Lenten Term	26 February 2027 5 March 2027 12 March 2027 19 March 2027	10:00am: Mass at Church – Y5 & Y6 10:00am: Mass at Church – Y1 & Y2 10:00am: Mass at Church – Y3 & Y4 10:00am: Whole School Mass at Church – Solemnity of St Joseph
Pentecost Term	16 April 2027 23 April 2027 30 April 2027 6 May 2027 7 May 2027 21 May 2027 28 May 2027	10:00am: Mass at Church – Reception 10:00am: Mass at Church – Y6 10:00am: Mass at Church – Y5 10:00am: Whole School Mass in School – Ascension of the Lord 10:00am: Mass at Church – Y4 10:00am: Mass at Church – Y1 & Y2 10:00am: Mass at Church – Y3
Trinity Term	11 June 2027 18 June 2027 25 June 2027 2 July 2027 9 July 2027 16 July 2027	10:00am: Mass at Church – Reception 10:00am: Mass at Church – Y3 10:00am: Mass at Church – Y1 & Y2 10:00am: Mass at Church – Y4 10:00am: Mass at Church – Y5 10:00am: Y6 Leavers' Mass at Church



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Sacramental Programme: Sunday Mass attendance is required and will be recorded as part of the programme. Children must be in Year 3 or above to participate in preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Registration takes place through the parish, with forms returned directly to Fr Christopher by Sunday 11 October 2026, the final registration weekend.

Sacramental Programme – 2026–2027

TERM	DATE / TIME	FOCUS
Marian Term	Friday 25 September 2026, 3:00–3:30pm 26–27 September; 3–4 October; 10–11 October 2026 Sunday 18 October 2026	Parents' Information Session – Main Hall Sacramental Programme registration weekends Enrolment Mass and distribution of passports
Remembrance Term	Sunday 15 November 2026, 10:00am	Mass – We are people who pray
Candlemas Term	Sunday 24 January 2027, 10:00am Sunday 7 February 2027, 10:00am	Mass – We are people who listen Mass – We are people who follow
Lenten Term	Friday 26 February 2027, 3:00–3:30pm Friday 5 March 2027, 3:00–3:30pm Wednesday 10 March 2027, 6:30pm Friday 19 March 2027, 3:00–3:30pm	Parents' Session – First Reconciliation Parents' Session – First Reconciliation First Reconciliation Parents' Session – First Holy Communion
Pentecost (Easter) Term	Sunday 18 April 2027, 10:00am Saturday 24, 6pm / Sunday 25 April 2027, 10am Saturday 1, 6pm / Sunday 2 May 2027, 10am Saturday 8, 6pm / Sunday 9 May 2027, 10am	Baptism for children not yet baptised First Holy Communion – Weekend 1 First Holy Communion – Weekend 2 First Holy Communion – Weekend 3
Trinity Term	Sunday 13 June 2027, 10:00am TBC	Sacramental Programme Celebration Mass and group photograph End of Sacramental Programme Celebration event, school hall.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

TERM	DATE	YEAR GROUP
Remembrance Term	Friday 27 November 2026 Friday 4 December 2026 Friday 11 December 2026	1:15–3:15pm: Y4 Reconciliation – Croí 1:15–3:15pm: Y5 Reconciliation – Croí 1:15–3:15pm: Y6 Reconciliation – Croí
Lenten Term	Friday 26 February 2027 Friday 5 March 2027 Wednesday 10 March 2027 Friday 12 March 2027	1:15–3:00pm: Y4 Reconciliation – Croí 1:15–3:00pm: Y5 Reconciliation – Croí 6:30pm: Y3 First Reconciliation – Sacred Heart of Jesus Church 1:15–3:15pm: Y6 Reconciliation – Croí

Sacrament of Confirmation (secondary pupils): More information at https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/sacraments/confirmation/



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Weekly pupil led CoW Timetable:

CoW is linked to coming Sunday's Gospel. Pupil leaders discuss content and approaches with Lay Chaplain ahead of their leading CoW.

Class Prayer Timetable 2026–2027

YEAR GROUP	CLASS	DAY / TIME
Reception	RW	Wednesday, 1:30pm
	RF	Wednesday, 1:55pm
Year 1	1P	Thursday, 1:30pm
	1S	Thursday, 1:55pm
Year 2	2D	Wednesday, 2:20pm
	2H	Wednesday, 2:45pm
Year 3	3W	Thursday, 2:20pm
	3C	Thursday, 2:45pm
Year 4	4B	Thursday, 1:05pm
	4C	Wednesday, 1:05pm
Year 5	5D	Friday, 1:05pm
	5G	Friday, 2:40pm
Year 6	6BT	Wednesday, 3:10pm
	6AT	Thursday, 3:10pm



Friday Morning prayer Celebration of the Word: Weeks in maroon: Class led CoW links to Class 21st Century Saints & Gospel quotes. Members of community invited, including parents and parishioners. Weeks in black – led by lay Chaplain, themes are recorded below.

TERM	DATE	YEAR GROUP(S) & FOCUS
Marian Term 9:05–9:35am  	11 September 2026	KS1 & KS2 – Lay Chaplain: Season of Creation
	18 September 2026	Reception – Lay Chaplain: Season of Creation
	25 September 2026	6BT – Saint Anthony of St Ann Galvão
	2 October 2026	Lay Chaplain: Harvest / CAFOD Family Fast Day
	9 October 2026	2D – Saint Filippo Smaldone
	16 October 2026	KS1 – Lay Chaplain: St Carlo Acutis
	23 October 2026	4C – Pope Saint John Paul II
Remembrance Term 9:05–9:35am*	13 November 2026	All pupils – Lay Chaplain: World Kindness Day
	20 November 2026	1S – Saint Carlo Acutis
	27 November 2026	KS2 – Lay Chaplain: World Toilet Day / CAFOD
	4 December 2026	RF – Saint José Sánchez del Río
	11 December 2026	Reception – Lay Chaplain: Mary and Joseph; shelter seeking and refugees
	18 December 2026*	11:00–11:45am: All pupils – Advent Celebration of the Word, led by Headteacher
Candlemas Term 9:05–9:35am	8 January 2027	All pupils – Lay Chaplain: Power of prayer / Pope Leo's intention
	15 January 2027	3C – Saint Mariam Thresia Mankidiyan
	22 January 2027	UKS2 – Lay Chaplain: Word of God Sunday
	29 January 2027	6AT – Saint Benedetta Cambiagio Frassinello
	5 February 2027	LKS2 – Lay Chaplain: St John Bosco
	12 February 2027	2H – Pope Saint John XXIII
Lenten Term 9:05–9:35am	26 February 2027	KS1 – Lay Chaplain: Lent Fast Day
	5 March 2027	RW – Saint Maria Domenica Mantovani
	12 March 2027	Reception – Lay Chaplain: St Patrick and St Joseph
	19 March 2027	1P – Saint Gianna Beretta Molla
Pentecost (Easter) Term 9:05–9:35am	16 April 2027	UKS2 – Lay Chaplain: World Day of Prayer for Vocations
	23 April 2027	3W – Saint Bartolo Longo
	30 April 2027	LKS2 – Lay Chaplain: St Catherine of Siena (feast day 29 April)
	7 May 2027	5G – Saints Louis and Zélie Martin
	14 May 2027	Reception – Lay Chaplain: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
	21 May 2027	4B – Saint Teresa of Calcutta
	28 May 2027	KS1 – Lay Chaplain: The Eucharist
Trinity Term 9:05–9:35am*	11 June 2027	Whole school – Lay Chaplain: Refugee Day
	18 June 2027	5D – Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati

	2 July 2027	End of Reception Thanksgiving
	9 July 2027	End of KS1 Thanksgiving
	Monday 12 July 2027*	2:00–3:30pm: Y6 Leavers' Assembly – school halls

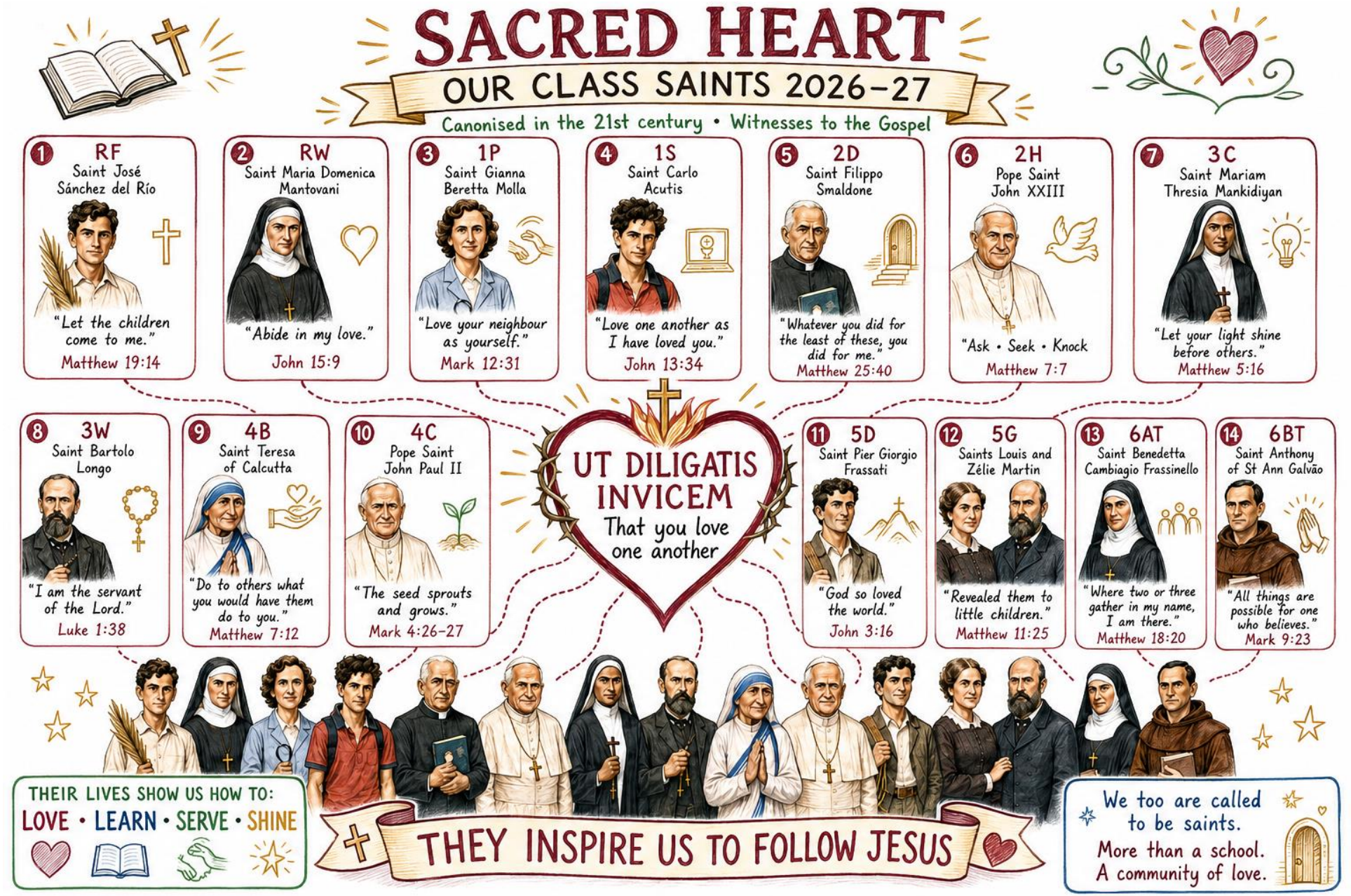
***The 18 December Advent celebration and 12 July Y6 Leavers' Assembly take place at the times shown, not during the usual Friday slot.**





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Class saints canonised in the 21st Century & Gospel scripture quotes decided by each class on move-up day (July 2026).



Music Recitals: Liturgical Dances will be performed at the start of each half-term's music recital.



Families and parishioners are invited to our half-termly music recitals which celebrate the music learning in all classes, and often contain liturgical or Catholic Social Teaching elements. All our children benefit from having a good audience, so please stay for the full event – it is not a 'drop in'.

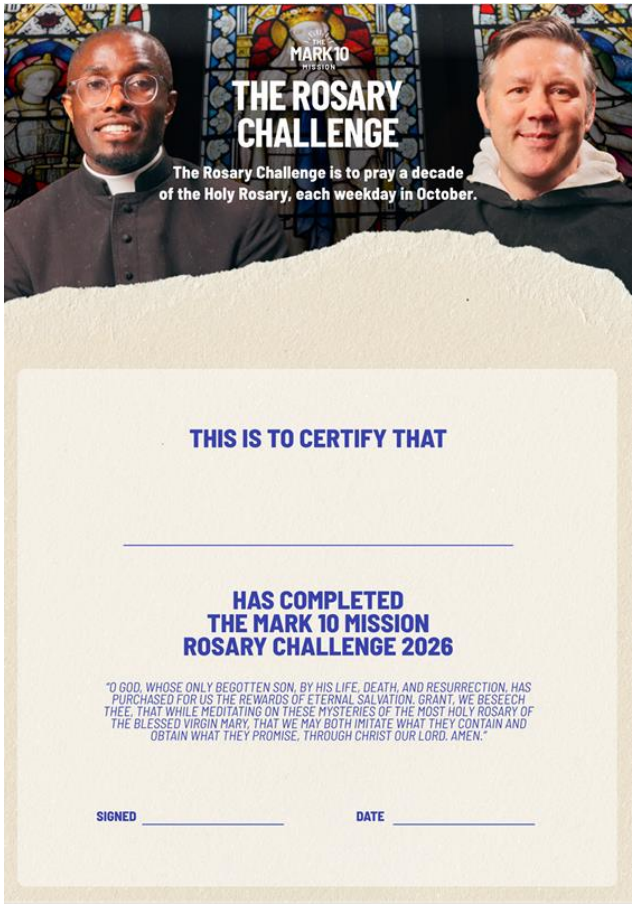
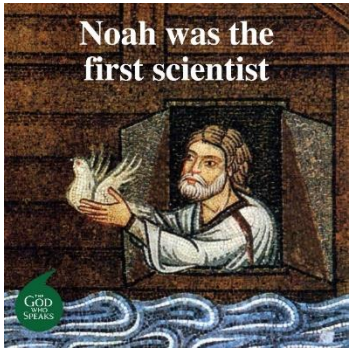
- Monday 19th October 2026, 2:00pm
- Monday 30th November 2026, 2:00pm
- Monday 8th February 2027, 2:00pm
- Monday 15th March 2027, 2:00pm
- Monday 24th May 2027, 2:00pm
- Monday 19th July 2027, 2:00pm

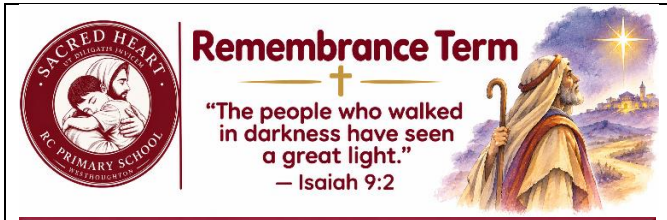


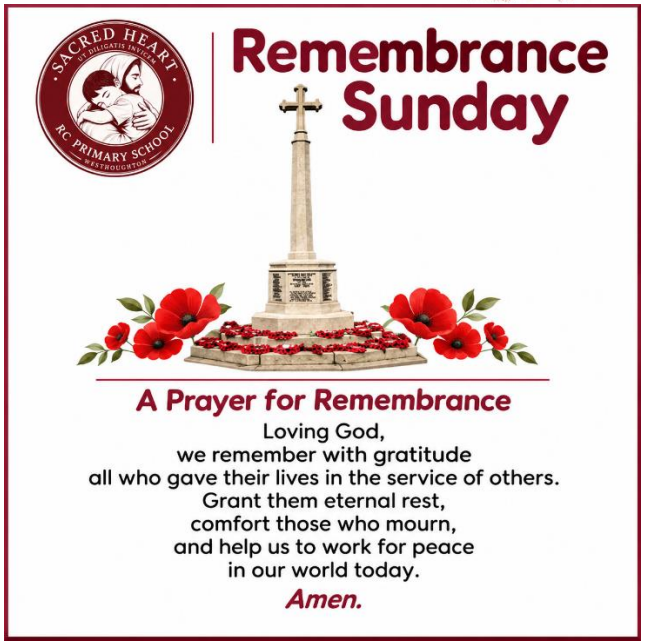
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Liturgical Events & Rolling Worship: [See Stage 2 APoP progression planner for rolling worship adaptation by year group.]

TERM	DATE	FOCUS
Marian Term Liturgical dance – Creation & Covenant   	• Thursday 3rd September 2026. • Thursday 3rd September 2026 – Y5 • Tuesday 8th September 2026. • Monday 21st September - Sunday 4th October 2026 • Wednesday 30th September 2026 • (Prep prior to) w/b 21st September – UKS2 France pilgrimage. Visits Basilique du Sacré-Cœur de Montmartre; Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris & Vimy Ridge memorial Canadian Cemetery No.2, Neuville-St. Vaast. • During Season of Creation & Friday 2nd October (Harvest Fast Day)	• Season of Creation: Canticle of Creation Hall Display work begins – every class to contribute. Link to Jubilee of St Francis of Assisi • Launch CYMFED Pin in Y5 CYMFED Pin (discovery) Award Booklet link here. • The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8th September) – rolling worship. Focus on Mary, Mirror of Justice and the names associated with BVM. • Fairtrade Fortnight – 'Do it Fair' – whole school stall and learning in PSHE. • Macmillan Coffee Morning. Led by Y6 apostles. Community event. • Longevity of Catholic worship – experience stillness and iconography of cathedrals. Is war ever justified? – empathy, respect and thanksgiving – finding a pre-researched memorial and leaving card at the site; gazing upon the bomb craters from a WW1 battlefield. • Harvest food bank collection opens & R2G crop harvest – Bolton Community Kitchen; The Brick, Caritas Diocese of Salford. • Season of Creation (Tuesday 1st September – Sunday 4th October) : Peace with Creation. Isaiah 32:14-18 TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION SEASON OF CREATION 2024

	• Monday 28th September – Friday 2nd October 2026: 'Little Way Week'. • October Rosary challenge • Friday 2nd October 2026 • From Monday 19th October 2026.	School theme: In the Bible, Noah is not only depicted as the first climate scientist but also, the first biochemist.  Celebrate during Little Way Week (28th Sep – 2nd Oct) with events on Thur 1st October, feast of St Terese of Lisieux and Monday 5th October, in lieu of feast of St Francis of Assisi (4th Oct) – Hall display completed and up by this date. • Rosary – TheMark10Mission challenge. Apostles to check all classes completed daily. https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/rosary-challenge Lunchtime Rosary led by Hope Ambassadors in pavilion; Rosary in Croí Ró-Naofa Íosa. • Cafod Harvest Fast Day – Harvest food donations – final collection date – process into Ruah. • Poppy sales launch – sold by apostles.
Remembrance Term Liturgical dance – Prophecy & Promise	• Sunday 8th November 2026 • Monday 9th November 2026 (launch in Like Jesus CoW – Wed 11th Nov as off timetable day).	• Remembrance Sunday: Laying of wreath at Westhoughton Cenotaph – apostles & lay chaplain. • All Saints / All Souls - Celebrating-the-Year-of-Prayer-Praying-with-the-Saints.docx Theme day in school – adaptive – display ▪ Class saint



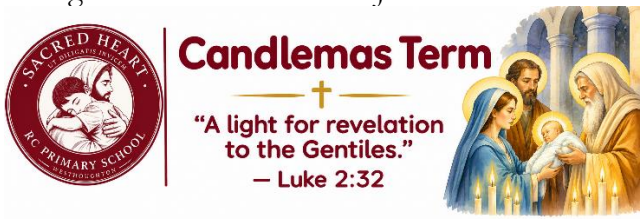


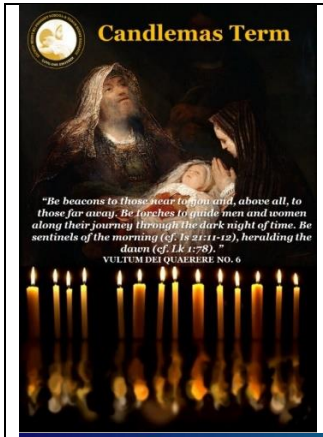


- Monday 9th November 2026
- Wednesday 11th November 2026 – classes to set-up.
- Wednesday 11th November 2026
- Wednesday 18th November 2026
- Monday 23rd November 2026
- Thursday 26th November 2026
- Monday 30th November 2026 (Launched prior to start of Advent.)
- Monday 30th November 2026
- During Advent
- During Advent – daily

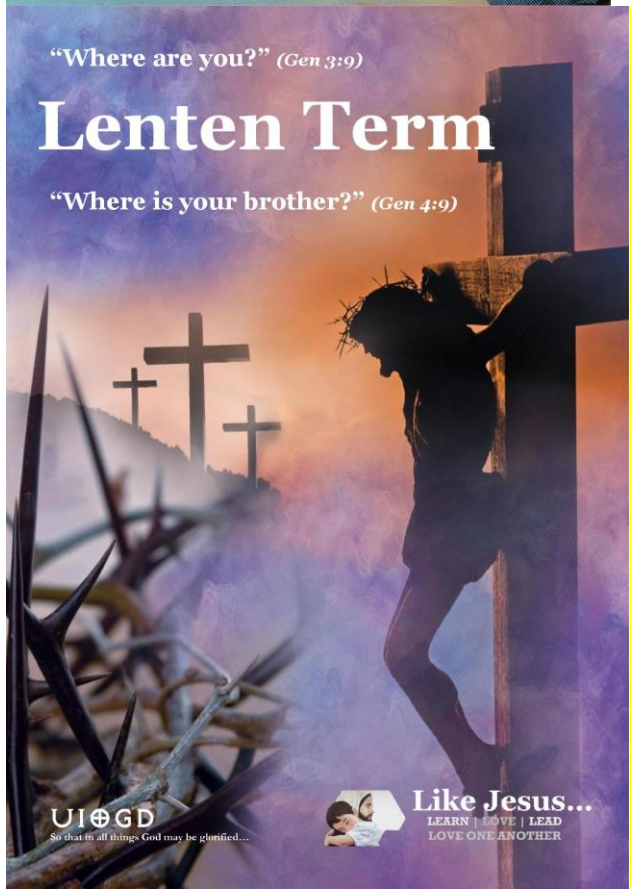
  - Qualities of a saint – Beatitudes
  - Pope Francis 1 Nov 2016 Beatitudes
  - Quote last 3 popes – all should be saint.
  - Pope Leo – best way to serve is to be a saint.
  - What is it to be a living saint in 2026+?
  - Our Beatitudes to live by – each class takes B Value from Christ at the Centre
- Remembrance bowl in foyer – small soldiers to take and pray.
- Remembrance altars - *el Día de los Muertos -the day of the dead.* Whole school remembrance altar set up. Adoration in Croi.
- Remembrance: rolling worship; 11am armistice silence and prayers at the peace pole. **Adoration in Croi.**
- **Red Wednesday** – Supporting Aid to the Church in Need –Wear an item of red.
- Christ The King CoW
- Tree decorating
- Singing at Christmas Fair
- Reverse Advent Appeal begins

- St Andrew's Day – wear blue
- Advent Wreath – Like Jesus CoW / Las Posadas – seeking shelter in each class…
- School cribs on display. Outdoor crib on display.
- Mary in the Mantle – led by Apostles.

	• Monday 7th December 2026 • Mon. 14th December 2026, 10am, Thornleigh – Details TBC • During Advent • Tuesday 8th December 2026, 2:30pm • Wednesday 9th December 2026, 2pm/5pm • Thursday 10th December 2026 • Wednesday 16th December 2026, 2pm&6:30pm	• St Nicholas Day (6th December) giving – for Caritas DoS / The Brick Wigan / Emmaus Bolton. • BoSCEP Carol service • Singing in the community • Reception simple nativity in song and freeze frame – led by EYFS • Nativity play and carols – led by KS1 • School Singing Programme Y3/4 Carol Service, Salford Cathedral (6:30pm service open to parents – free entry – 7:30pm finish – LKS2 classes • KS2 Carol Service – in Church All collections at Advent Services – Tuluyan San Benito Centre pedicab appeal https://manilapriory.com.ph/be-a-mission-partner/tuluyan-san-benito/
Candlemas Term Liturgical dance – Galilee to Jerusalem 	• Monday 4th January 2027 • Wednesday 6th January 2027 • Sunday 10th January 2027 • Tuesday 2nd February 2027	• Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Light Fever for Candlemas Term • Kings' week: celebrating Christmas. Jesus for the world. • Holy Day of Obligation – Epiphany Mass in school • Baptism of the Lord. End of Christmas season. End of Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi. • Candlemas rolling worship • Bring & Buy appeal – led by Apostles. • Re-launch Twiddlemuff making appeal for Woodlands Care Home – SHStandard & re-launch on Parish newsletter also.

  	• Monday 8th February 2027 • Tuesday 9th February 2027 • Wednesday 10th February 2027	• Burning of palms CoW & fire pit with Apostles. • Celebrate Shrove Tuesday ('fat-Tuesday') in school & Mardi Gras. • Ash Wednesday Mass - marking the start of Lent & burying the Alleluia (candle) & distribution of Ashes in each class, led by Apostles pupil ministry • Launch Lenten giving – St Joseph's Penny appeal • Lenten music playing throughout school. • Lenten Retreat – OPEN. Apostles to check record sheets daily.
Lenten Term Liturgical dance – Desert to Garden  	• Monday 22nd February 2027 • Monday 1st March 2027 • Friday 5th March 2027 • Friday 12th March 2027 • Wednesday 17th March 2027	• Launch: Classes to create station of Cross display for school hall (including 3D stations) • St David's Day - wear yellow/green/red. • Mothering Sunday cards - Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday. (Sunday 7th March) • Passiontide (14th-27th March) – veiling of all statues in school – led by Apostle • St Patrick's day – wear green £1 Caritas





- Friday 19th March 2027

- Sunday 21st March 2027
- Monday 22nd March 2027



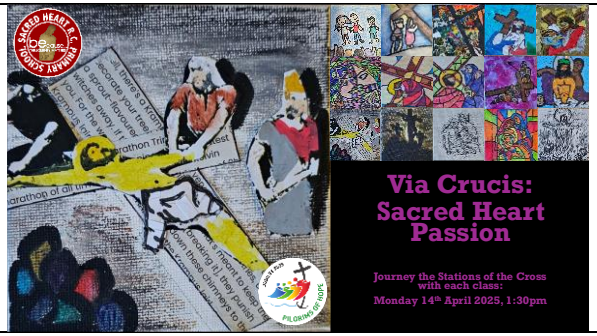
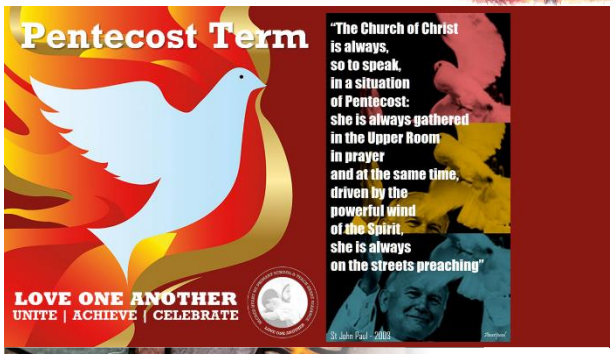
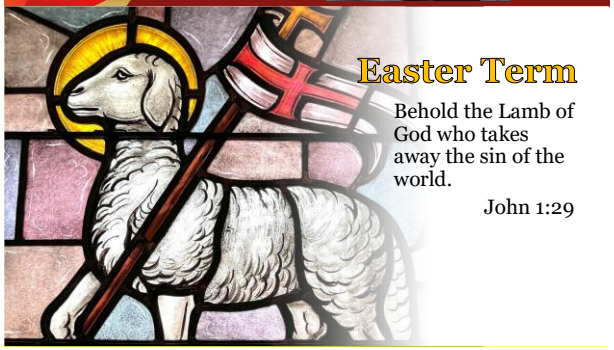
- Palm Sunday
- Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary – our patronal feast day 'Sacred Heart of Jesus & St Joseph'. Rolling Worship in Pavilion - Bring egg / non-uniform
- Holy Week.
- Holy Week: Stations of the cross: Pray in the Pavilion.

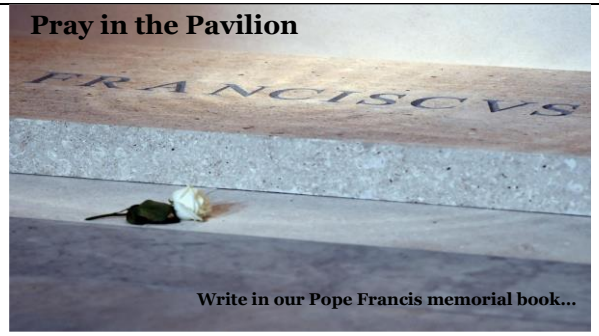
Pray in the Pavilion

Spend some time praying with our stations of the cross...



- Via Crucis: Sacred Heart Passion, 1:30pm – Community invited to walk around - class freeze frame prayer (with visitor map and guide), display of pupil made stations in hall, opening liturgical dance and closing hymns led by choir. Collect stamps on card as visit each station.

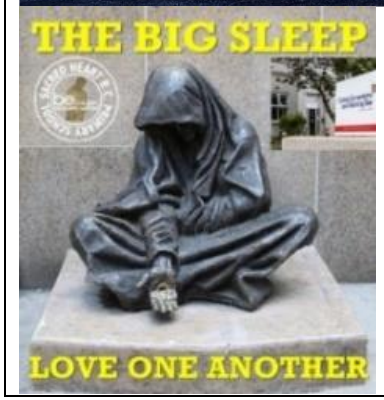
		
Pentecost (Easter) Term Liturgical dance – To the ends of the Earth   	• Monday 12th April 2027 • 14th-16th April 2027 • Friday 23rd April 2027 • Wednesday 21st April 2027	• Resurrection CoW with Light Fever in Croi. • Reveal the Alleluia (candle) & each class given a smaller Paschal candle to decorate – service of blessing & incensing of pins. • Y5 Pilgrimage – Lindisfarne – 14-16 April • Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (5 April in 2027 due to Holy Week clash) – Caritas Young Parent centre collection day. Non-uniform. & Pray in Pavilion.  **Respond: sacred silence**  • Anniversary of death of Pope Francis – 'pray for me'. Writing prayers for the dead. Display. Pray in Pavilion.

	• Friday 23rd April 2027 • Throughout May 2027 • Tuesday 4th May 2027 • Thursday 6th May 2027 • Friday 7th May 2027 • Monday 10th May 2027 • Friday 14th May 2027 • Monday 17th May 2027	 • St George's Day - wear red. • Via Lucis: The way of the Light – Stations of the Resurrection. Rolling worship with stations on playground. • Maypole dancing – UKS2 led, for Pentecost Party. • Feast – St Joseph the Worker (Saturday 1st May 2027) – Praying in the Pavilion • Paschal candles – each class candle to be blessed in whole school Mass on 6th May for Ascension of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation. • Launch at Ruah: Join Novena – Come Holy Spirit. https://www.thykingdomcome.global/ • Two years of Pope Leo! (Sat 8th May) Praying in the Francis Garden  • May retreat – crowning of Our Lady during CoW. Children to bring in flowers/plants.

	• Friday 21st-Sunday 23rd May 2027 • Sunday 23rd May 2027 • Date (BoSCEP) TBC • Thursday 27th May 2027	Then all classes to distribute them to the local community. • Pentecost (16th May) Party, 2pm: Stations of the Resurrection / Joy – parade at Pentecost Party •  • Classes parade out and circle yard with their Holy Spirit headwear – music plays. Chant their fruit or gift. • Ruah Glorious Louange plays – Come Holy Spirit novena prayer • Liturgical dance flash mob – classes stand and dance one at a time as Ruah plays – in this order: Y6 | Y5 | Y4 | Y3 | Y2 | Y1 | YR • Reading – Acts of the Apostles • All sing Abba Father – WORDS PRINTED FOR EACH CLASS • Lighting the Beacon from the Paschal candle • Performance of Liturgical dance • All sing Jubilee Song – WORDS PRINTED FOR EACH CLASS • Children parade around the yard again. Sweet Heart of Jesus playing / sung • Children are invited to go out with their gift or fruit of the spirit and tell 3 visitors all about it. • Classes return into school with Ruah playing. Visitors invited to pray the Stations of Light around the lower playground. • PGL Dearne Valley – Earth Centre pilgrimage. • Trinity Sunday • Oracy for Advocacy – Peoples History Museum, pupil preparation day (Wed 16th June, London) • Corpus Christi (transferred to Sunday) Pupil-led lunchtime Adoration / Light Fever for Corpus Christi, Croi.
Trinity Term Liturgical dance – Dialogue & Encounter	• w/b 7th June 2027	• June: Mission month: Wear the Heart of Christ. Celebrate Solemnity (in lieu of Fri 4th June in Half Term) – Adoration Light fever – bringing our best thinking before Jesus to bring hope to the world.





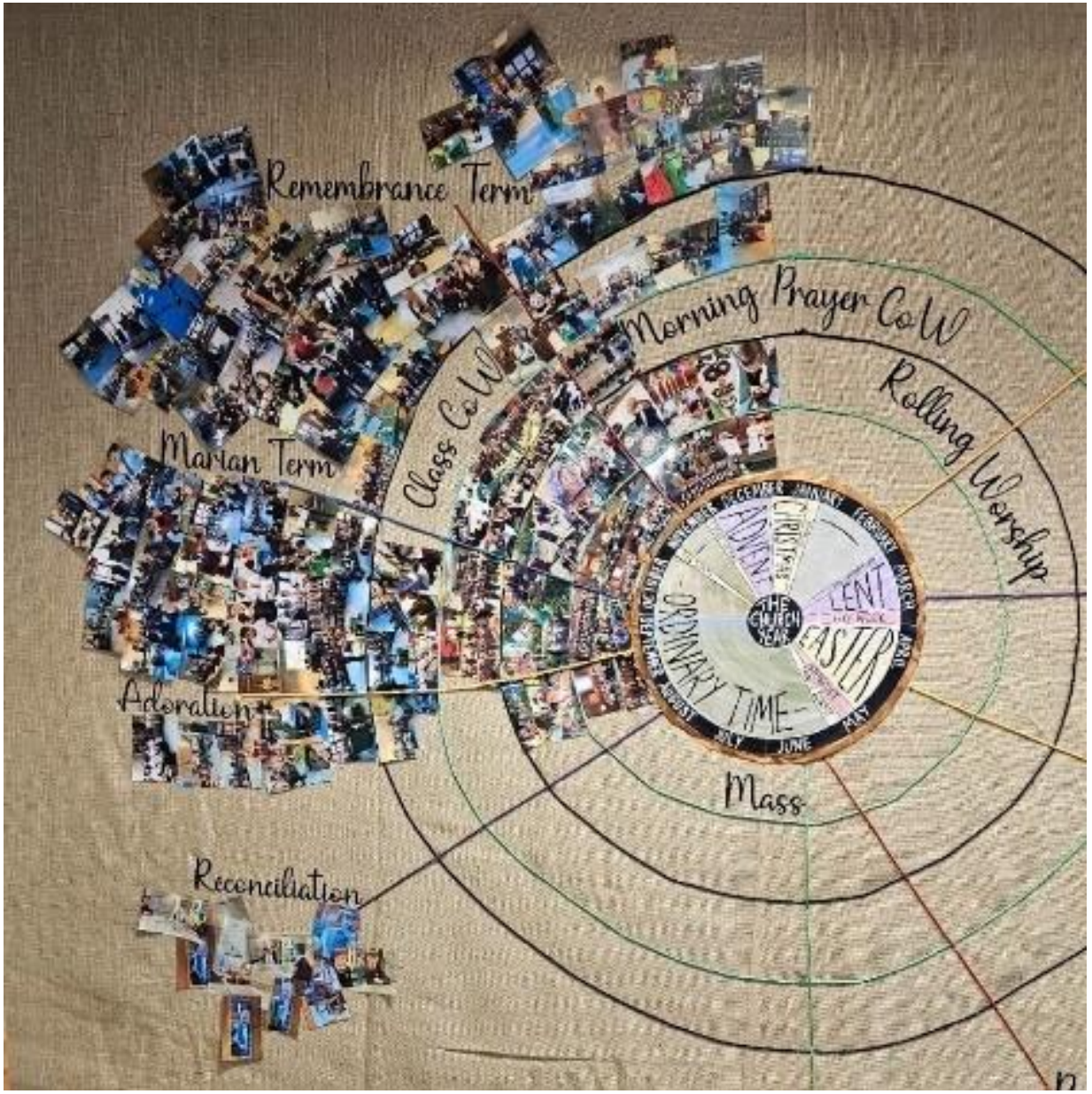


- Wednesday 16th June 2027
- Monday 14th June 2027, 1:30-3:30pm.
- Friday 18th June 2027
- TBC June 2027
- Tuesday 29th June 2027
- Friday 2nd July 2027, 8pm.
- Monday 12th July 2027, 2pm
- Friday 23rd July 2027

- Oracy for Advocacy – Pupils to speak to MPs, linked to an area of CST, Palace of Westminster.
- End of Sacramental Programme Celebration event – school hall.



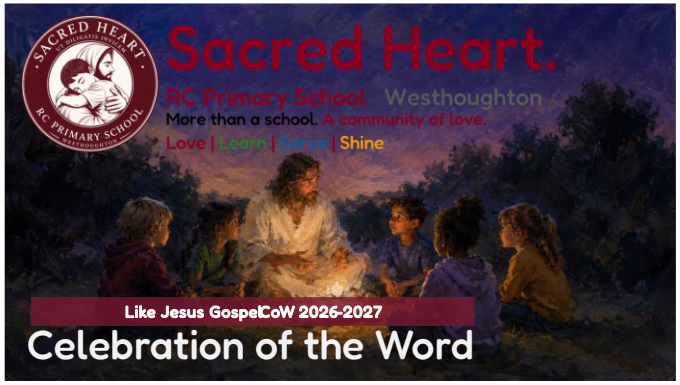
- Fathers' Day cards – celebrating fathers. (Sunday 20th June)
- Y4 Peace & Justice Trail, Manchester.
- Ss Peter & Paul – Holy Day of Obligation – Mass in Halls.
- KS2 Big sleep (8pm-8am) – in aid of Morning Star room sponsorship. **(£823 raised in 2025 & £1,040 in 2026!)**
- Y6 Leavers celebration
- Giving thanks for learning & rest. Summer Celebration of the Word.



Annual Plan of Provision 2026-2027

Like Jesus, Friday morning worship & Ruah singing praise Celebrations of the Word: Hymnody – Entry/Exit songs by term. (All themes linked to Gospel reading from Sunday before – based on Cafod Gospel CoW, using some resources from [The Mark 10 Mission])

Like Jesus Gospel CoW: Hymnody

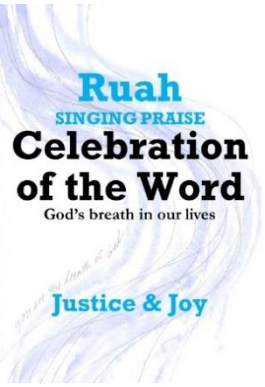


TERM	HYMNS https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/worship-songs
Marian Term	• 1. Here I am to Worship • Alleluia – School Singing Programme • 2. Take a moment to remember
Remembrance Term	• 1 What a beautiful name | Here I am Lord • Alleluia - Celtic • 2. Praise • 3 Christ be our Light | My Lighthouse
Candlemas Term	• 1 Blessed be Your name • Alleluia – introduce Mass of Unity Alleluia – One Hope Project • 2 Follow me | Shine Jesus Shine • 3. John Burland – Singing Jubilee • 4. Official Jubilee Hymn – Pilgrims of Hope (CJM)
Lenten Term	• 1 Be still for the presence of the Lord • 2 Waymaker | Servant King
Pentecost (Easter) Term	• 1 Lord I lift your name on high • 2 I sign your cross over me
Trinity Term	• 1 How great is our God – (The splendour of the king) • 2 Sweet Heart of Jesus (CJM)

Ruah Singing Praise CoW: Hymnody

Salford Cathedral Music resource - [Salford Cathedral Music - YouTube]

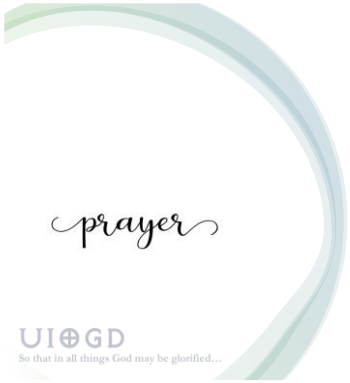




TERM	HYMNS
Entrance music:	• Ruah – Glorious Louange • Be still for the presence • Taste & See (Boyce) • Bread of Life (Boyce) • Come to the Table • Gather together • Gather us in (Here in this place) • Do not be afraid • Shine Jesus Shine
Marian Term	• School Song (Sep) • Stand up, clap hands (Sep) • Laudato Si' • If the Earth had a voice – Laudato Si' • Whole World in His Hands • New Commandment (Sep – Branch 1) • Go down Moses (Sep – Branch 1) • Moses I know you're the Man (Sep – Branch 1) • Who built the Ark (Sep – Branch 1) • What can we offer you (parish hymn)

	• Gentle Woman (Oct) • This little light of mine (Oct) • Make me a channel of your peace (Oct)
Remembrance Term	• Servant King (Nov) • The Angel Gabriel (Nov – Branch 2) • Longing for Light (Dec) • Come to us O Emmanuel (Dec) • My soul in stillness waits (Dec) • Carols: o Advent – O Come O Come Emmanuel; How lovely on the Mountains; The Angel Gabriel o Christmas – Away in a Manger; Silent Night; O Little Town; Once in Royal David's City; Hark the Herald Angels; O Come all ye faithful; Ding Dong Merrily on High.
Candlemas Term	• Singing Jubilee • Epiphany - We three Kings; As with gladness • Come let us return (Feb) • Return to God (Feb) • Look around you (Feb) • Follow me (Jan)
Lenten Term	• Servant King (Mar) • Unless a grain of wheat (Mar) • We have king who rides a donkey (Mar) • Lord of the Dance (Mar/Apr) • This is my body (Mar/Apr) • When I survey • This is the day of new beginnings (Apr)
Pentecost (Easter) Term	• Easter – Thine be the Glory; Bring all ye dear bought; Christ the Lord is risen today; Jesus Christ is Risen today; Now the green blade riseth. • Pentecost – Come Holy Ghost • Gentle Woman (May) • I will be with you (May) • Listen (May)
Trinity Term	• Sweet Heart of Jesus (June)

Friday Morning Prayer CoW: Hymnody





Friday Morning Prayer
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TERM	HYMNS (Entrance music)
Marian Term	• Let every heart (Prepare Him room)
Remembrance Term	• Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)
Candlemas Term	• Follow Me, follow Me
Lenten Term	• Be still for the presence of the Lord
Pentecost (Easter) Term	• Christ is Risen
Trinity Term	• Sweet Heart of Jesus

Governance: Opening/Closing Prayers for Governing Board meetings

Taken from Governing with Hope
https://educarem.org.uk/governing-with-hope/#this-year

Six Themes for Catholic Governance 2026–2027: These six themes support governors in reflecting on the Catholic mission of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Primary School and applying Catholic teaching to strategic leadership, decision-making and school improvement.

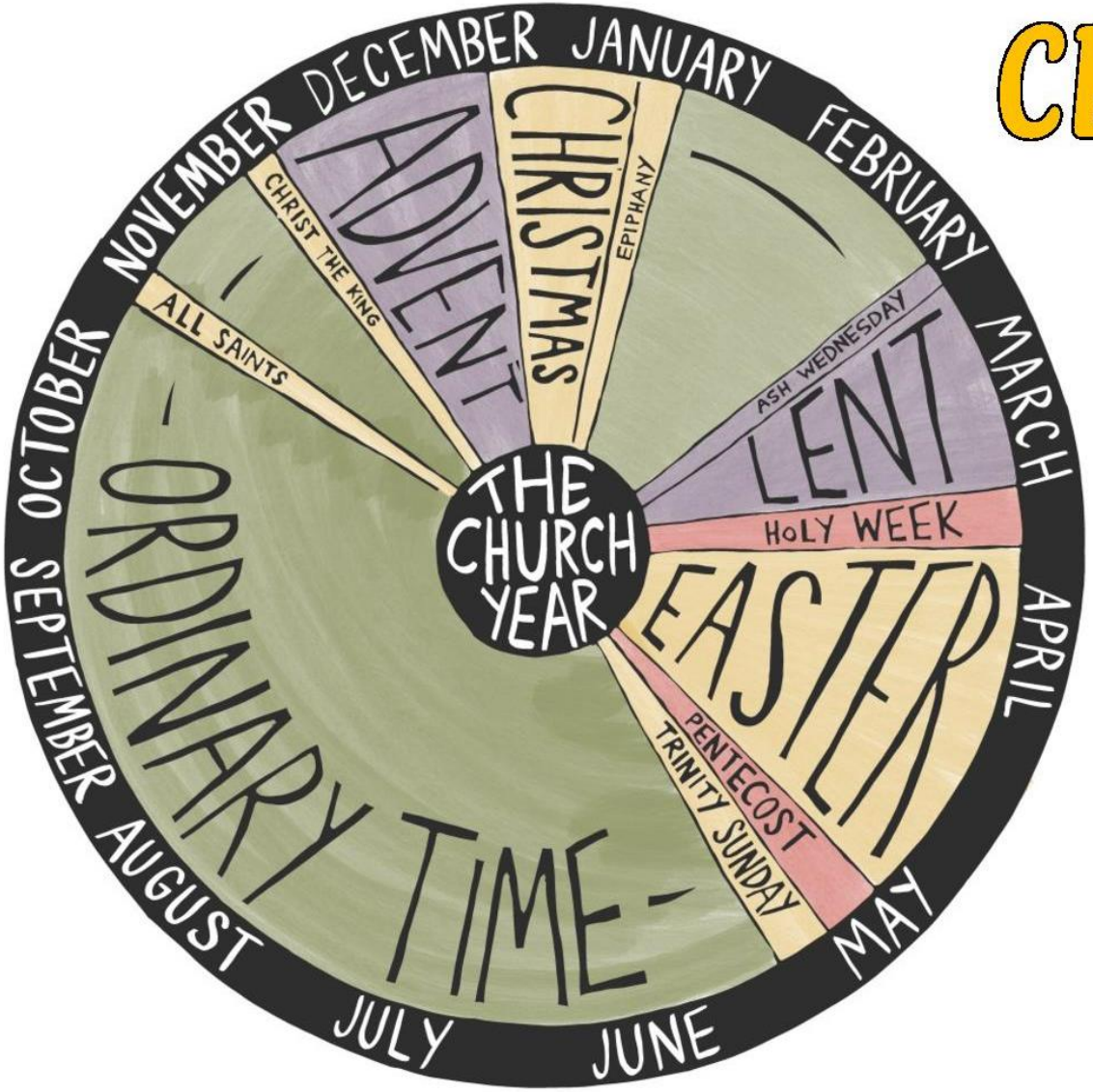
THEME	CHURCH INSPIRATION	GOVERNANCE FOCUS
1. Drawing New Maps of Hope	Pope Leo XIV	Catholic education, formation of the whole person and governing with hope.
2. Love for the Poor	Dilexi te	Inclusion, disadvantage, removing barriers and prioritising those most in need.
3. Families and the School	Amoris laetitia	Listening to parents, strengthening relationships and partnership with families.
4. Belonging and Fraternity	Fratelli tutti	Building an inclusive community through dialogue, peace, dignity and belonging.
5. Care for Our Common Home	Laudato si'	Stewardship of creation, sustainability and responsible use of resources.
6. Listening to Young People	Christus vivit	Pupil voice, accompaniment, participation and responding to children's hopes.

Using the themes: Governors are encouraged to explore these reflections throughout the school year, revisiting them when relevant to strategic decisions, policy development and evaluation of the school's Catholic mission.



Annual Plan of Provision 2026-2027

Diocese of Salford School Ordo 2026-2027 with scripture references, Liturgical colours and themes:



CELEBRATING THE YEAR

Feasts, Special Days, Civic Celebrations and Important Days in Other Religions

A Guide for Schools

INTRODUCTION

Finding something prayerful to do every day can be a bit of a challenge! Whether it is Mass, an Assembly, or simple class prayers or quiet time, it is good that the rhythm of school life is punctuated by moments of prayer and worship. This calendar is offered as a resource to help in this.

On each page you will find every day of the year, with the feasts and memorials of the Catholic liturgical year – observing these, even with a brief mention and a small time of reflection, can put us "in touch" with the worship of the whole Church throughout the world, since most of these days will be celebrated everywhere. Also on that page are important days in other religions: we do not "celebrate" these, but it is important to be aware of them, especially since our schools now welcome children from different faiths. Finally there are secular "days", both global ones promoted by the United Nations, UNESCO and the World Health Organisation, and civic observances from the UK. It is very easy to link these to aspects of our Catholic faith in moments of prayer.

Each week has been given a "theme", some of which correspond to the liturgical year (as for example Advent or the last weeks of Ordinary Time), and others of which are more random. For each week part of the Sunday Gospel is printed, together with another Scripture passage which corresponds to the "theme"; the Bible passages use the "English Standard Version" translation (as in Church) – other translations can be found on www.biblegateway.com You can also find the daily Mass readings on www.universalis.com. These can be used in a variety of ways: at Mass; with a single line or phrase for daily reflection; one or more scripture passages in a Celebration of the Word of God. Note that in the celebration of Mass you should ALWAYS look at the readings of the day (see Universalis), especially if it is the feast day of a saint.

In the celebration of Mass there should be a first reading from the Old or New Testament (but not the Gospels), a Responsorial Psalm, a Gospel Acclamation (normally just "Alleluia!") and a Gospel Reading which the priest or deacon would proclaim. This pattern may also be followed in Celebrations of the Word of God. In other services or prayer times a single Scripture passage may suffice, though if using the Gospel a sung acclamation (Alleluia) is recommended.

At the bottom right is the response from the Responsorial Psalm for each weekday – this can be useful as a "motto" for the day, displayed on a screen or board, or as an entrance into a short time of prayer, reflection or discussion.

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TWENTY SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

THEME FOR THE WEEK: BEGINNINGS

In our prayers: The Harvest, the Fruits of Human of Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Justice and Peace in the world; Prisoners and their Families; All Victims of War; Young People.

FROM SUNDAY'S GOSPEL (Matthew 16:21-27) *Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.'*

Date	Saints, Feasts, Religious Holidays or Civic Observances		Notes	Reflect
SUNDAY 30th August	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	✠	Matthew 16:21-27: 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself.'	
MONDAY 31st August	Saint Aidan, Bishop and All Saints of Lindisfarne	✠	Born in Ireland, Aidan died at Bamburgh (Northumberland) in 651. A monk of Iona, he was sent to Northumbria when King Oswald asked for help in converting his kingdom, and established his monastery on the island of Lindisfarne. With him are remembered all those holy abbots and bishops, teachers and missionaries who made Lindisfarne a cradle of English Christianity.	Talk about beginning our year with faith and prayer.
TUESDAY 1st September	Saint Edmund Arrowsmith, Priest and Martyr	✠	Born in 1585 at Haydock, Edmund was ordained at Douai and began his work in Lancashire Mission, including Salmesbury and Walton-le-Dale in our Diocese; he was amazingly zealous in his work, despite one arrest; eventually arrested in 1628, he was imprisoned and martyred at Lancaster.	Talk about our Diocese of Salford and how saints can be local!
	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation		https://seasonofcreation.org/	
WEDNESDAY 2nd September				
THURSDAY 3rd September	Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	✠	Gregory was a civic leader in Rome in the 6th century, who eventually became Pope. We remember him because he sent Saint Augustine on the mission to bring Christianity back to England. He wrote many sermons, and is credited with writing the first Latin chants (or songs) for Mass.	Talk about the work of missionaries telling others about Jesus.
FRIDAY 4th September	Saint Cuthbert, Bishop	✠	An Anglo-Saxon, who grew us as a shepherd-boy, but became a monk and a bishop who helped bring unity to the Church in England in the 7th century; he eventually went to live in solitude on the island of Lindisfarne.	Talk about finding quiet places to be with the Lord.
SATURDAY 5th September	Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Religious	✠	Teresa was an Albanian nun who worked amongst the "poorest of the poor" in India, devoting herself and her nuns (the Missionaries of Charity) to sharing in poverty while doing everything she could for the poor. She died in 1997.	Talk about how "every little helps" when we are serving the poor
	UN International Day of Charity		https://www.un.org/en/observances/charity-day	

Prayer of Blessing for the Beginning of the School Year

All praise to you, heavenly Father, Lord of all Creation! Bless our school, our students, teachers, our parents, employees and all who support education in our community. May our youth grow in wisdom, maturity and grace before you and all your people. May this school always be a home of truth and charity, of faith and goodwill towards all. Through the prayers of [patron saint] may this school help our community and build your kingdom of justice, peace and joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Care of Creation

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for your love in all creation, and especially for your gift of water to sustain and cleanse all life. Christ is the living water, cleansing, refreshing, and making all things new. So now we offer our thanks for the waters that bring beauty to all that we enjoy, the wild places, the bush, the mountains, coast and the sea. We give thanks and praise for all good lands, for the trees and pastures, for our plentiful crops, and for the living water that quenches them.

A SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: Numbers 6:22-27 – A Blessing for the Year

The Lord commanded Moses to tell Aaron and his sons to use the following words in blessing the people of Israel: "May the Lord bless you and take care of you; May the Lord be kind and gracious to you; May the Lord look on you with favour and give you peace. And the Lord said, "If they pronounce my name as a blessing upon the people of Israel, I will bless them."

A PSALM RESPONSE FOR EACH DAY

Monday: O Lord, how I love your law!
Tuesday: The Lord is just in all his ways.
Wednesday: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.
Thursday: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.
Friday: The salvation of the upright comes from the Lord.

A PRAYER

May God bless our learning and playing, our friendships and fun, our hard work and effort, so that with the help of the Holy Spirit, we may all make this a happy and wonderful year at school.

TWENTY THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

THEME FOR THE WEEK: PRAY TOGETHER

In our prayers: The Harvest, the Fruits of Human of Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Justice and Peace in the world; Prisoners and their Families; All Victims of War; Young People.

FROM SUNDAY'S GOSPEL (Matthew 18:15-20) *Jesus said to his disciples, 'Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'*

Date	Saints, Feasts, Religious Holidays or Civic Observances		Notes	Reflect
SUNDAY 6th September	TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	✠	Matthew 18:15-20: 'If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.'	
MONDAY 7th September				
TUESDAY 8th September	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	✠	Though we don't actually know the date of Mary's Birthday, it has been celebrated today for centuries. We are glad to celebrate her, because she gave birth to Jesus, the Son of God.	Sing "Happy Birthday" to Mary!
	International Literacy Day [UNESCO]		https://www.unesco.org/en/days/literacy	
	Accession of H.M. King Charles III			
WEDNESDAY 9th September	Saint Peter Claver, Priest	✠	A Spanish Jesuit priest who went to Columbia where he spent his life looking after the slaves arriving from Africa until his death in 1654.	Talk about the evils of slavery and helping people others dismiss.
	Emergency Services Day (999 Day) [UK]		https://www.999day.org.uk/	
THURSDAY 10th September	Saint Ambrose Barlow, Priest and Martyr	✠	Ambrose was born in Chorlton-cum-Hardy, in the south of our Diocese, at a time when Catholics were being persecuted: he became a Benedictine monk, and returned to Manchester as a priest. He walked throughout our Diocese, celebrating Mass and always at danger of being arrested. Eventually he was captured, and put to death at Lancaster.	Talk about the legacy of our Catholic ancestors in Lancashire.
FRIDAY 11th September	Nayrouz (Coptic New Year)	☥	This day is both the start of the Coptic (Egyptian) new year and its first month, Thout. It is also commemorated by Ethiopian Christians. Children wear new clothes and give bouquets of flowers to people.	
SATURDAY 12th September	The Most Holy Name of Mary	✠	Today we honour Mary, the mother of Jesus: because of her part in the coming of Jesus and the gift of Salvation, even her name is holy and is to be spoken with respect and love.	Talk about honouring the names of God, Jesus and Mary in our speech.
	Judaism: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5787)	✡	Rosh Hashanah is Jewish New Year: the ram's horn blown in the synagogue recalls Abraham's sacrifice of a ram instead of his son, Isaac. Apples dipped in honey are eaten in the hope of a 'sweet' new year.	



The House of the Skull

Thursday is the feast of Saint Ambrose Barlow, our very own Diocesan Saint. He was born in South Manchester and died as a martyr after working in Greater Manchester and Lancashire. By a complicated series of events his skull was saved, and found a resting place at Wardley Hall, which since the early 20th century has been (and still is) the residence of our own bishop! Half way up the stairs of the hall is a little niche, where Saint Ambrose's skull is open to view—quite something when going upstairs to bed! But this is not spooky or scary because of our faith: Ambrose's soul is rejoicing in heaven, and his relics here on earth remind us of his life of prayer, faith and service. **School visits can be arranged to visit Wardley Hall and the Laudato Si' project.**

A SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: 1 Timothy 2:1-2: Pray for Everyone

First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, requests, and thanksgivings be offered to God for all people; for kings and all others who are in authority, that we may live a quiet and peaceful life with all reverence toward God and with proper conduct.

A PSALM RESPONSE FOR EACH DAY

Monday: Lead me, Lord, in your justice.
Tuesday: I will rejoice greatly in the Lord!
Wednesday: Listen, O daughter; pay heed and give ear.
Thursday: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Friday: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.

A PRAYER

Lord God, you give us all the good things of this earth; help us to use them wisely and well, avoiding greed, and working to share the good things of the earth with the hungry and needy.

TWENTY FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

THEME FOR THE WEEK: FORGIVE EACH OTHER

In our prayers: The Harvest, the Fruits of Human of Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Justice and Peace in the world; Prisoners and their Families; All Victims of War; Young People.

FROM SUNDAY'S GOSPEL (Matthew 18:21-35) 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.

Date	Saints, Feasts, Religious Holidays or Civic Observances		Notes	Reflect
SUNDAY 13th September	TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	✠	Matthew 18:21-35: 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.'	
	EDUCATION DAY (England & Wales)		Education Sunday is marked this year on 13 September - just after the new academic year starts. The theme for 2026 is drawn from its Gospel reading of Matthew 18:21-35: I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.	https://www.cbcew.org.uk/education-sunday/
MONDAY 14th September	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	✠	On this day we think of the cross of Jesus not as a sad thing, but as a sign of victory and triumph. Because Jesus was willing to sacrifice everything for us, he opened a new way of life and the gateway to heaven for all people.	Make sure you have a cross in your classroom – make one if necessary!
	The Birthday of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV			
	Ganesh Chaturthi	ॐ	Ganesh Chaturthi is a festival that celebrates the birthday of Lord Ganesha, the Hindu god of wisdom and success.	
TUESDAY 15th September	Our Lady of Sorrows	✠	Today we remember how Mary stood at the foot of the cross as Jesus died there, and how she held his body in her arms.	Pray for mothers who suffer.
	International Day of Democracy		https://www.un.org/en/observances/democracy-day	
WEDNESDAY 16th September	Saint Cornelius, Pope and Saint Cyprian, Bishop. Martyrs	✠	Cornelius was the Pope and Cyprian was a priest: together in the 3rd century they preached forgiveness for people who had abandoned the Church in time of persecution. They were both victims of Roman persecution themselves.	Talk about forgiveness and second chances.
THURSDAY 17th September	Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	✠	Hildegard was a holy nun who lived in Germany in the 12th century. She is remembered for her writings and her musical compositions (some of the earliest we possess!)	Find some of Hildegard's music online.
FRIDAY 18th September				
SATURDAY 19th September	Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr	✠	An Italian bishop who was killed by the Romans for being a Christian in 305. Every year on this day a relic of his blood in Naples is said to turn liquid again.	Talk about miracles!

The Shortest Grace before and after Meals!

While each school may have their own prayers before and after lunch, the most common "grace before meals" is: "Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are to receive from thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen." However, a much shorter version comes from Cambridge University: before meals it is **"BENEDICTUS BENEDICAT"** which is Latin for "May the Blessed One (God) bless [this food]", and after meals **"BENEDICTO BENEDICATUR"**, which is "Let praise be given to the Blessed One!" Why not try them out?!

A SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: Ephesians 4:31-32—Forgive each other

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

A PSALM RESPONSE FOR EACH DAY

Monday: Never forget the deeds of the Lord!
Tuesday: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.
Wednesday: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.
Thursday: Give praise to the Lord, for he is good.
Friday: When I awake I shall be filled with the vision of your presence, O Lord.

A PRAYER

May we look at the cross of Jesus, and see the sign of God's love for us; may we look at Jesus, and feel how much he loved us, that he would go through the suffering of the cross for our sake!

TWENTY FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

THEME FOR THE WEEK: GOD'S GENEROSITY

In our prayers: The Harvest, the Fruits of Human of Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Justice and Peace in the world; Prisoners and their Families; All Victims of War; Young People.

FROM SUNDAY'S GOSPEL (Matthew 20:1-16) Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?" So the last will be first, and the first last.'

Date	Saints, Feasts, Religious Holidays or Civic Observances		Notes	Reflect
SUNDAY 20th September	TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	✠	Matthew 20:1-16: 'Do you begrudge my generosity?'	
	World Cleanup Day		https://www.worldcleanupday.org/	
	Evangelii Gaudium Day (Home Mission Sunday)		Evangelii Gaudium Sunday is celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in September. We proclaim the unique message of the Gospel that brings joy to all people who receive it with an open heart.	https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday/
MONDAY 21st September	Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	✠	Saint Matthew for a tax-collector who was called by Jesus to follow him. He did and wrote the Gospel that bears his name.	Talk about how giving people a chance can result in amazing things.
	Judaism: Yom Kippur	✡	Yom Kippur is the holiest day of the Jewish year. It is marked by a total fast 25 hours long. Jews spend the eve and most of the day in prayer, asking for forgiveness for past wrongs and resolving to improve in the future. The Book of Jonah is read.	
	International Day of Peace		https://internationaldayofpeace.org/	
TUESDAY 22nd September				
WEDNESDAY 23rd September	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	✠	Padre Pio was an Italian monk who lived in the 20th century; he was seen as a miracle worker and spent hours hearing peoples' confessions. He gave money sent to him to build a hospital for the poor.	Think about how holiness is expressed in practical ways.
THURSDAY 24th September	Our Lady of Walsingham	✠	The feast of our National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham in Norfolk, a place of pilgrimage for hundreds of years, since someone saw a vision of Mary in the 12th century.	Look up Walsingham online.
FRIDAY 25th September	Judaism: Succoth	✡	Succot is a harvest festival recalling the 40 years the Jews spent in the wilderness on the way from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. A temporary hut is used for eating meals and for visits and socialising.	
SATURDAY 26th September	Saint Cosmas and Saint Damian, Martyrs	✠	Both lived in Syria and were doctors and were killed for being Christians about the year 300. One of the reasons they were known as Christians was because they helped the poor without asking for money.	Talk about how doctors and nurses work hard to care for us.

A SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: 2 Corinthians 9:10-11—God's Generosity

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

A PSALM RESPONSE FOR EACH DAY

Monday: Their sound goes forth through all the earth.
Tuesday: Guide me, Lord, in the path of your commands.
Wednesday: Your word is a lamp for my feet, O Lord.
Thursday: The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name
Friday: Blest be the Lord, my rock.

A PRAYER

Lord God, you love us so much, and have give us Jesus, the greatest treasure in the world! Help us to value this gift, and keep Him close to us always.

TWENTY SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

THEME FOR THE WEEK: MEAN WHAT YOU SAY!

In our prayers: The Harvest, the Fruits of Human of Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Justice and Peace in the world; Prisoners and their Families; All Victims of War; Young People.

FROM SUNDAY'S GOSPEL (Matthew 21:28-32) *Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." And he answered, "I will not", but afterwards he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, "I go, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?'*

Date	Saints, Feasts, Religious Holidays or Civic Observances		Notes	Reflect
SUNDAY 27th September	TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	✠	Matthew 21:28-32: 'He changed his mind and went. The tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.'	
	World Day of Migrants and Refugees		https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-04/world-day-migrants-refugees-title-children-2026-pope-leo-message.html	
	Harvest Sunday		In the Catholic Church in England and Wales, there is no single, mandatory national date for Harvest Sunday on the official liturgical calendar. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) and its Liturgy Office allocate the entire month of September and early October to celebrate the harvest and creation.	
MONDAY 28th September	Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr	✠	A Christian who became King of Bohemia in the 10th century, who welcomed the Christian faith back into his country. He was killed by his jealous brother.	Sing "Good King Wenceslas"!
TUESDAY 29th September	Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels	✠	Angels are the spirits who help God: the archangels are the most important: Michael fought against the devil, Raphael brought God's healing, and Gabriel was the messenger sent to Joseph and Mary.	Talk about how God touches our world.
	UN International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste		https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-food-waste-day	
WEDNESDAY 30th September	Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church	✠	He lived in Rome in the 4th century but moved to Bethlehem where he lived in a cave and translated the whole bible into Latin so that people could understand it.	Talk about reading the Bible in our language.
THURSDAY 1st October	Saint Therese of Lisieux, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	✠	As a young girl, Therese desperately wanted to become a nun, and give her whole life to Jesus. After struggles, she achieved this. She died young, but wrote a journal describing her spiritual journey.	Talk about Christian journalling.
	International Day of Older Persons		https://www.un.org/en/observances/older-persons-day	
	Beginning of Black History Month		https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/ It would be good to celebrate Black saints such as Saint Bakhita, Saint Martin de Porres, Saint Charles Lwanga, Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Saint Benedict of Palermo (Benedict the Moor).	
FRIDAY 2nd October	The Holy Guardian Angels	✠	Angels are God's servants, and we believe that every person has an angel appointed to watch over them.	Find some prayers "To My Guardian Angel".
	CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day		https://cafod.org.uk	
	International Day of Non-Violence		https://www.un.org/en/observances/non-violence-day	
	National Poetry Day		https://poetrysociety.org.uk/education/national-poetry-day/	
SATURDAY 3rd October				

A SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: Matthew 5:34-37—Mean What You Say!

Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

A PSALM RESPONSE FOR EACH DAY

Monday: Turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Tuesday: In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.
Wednesday: Let my prayer come forth to your presence, O Lord.
Thursday: I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Friday: Lead me, O Lord, in the way everlasting.

A PRAYER

Loving Father, we remember how much Jesus loved everyone, and gave his life for the whole world. Help us to be kind, giving generously to our neighbours in need.

TWENTY SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

THEME FOR THE WEEK: BELIEVE IN JESUS

In our prayers: The Harvest, the Fruits of Human of Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Justice and Peace in the world; Prisoners and their Families; All Victims of War, Young People.

FROM SUNDAY'S GOSPEL (Matthew 21:33-43) Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.'

Date	Saints, Feasts, Religious Holidays or Civic Observances		Notes	Reflect
SUNDAY 4th October	TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	✠	Matthew 21:33-43: 'He will let out the vineyard to other tenants.'	
	World Space Week Begins [UN]		https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-space-week	
MONDAY 5th October	Saint Faustina Kowalska, Religious	✠	She was a Polish nun who lived in the 20th century and received vision of the love and forgiveness of Jesus, called "Divine Mercy"	Talk about forgiveness.
	World Teachers' Day [UNESCO]		https://www.unesco.org/en/days/teachers	
TUESDAY 6th October	Saint Bruno, Priest	✠	A German saint who lived in the 11th century; he lived s a monk, and founded a new order called the Carthusians, who live in solitude in separate houses in a monastery.	Talk about finding quiet places to pray.
WEDNESDAY 7th October	Our Lady of the Rosary	✠	Throughout October we are invited to pray the Rosary, a special form of reflective prayer where we think about the lives of Jesus and Mary while reciting Hail Marys.	Use a length of strong to make a DIY Rosary!
THURSDAY 8th October				
FRIDAY 9th October	Saint John Henry Newman, Priest	✠	An English saint from the 19th century; he was an Anglican priest who converted to become a Catholic and was eventually made a Cardinal. He helped others find their way into the Catholic Church.	Talk about the search for meaning and purpose in life.
SATURDAY 10th October	Saint Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs	✠	Bishop of Paris in the 3rd century, who was killed by the Romans in a persecution of Christians. A church was built where he was executed which became the burial place of Kings and Queens of France.	Talk about how martyrs come from every country in the world!
	World Mental Health Day [WHO]		https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-mental-health-day	

A Prayer of Saint John Henry Newman

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about. Amen.

A SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: Acts 16:30-32—Believe in Jesus

Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

A PSALM RESPONSE FOR EACH DAY

Monday: The Lord keeps his covenant ever in mind.
Tuesday: Lead me, O Lord, in the way everlasting.
Wednesday: Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.
Thursday: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited his people.
Friday: The Lord is just in all his ways

A PRAYER

Father all powerful, you sent Jesus your Son to us, to help us believe and trust: especially when things are tough, we ask you to make our faith greater, so that we may trust in your closeness wherever the journey of life takes us.

TWENTY EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

THEME FOR THE WEEK: COME TO THE PARTY!

In our prayers: The Harvest, the Fruits of Human of Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Justice and Peace in the world; Prisoners and their Families; All Victims of War; Young People.

FROM SUNDAY'S GOSPEL (Matthew 22:1-14) **"'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.'**

Date	Saints, Feasts, Religious Holidays or Civic Observances		Notes	Reflect
SUNDAY 11th October	TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	✠	Matthew 22:1-14: 'Invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.'	
	Beginning of Prisons Week		Prisons Week aims to encourage prayer and awareness of the needs of prisoners and their families, victims of offenders, prisons staff and all those who care.	https://www.cbcew.org.uk/prisons-week/
MONDAY 12th October	Saint Wilfrid, Bishop	✠	Another Anglo-Saxon bishop from the 7th century; he was bishop of York, but frequently fell out with people and was removed from his post.	Talk about persevering when facing challenges.
TUESDAY 13th October	Saint Edward the Confessor	✠	The last (real) Anglo-Saxon King of England before the Norman Conquest; a holy man, who people thought would have preferred to be a monk. He was a good and kind King. Talk about the responsibilities of rulers.	
WEDNESDAY 14th October	Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr	✠	A former gravedigger who became Pope in the beginning of the 3rd century – the cemetery he ran still exists in Rome.	Talk about the work of Funeral Directors and gravediggers
THURSDAY 15th October	Saint Teresa of Avila, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	✠	Teresa lived in Spain and became a Carmelite nun – she began to reform the Carmelites, since they had become a bit lazy. She faced massive opposition to this but persevered. She had an amazing love of Jesus.	Talk about reformers helping get things back on track.
FRIDAY 16th October	Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque	✠	A French nun from the 17th century, who had visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which reminds us how much God loves us.	Talk about the ways Jesus shows his love.
	World Food Day [FAO]		Led by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), this year's theme is "Innovate today. Nourish tomorrow." It focuses on using science, technology, and local knowledge to transform agrifood systems and end global hunger.	https://www.fao.org/world-food-day/en
SATURDAY 17th October	Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr	✠	He was a bishop at the beginning of the 2nd century in Syria, who was arrested by the Romans and taken to Rome, where he was put to death by being attacked by wild animals.	Talk about what real bravery is.
	Durga Puja	ॐ	Durga Puja is a major annual Hindu festival celebrating the mother goddess Durga and her victory over the evil demon Mahishasura. Held mostly in September or October, it is a grand socio-cultural celebration marked by artistic street pavilions (pandals), clay idols, prayers, and community feasts	
	UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty		https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-for-eradicating-poverty	

A SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: Isaiah 25:6-8—Come to the Party!

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

A PSALM RESPONSE FOR EACH DAY

Monday: May the name of the Lord be blest for evermore!
Tuesday: Lord, let your mercy come upon me.
Wednesday: Whoever follows you, Lord, will have the light of life.
Thursday: The Lord has made known his salvation.
Friday: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

A PRAYER

Loving Lord Jesus, who were so kind to so many people who needed your help, give us the strength to be your hands today, healing the world, and showing our faith is real and active.

TWENTY NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

THEME FOR THE WEEK: WE BELONG TO GOD

In our prayers: The Harvest, the Fruits of Human of Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Justice and Peace in the world; Prisoners and their Families; All Victims of War; Young People.

FROM SUNDAY'S GOSPEL (Matthew 22:15-21) *Then Jesus said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'*

Date	Saints, Feasts, Religious Holidays or Civic Observances		Notes	Reflect
SUNDAY 18th October	TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	✠	Matthew 22:15-21: 'Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'	
	World Missions Day		World Mission Sunday is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News	https://missio.org.uk/what-is-world-mission-sunday/
	China: Chongyang Festival	☯	The Double Ninth Festival, also known as Chongyang Festival, is held on the ninth day of the ninth lunar month. It is also known as the Senior Citizens' Festival. In ancient China, as people ascended to high places on the Double Ninth Festival, the Chongyang Festival is also known as the Height Ascending Festival.	
MONDAY 19th October	The Canadian Martyrs	✠	A group of mainly French Jesuit priests who travelled to North America in the 17th century to tell people about Jesus. While some accepted their message, some tribes rejected them and they were killed.	Talk about the best way to tell other people about Jesus.
TUESDAY 20th October	Buddhism: Pavarana Day	☸	Pavarana Day is a deeply introspective and spiritual observance within the Theravāda Buddhist tradition, marking the end of the Vassa, or rains retreat — a three-month period during the monsoon season when monastics remain in one place to focus on study, meditation, and communal living. Though quiet and perhaps lesser-known to those outside the Buddhist world, Pavarana Day carries a profound spiritual resonance: it is a ritual of truth, humility, reconciliation, and inner cleansing.	
WEDNESDAY 21st October				
THURSDAY 22nd October	Saint John Paul II, Pope	✠	Born Karol Wojtyla in Poland, he became a priest and suffered greatly under the Communist regime. He was a surprise choice to become Pope, elected in 1978. He set about travelling the world, including a visit to Manchester in 1982!	Talk about the job of the pope.
FRIDAY 23rd October	Saint John of Capistrano, Priest	✠	A 14th century Italian Franciscan who had been a wealthy lawyer before he decided to embrace poverty. A very inspiring preacher, he would draw huge crowds wherever he went.	Talk about inspiring speakers.
SATURDAY 24th October	Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop	✠	A 19th century Spanish priest who was sent to be Bishop of Santiago, Cuba. He worked hard for the people, especially the poor, though this meant others tried to assassinate him fifteen times!	Talk about doing the right thing even in the face of opposition.
	United Nations Day		United Nations Day, on 24 October, marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter. With the ratification of this founding document by the majority of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, the United Nations officially came into being.	

A SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: Romans 14:7-8—We Belong to God

For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

A PSALM RESPONSE FOR EACH DAY

Monday: The Lord made us; we belong to him.
Tuesday: Behold, our God will come and save us.
Wednesday: With joy will you draw water from the springs of salvation.
Thursday: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth.
Friday: Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

A PRAYER

Loving Father, Jesus taught us how to pray, and Mary, his mother, gives us an example of prayer. May we use all the different ways to nourish our prayer lives, so that we may be close to you.

THIRTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

THEME FOR THE WEEK: LOVE IS THE WAY

In our prayers: The Harvest, the Fruits of Human of Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Justice and Peace in the world; Prisoners and their Families; All Victims of War; Young People.

FROM SUNDAY'S GOSPEL (Matthew 22:34-40) **Jesus said, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'**

Date	Saints, Feasts, Religious Holidays or Civic Observances		Notes	Reflect
SUNDAY 25th October	**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**	✠	**Matthew 22:34-40: 'You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.'**	
MONDAY 26th October	**Saint Chad and Saint Cedd, Bishops**	✠	English brothers from the 7th century (Anglo-Saxon period) who became monks on Lindisfarne. Eventually they became bishops, known for their humility and simplicity. Chad was Bishop of Lichfield, which then included our Diocese of Salford.	Talk about the rich legacy of Anglo-Saxon saints.
TUESDAY 27th October				
WEDNESDAY 28th October	**Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles**	✠	Two of the 12 Apostles chosen by Jesus: we know next to nothing about them except their names. It is believed that they took the message of Jesus to new people before their deaths.	Talk about being chosen to carry out a special mission.
THURSDAY 29th October	**RSPB Feed the Birds Day**		This special holiday, championed by The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, highlights the critical need to provide food and water for garden birds, especially as colder months limit natural food sources.	https://community.rspb.org.uk/
FRIDAY 30th October				
SATURDAY 31st October	*[All Hallow's Eve]*			

Months of Devotion

It's a long-standing Catholic tradition to dedicate every month of the year to a different devotional focus. This is the complete list:

January: The Holy Name of Jesus
February: The Holy Family
March: Saint Joseph
April: The Holy Eucharist (Blessed Sacrament).
May: The Blessed Virgin Mary
June: The Sacred Heart of Jesus
July: The Precious Blood of Jesus
August: The Immaculate Heart of Mary
September: The Seven Sorrows of Mary
October: The Holy Rosary
November: The Holy Souls
December: The Immaculate Conception

A Note on Halloween.

While once upon a time this may have been a fun bit of dressing up, in modern times there has developed a sense of "celebrating evil", which is of course utterly contrary to our Christian faith. For this reason it is inadvisable for schools to have Halloween parties. Perhaps as an alternative look into the (very Catholic) Central American celebration of the "Days of the Dead".

A SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: 1 John 4:10-11—Love is the Way

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

A PSALM RESPONSE FOR EACH DAY

Monday: Let us be imitators of God, as beloved children.
Tuesday: Blessed are all who fear the Lord.
Wednesday: Their sound goes forth through all the earth.
Thursday: Blest be the Lord, my rock.
Friday: Great are the works of the Lord.

A PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you are gentle and humble of heart: you gave your life so that we could be free. Help us to be like you, not full of pride, but putting others first and always trusting in your loving mercy.

THIRTY FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

THEME FOR THE WEEK: CALLED TO HEAVEN

In our prayers: The Harvest, the Fruits of Human of Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Justice and Peace in the world; Prisoners and their Families; All Victims of War; Young People.

FROM SUNDAY'S GOSPEL (Matthew 5:1-12a) *'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven .'*

Date	Saints, Feasts, Religious Holidays or Civic Observances		Notes	Reflect
SUNDAY 1st November	**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**	✠	**Matthew 5:1-12a: Blessed are the poor in spirit.'** *This day celebrates all the saints in heaven, not just the ones whose names we know, but all the good and holy people (perhaps from our own families) who have gone before us.*	
MONDAY 2nd November	**Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)**	✠	*A day when we pray for everyone who has died, remembering that Jesus promised eternal life. We can help those who have died on their journey to heaven, and they can pray for us.*	*Talk about bereavement and those who have gone before us.*
TUESDAY 3rd November	**Saint Martin de Porres**	✠	*The patron saint of racial justice. He was born in Peru and was mixed race; after a lot of opposition, he became a monk, where he did menial tasks happily and looked after the poor.*	*Talk about racial justice.*
WEDNESDAY 4th November	**Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop**	✠	*An Italian bishop and cardinal from the 16th century, who helped bring about reforms to the Catholic church, and was a good and kind Bishop in the city of Milan.*	*Talk about the job of a bishop.*
THURSDAY 5th November	**Guy Fawkes Day/Bonfire Night**	🇬🇧	*Bonfire night remembers the Gunpowder plot, when a group of Catholic extremists (including Guy Fawkes) attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament. It is a relic of a sad time of religious division in our country!*	
FRIDAY 6th November				
SATURDAY 7th November	**Saint Willibrord, Bishop**	✠	*Yet another Anglo-Saxon saint! He was born in Yorkshire but became a missionary in what we now call Germany and the Netherlands, establishing churches and monasteries.*	*Talk about how the Gospel is for every country.*

Prayers for Those Who Have Died

Lord Jesus, have mercy on all who have died. Bring them into the fullness of your joy and let them live with you in heaven. Lord Jesus, hear our prayer, for you died and rose again, and are our Saviour and our Lord, living and reigning for ever and ever. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them: may they rest in peace. Amen.

Decorating for November

While November is still Ordinary Time, and the dominant colour is still green, there is also a shift in emphasis. November begins with All Saints and All Souls, Remembrance Sunday follows quickly, and the whole month is dedicated to the Holy Souls. It would therefore be suitable to allow a splash of purple (the colour used at funerals), or perhaps to create an "altar of remembrance" - a purple cloth, a cross, a candle, poppies, and perhaps either a book or a basket with cards for pupils to write the names of deceased family and friends for whom they wish to pray. Alternatively look at the "ofrenda" for the Dia de los Muertos in Mexico—an altar decorated with marigolds, photographs and "sugar skulls" or "calaveras".

A SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 - Called to Heaven

For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

A PSALM RESPONSE FOR EACH DAY

Monday: *I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.*
Tuesday: *You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*
Wednesday: *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*
Thursday: *Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.*
Friday: *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

A PRAYER

Loving Father, the saints are our friends in heaven. May they pray for us, to help us on our journey, so that we too may be saints!

THIRTY SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

THEME FOR THE WEEK: READY FOR JESUS

In our prayers: The Harvest, the Fruits of Human of Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Justice and Peace in the world; Prisoners and their Families; All Victims of War; Young People.

FROM SUNDAY'S GOSPEL (Matthew 25:1-13) *The bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the others came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'*

Date	Saints, Feasts, Religious Holidays or Civic Observances		Notes	Reflect
SUNDAY 8th November	THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	✠	Matthew 25:1-13: 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'	
	Remembrance Sunday		Thias is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. We remember the Armed Forces, and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those who have lost their lives as a result of conflict.	
	Diwali	ॐ	Diwali is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. The festival gets its name from the row (avali) of clay lamps (deepa) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness.	
MONDAY 9th November	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	✠	Saint John Lateran in Rome is the Pope's Cathedral as Bishop of Rome – a huge church first built in the 4th century. it contains the Pope's "cathedra" a special throne or chair that symbolises his authority. Our Bishop John has a "cathedra" In Salford Cathedral.	Do some research on our Cathedral in Salford.
	Interfaith Week		Beginning on Remembrance Sunday and running until the following Sunday each year, Inter Faith week seeks to strengthen good inter-faith relations, increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, and increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs. Visit https://www.interfaithweek.org/	
	Beginning of International Week of Science and Peace [UN]		https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-science-day/week	
TUESDAY 10th November	Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	✠	Pope during the 5th century: one of only two Popes called "Great". He wrote wonderful sermons and hymns, and when Rome was being attacked bravely rode out on a donkey to make peace!	Talk about using our skills for good purposes.
WEDNESDAY 11th November	Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop	✠	A Roman soldier in the 4th century who converted to Christianity and became a bishop in what is now France. He was good and kind to everyone.	Talk about practical charity.
	Armistice Day		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armistice_Day	
THURSDAY 12th November	Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr	✠	Josaphat was a bishop in Ukraine, who worked hard for the Catholic Faith, but also to bring harmony and peace between different Christians. He was killed in an anti-Catholic riot.	Talk about Christian Unity.
FRIDAY 13th November				
SATURDAY 14th November	Birthday of H.M. King Charles III			
	World Kindness Day		https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/world-kindness-day	

A SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: Luke 12:35-37—Ready for Jesus

"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes."

A PSALM RESPONSE FOR EACH DAY

Monday: The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the abode of the Most High.
Tuesday: The salvation of the upright comes from the Lord.
Wednesday: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Thursday: Blessed is he who is helped by Jacob's God.
Friday: Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord.

A PRAYER

Ever-living God we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIRTY THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

THEME FOR THE WEEK: USE YOUR GIFTS

In our prayers: The Harvest, the Fruits of Human of Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Justice and Peace in the world; Prisoners and their Families; All Victims of War; Young People.

FROM SUNDAY'S GOSPEL (Matthew 25:14-30) ***He who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His Master said to him "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master."***

Date	Saints, Feasts, Religious Holidays or Civic Observances		Notes	Reflect
SUNDAY 15th November	THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	✠	Matthew 25:14-30: 'You have been faithful over a little, enter into the joy of your master.'	
	WORLD DAY OF THE POOR		Established by Pope Francis in 2016, the Vatican event features a special papal mass at St. Peter's Basilica followed by traditional outreach, such as a large celebratory charity lunch hosted with people in need.	https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-06/pope-leo-xiv-message-world-day-of-poor.html
	Shinto: Shichi-Go-San	⛩	Shichi-Go-San (Seven-Five-Three) is a traditional Japanese festival and rite of passage held annually around November 15. It celebrates the health and growth of three- and seven-year-old girls, and five-year-old (and sometimes three-year-old) boys, who dress in fine garments and visit Shinto shrines for blessings	
MONDAY 16th November	Saint Margaret of Scotland	✠	Queen of Scotland in the 11th century, she was a very holy woman who used her position to help the poor and support the spread of the Gospel. She was a devoted wife and mother.	Talk about how people in power can use their gifts for those in need.
	International Day for Tolerance [UNESCO]		https://www.un.org/en/academic-impact/international-day-tolerance-16-november	
TUESDAY 17th November	Saint Hilda, Religious	✠	An Anglo-Saxon princess who became a nun and ran a monastery in Whitby; she helped end an argument in the Church in England about the rules everyone should follow.	Talk about making peace.
WEDNESDAY 18th November	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saint Peter and Saint Paul	✠	These are two wonderful churches in Rome built on the places where Saint Peter and Saint Paul were buried. Millions of pilgrims visit these churches every year!	Talk about pilgrimages to holy places.
THURSDAY 19th November				
FRIDAY 20th November	World Children's Day [UN]		https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-childrens-day	
SATURDAY 21st November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	✠	This feast celebrates an old tradition that when Mary was a little girl she was taken to the Temple in Jerusalem and dedicated to God.	Talk about our baptism, when we are "presented" to God.

From Pope Leo's Message for the World Day of the Poor: *"In Christ, therefore, we are called to become poor and to be a refuge for the poor. The Christian community cannot remain indifferent to the many who today stand at the door but remain invisible to those who are shut within their own walls. The Church, by its very nature, is called to be poor and a refuge for the poor. Let us not forget Saint Augustine's commentary on the parable of the rich man and poor Lazarus: "He has kept the name of the rich man to himself and told us the name of the poor man. The name of the rich man was on everyone's lips, but God kept it to himself; the name of the poor man was passed over in silence, but God revealed it to us. ... What would you choose? To be poor like Lazarus or rich like the other man? Do not be deceived! Listen to how it ended and take note of which is the wrong choice" (Sermon 33A, 4).*

A SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: Romans 12:6-8—Use Your Gifts

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness,

A PSALM RESPONSE FOR EACH DAY

Monday: To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life.
Tuesday: Whoever walks without fault; such a one shall never be shaken.
Wednesday: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty.
Thursday: You have made us a kingdom and priests to our God.
Friday: How sweet is your promise to my tongue, O Lord.

A PRAYER

Father in heaven, full of love for each one of us, give us your help and protection today and every day, so that we may live life to the full knowing you care for us.

LAST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

THEME FOR THE WEEK: JESUS THE JUDGE

In our prayers: The Harvest, the Fruits of Human of Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Justice and Peace in the world; Prisoners and their Families; All Victims of War; Young People.

FROM SUNDAY'S GOSPEL (Matthew 25:31-46) *"Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."*

Date	Saints, Feasts, Religious Holidays or Civic Observances		Notes	Reflect
SUNDAY 22nd November	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	✠	Matthew 25:31-46: 'He will sit on his glorious throne and he will separate people one from another.'	
	YOUTH SUNDAY		A day when Catholics throughout the world pray for young people and the ways we can encourage them to play their part in the Mission of the Church.	https://cymfed.org.uk/wys/
MONDAY 23rd November	Saint Clement the First, Pope and Martyr	✠	Pope number three! He probably knew Saint Peter. He is remembered for a letter he wrote, asking Christian to stop fighting among themselves.	Talk about getting on with each other.
TUESDAY 24th November	Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	✠	This day remembers 117 Vietnamese Catholics who were killed in a persecution in the 19th century, some were bishops and priests, but most were lay people.	Talk about how the Church is present in every country.
WEDNESDAY 25th November	Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr	✠	A young woman from Egypt, who became a Christian and then entered a debate with pagan philosophers – she won and converted them! The Emperor didn't like this and ordered her to be killed.	Talk about how we can use our education for good!
THURSDAY 26th November				
FRIDAY 27th November				
SATURDAY 28th November				
	A new Church Year begins on the First Sunday of Advent. This year we will be focusing on the Gospel of Saint Mark (whose symbol is a winged lion) on our Sundays.			

KEEPING ADVENT: *In a culture when Christmas seems to begin in September it can be difficult to have any sense of Advent—this is especially true in schools, where the need for Nativity performances and simply making sure young people are aware of the meaning of Christmas can push Advent to the side! But it is a vital season, that teaches us about longing, expectation and, most importantly, waiting! Sometimes people can get confused about what Advent is all about—it seem to have very little to do with the Birth of Jesus (at least until the very last days). Advent is really about how Jesus comes to us, and how we long for it: this is the longing of Israel for the promised Messiah, the longing of Mary and Joseph after the angel's visits, and the current longing of the Church for Jesus to return. In the Liturgical Year, purple or violet is a colour of longing, renewal and expectation: in Advent and Lent, at funerals or in the Sacrament of Penance, purple should speak to us of that which we long and yearn for: like a deer longs for running streams, so we yearn for the living God to come to us, to heal us, to be with us. To celebrate truly this part of the Year, Advent should be seen, felt and heard. Our schools and our liturgy should be waiting – not quite there yet, just around the corner. Our decoration, our music, our gatherings should somehow create a sense of expectation – on the one level our expectation of Christmas, and the light and joy and glory that will burst forth in our liturgy – but also on another level our longing for Christ to come again. Advent is the unfilled glass – polished and made ready – speaking in its emptiness of what is to fill it. Many symbols can emphasise this – an empty manger scene, an undecorated tree, the unlighted candles on the Advent wreath, even the unopened doors on the Advent Calendar. In school seek to create a longing for Christmas Day, not an anticipation of it. Avoid the temptation of the world to "pack Christmas away" as soon as possible—if you are back in school before Epiphany your Christmas trees and decorations should still be there! And cribs and manger scenes can stay on display all the way to 2nd February!*

A SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: 2 Corinthians 5:9-10 -Jesus the Judge

So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

A PSALM RESPONSE FOR EACH DAY

Monday: Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.
Tuesday: The Lord comes to judge the earth.
Wednesday: Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!
Thursday: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.
Friday: Behold, the dwelling place of God is with his people.

A PRAYER

Loving Father, you sent Jesus your Son, the King of the Universe, to invite us to the banquet of heaven: may we show, by lives full of goodness and kindness, that we want to belong to his Kingdom!

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT (B)

THEME FOR THE WEEK: STAY AWAKE!

In our prayers: Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers.

FROM SUNDAY'S GOSPEL (Mark 13:33-37) *Jesus said to his disciples: 'Therefore stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning — lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'*

Date	Saints, Feasts, Religious Holidays or Civic Observances		Notes	Reflect
SUNDAY 29th November	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)	✠	Mark 13:33-37: 'Stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come.'	
MONDAY 30th November	Saint Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland	✠	The first of the 12 apostles to be called by Jesus, and the brother of Saint Peter. He was a fisherman like his brother, who gave us everything to follow Jesus. He is the patron saint of Scotland.	Talk about people who give up everything for Jesus.
TUESDAY 1st December	World AIDS Day		https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-aids-day	
WEDNESDAY 2nd December	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery		https://www.un.org/en/observances/slavery-abolition-day	
THURSDAY 3rd December	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest	✠	Francis was a friend of St Ignatius Loyola and one of the first members of the 'Company of Jesus' - the Jesuits; he preached in India and Japan and died in China in 1552.	Research the Catholic Church in the Far East.
	International Day of Persons with Disabilities		https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-of-persons-with-disabilities	
FRIDAY 4th December	Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church	✠	John was from Damascus in Syria (hence his name); a monk, philosopher and theologian, he sprang to the defence of Sacred Art in the Iconoclast crisis of the eighth century, which threatened the use of images (icons) in the Church.	Paint or draw a religious picture!
SATURDAY 5th December	International Volunteers Day		https://www.un.org/en/observances/volunteer-day	

AN ADVENT BLESSING

You believe that the Son of God once came to us; you look for him to come again.
May his coming bring you the light of his holiness and free you with his blessing.
Amen.
May God make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in love
all the days of your life. Amen.
You rejoice that our Redeemer came to live with us as a man.
When he comes again in glory may he reward you with eternal life. Amen.



BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Saviour of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: Luke 21:34-36— Stay Awake!

"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

A PSALM RESPONSE FOR EACH DAY

Monday: Their sound goes forth through all the earth.
Tuesday: In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.
Wednesday: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.
Thursday: Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Friday: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

A PRAYER

Lord Jesus, when you first came you helped everyone and taught them your Way. As we wait for you to come again, help us to live in your Way every day of our lives.

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT (B)

THEME FOR THE WEEK: JOHN THE BAPTIST

In our prayers: Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers.

FROM SUNDAY'S GOSPEL (Mark 1:1-8) ***John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And he preached, saying, 'After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'***

Date	Saints, Feasts, Religious Holidays or Civic Observances		Notes	Reflect
SUNDAY 6th December	**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)**	✠	**Mark 1:1-8: 'Make straight the paths of the Lord.'**	
MONDAY 7th December	**Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**	✠	Bishop in Italy in the 4th century. A very clever man who wrote wonderful prayers, sermons and hymns; he persuaded Saint Augustine to change his life!	Talk about helping others find their way to God.
TUESDAY 8th December	**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**	✠	The Immaculate Conception is not when the angel came Mary (that's the Annunciation) but much earlier when Mary was conceived by her parents Joachim and Anne. God gave her a special gift to be free from the "stain of original sin", so that she could be ready to be the mother of Jesus. When we are baptised we share in what Mary received, so that we may do wonderful things for God!	Talk about baptism.
	Buddhism: Bodhi Day	☸	Each year on December 8th, Buddhists celebrate the day that Siddhartha Gautama achieved enlightenment through meditation. The word Bodhi means awakening or enlightenment. Siddhartha Gautama, the founder of Buddhism, is popularly known as the Buddha.	
WEDNESDAY 9th December	**Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin**	✠	An Aztec shepherd who lived in Central America in the 16th century, who received a vision of Our Lady and built a church in her honour.	Talk about how God speaks to all people of every culture and language.
THURSDAY 10th December	**Human Rights Day**		https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day	
FRIDAY 11th December	**Saint Damasus I, Pope**	✠	He was Pope in the 4th century, who did a lot of work discovering the burial places of those people who had died in the Roman persecutions of the previous centuries. He wrote wonderful poems to erect over their burial places.	Write a poem about your favourite saint!
SATURDAY 12th December	**Our Lady of Guadalupe**	✠	Also known as Our Lady of the Americas, this feast celebrated a vision of Mary by a young Aztec man in what is now Mexico: this brought many people to believe in Jesus.	Talk about Shrines of Our Lady (Lourdes, Walsingham, etc.)
	Judaism: Hanukkah	✡	Hanukkah is a Jewish festival that reaffirms the ideals of Judaism and commemorates in particular the rededication of the Second Temple of Jerusalem by the lighting of candles on each of the eight nights of the festival.	

Blessing of a Christmas Tree

All glory and praise to you, heavenly Father: we thank you for sending us Jesus, your Son, to be our brother. Bless us as we gather here, and bless our Christmas Tree. Let its lights remind us of Jesus, who came to be the light of the world and to save us from sin. Father, we love you, and we praise you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing of a Manger Scene

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.



A SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: John 1:6-8—John the Baptist

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

A PSALM RESPONSE FOR EACH DAY

Monday: Behold, our God will come and save us.
Tuesday: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders.
Wednesday: Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Thursday: The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
Friday: Whoever follows you, Lord, will have the light of life.

A PRAYER

Lord Jesus, as we get ready to celebrate your birthday at Christmas, help us to remember that you will come back to us – not as a baby in Bethlehem, but as the Lord of all Creation!

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT (B)

THEME FOR THE WEEK: REJOICE IN THE LORD!

In our prayers: Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers.

FROM SUNDAY'S GOSPEL (John 1:6-8, 19-28) *John answered them, 'I baptise with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.'*

Date	Saints, Feasts, Religious Holidays or Civic Observances		Notes	Reflect
SUNDAY 13th December	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) Gaudete Sunday	✠	John 1:6-8, 19-28: 'Among you stands one you do not know.'	
MONDAY 14th December	Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church	✠	A Spanish Carmelite monk who lived in the 16th century and worked hard to reform his religious order; he faced a lot of criticism from people who were too comfortable with things as they were!	Talk about making changes for the better when people resist.
TUESDAY 15th December				
WEDNESDAY 16th December				
THURSDAY 17th December	"O Sapientia"		"O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!"	
FRIDAY 18th December	"O Adonai"		"O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!"	
	International Migrants Day		https://www.un.org/en/observances/migrants-day	
SATURDAY 19th December	"O Radix Jesse"		"O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!"	

THE ADVENT O ANTIPHONS

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century – and we still sing them today, though more commonly in the form of the hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat at Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent source of theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfilment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah. There is another delightful element to these antiphons: in their original Latin, the first letters of each word spell out the phrase ERO CRAS – which means "I will be (with you) tomorrow!"

A SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: Philippians 4:4-7—Rejoice!

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

A PSALM RESPONSE FOR EACH DAY

Monday: My soul shall exult in my God.
Tuesday: Teach me your paths, O Lord.
Wednesday: The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.
Thursday: Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness.
Friday: In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.

A PRAYER

Lord God, soon we will remember how your Son came into our world, born in Bethlehem in Judaea: help us to show by our lives that we are building his Kingdom, as we wait for him to come again!

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT (B)

THEME FOR THE WEEK: THE ANGEL VISITS MARY

In our prayers: Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers.

FROM SUNDAY'S GOSPEL (Luke 1:26-38) *The angel Gabriel said, 'Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you! Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. And Mary said, 'Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.' And the angel departed from her.*

Date	Saints, Feasts, Religious Holidays or Civic Observances		Notes	Reflect
SUNDAY 20th December	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)	✠	Luke 1:26-38: 'Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.'	
	"O Clavis David"		"O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!"	
	International Human Solidarity Day		https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-solidarity-day	
MONDAY 21st December	"O Oriens"		"O Rising Sun, you are the splendour of eternal light and the sun of justice. O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."	
	Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church	✠	Dutch Jesuit, active in Germany during the Counter-Reformation, when he wrote a famous catechism. He died in 1597 and is called the "second apostle of Germany."	Talk about how we learn about our religion.
	World Meditation Day		https://www.un.org/en/observances/meditation-day	
TUESDAY 22nd December	"O Rex Gentium"		"O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!"	
WEDNESDAY 23rd December	"O Emmanuel"		"O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!"	
THURSDAY 24th December				
FRIDAY 25th December	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	✠	John 1:1-18: 'The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.'	
SATURDAY 26th December	Saint Stephen, the First Martyr	✠	One of the original seven deacons chosen to help the Apostles in the charitable work of the early Church, he was the first person to face martyrdom for belonging to Jesus. His story is recorded in the Acts of the Apostles.	Talk about charity and service.

A SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: Isaiah 7:14—The Angel Visits Mary

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

A PSALM RESPONSE FOR EACH DAY

Monday: Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; O sing him a song that is new.
Tuesday: My heart exults in the Lord, my Saviour.
Wednesday: Stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near
Thursday: I will sing for ever of your mercies, O Lord.
Friday: Today a Saviour has been born to us; who is Christ the Lord!

A PRAYER

We pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

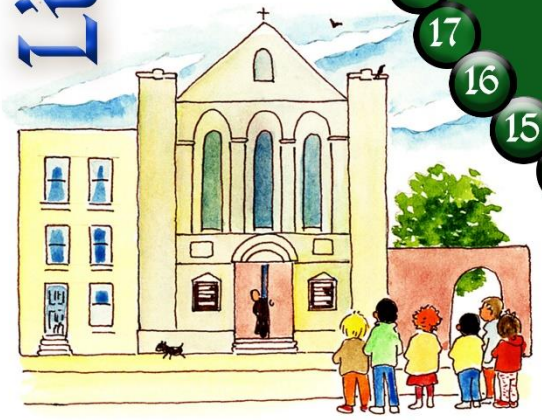
Liturgical Year 2027

Every year we travel round the liturgical seasons. It always starts with ADVENT, which leads into the CHRISTMAS season. We then go into ORDINARY TIME for a while, this year concentrating on the Gospel of SAINT MARK, before Ash Wednesday sees the beginning of LENT, which leads to the EASTER season. After Pentecost we are back into ORDINARY TIME 2 until one year ends and another begins!



The symbol of Saint Mark is a winged lion!







Christ the King

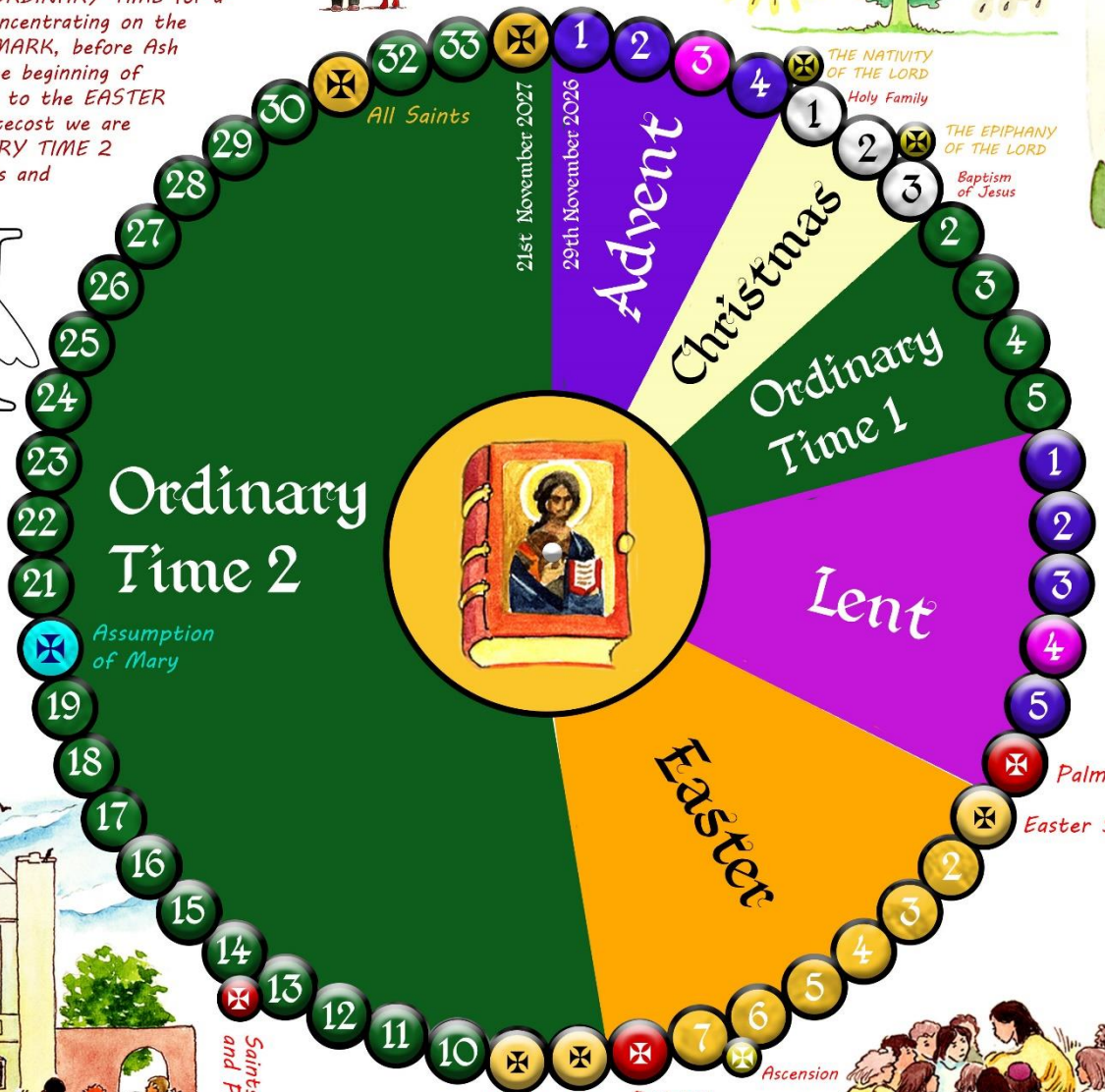














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Diocesan resources:

- Sign of Cross & Traditional Prayers - https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Celebrating-the-Year-of-Prayer-1.-The-Sign-of-the-Cross-and-Traditional-Prayers_.pdf
- Stations of the Cross - https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Celebrating-the-Year-of-Prayer-2-STATIONS-OF-THE-CROSS.pdf
- Silence - https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Celebrating-the-Year-of-Prayer-Silence.pdf
- Rosary - https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Celebrating-the-Year-of-Prayer-The-Rosary.pdf
- Adoration Light Fever - https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Celebrating-the-Year-of-Prayer-Adoration-Light-Fever.pdf
- Prayers of Intercession - https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Celebrating-the-Year-of-Prayer-Prayers-of-Intercession.pdf
- Lectio Divina - https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Celebrating-the-Year-of-Prayer-Lectio-Divina-7.pdf
- Praying with the Saints - https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Celebrating-the-Year-of-Prayer-Praying-with-the-Saints-8.pdf



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Little Liturgies Au2026:

	Date of Gospel	Thumbnail Title One	Thumbnail Title Two	Scripture	Symbols	Liturgial Season	Liturgical Colour	Word of the Week
1	6.9.26	Is Jesus With Me?	Gathering With Jesus	Matthew 18:15-20	Figures and Altar	Ordinary Time	Green	Encounter
2	13.9.26	Can I Forgive Like Jesus?	Forgive Like Jesus	Matthew 18:21-35	Figures	Ordinary Time	Green	Outreach
3	20.9.26	Will Jesus Invite Me?	Parable of the Vineyard Workers	Matthew 20:1-16	Figures	Ordinary Time	Green	Dialogue
4	27.9.26	Pray The Holy Rosary	The Rosary Challenge	Luke 2:41-52	Figures and Rosary Beads	Ordinary Time	Green	Listen
5	4.10.26	Will I Let Jesus In?	The Wicked Tenants	Matthew 21:33-43	Figures	Ordinary Time	Green	Rosary
6	11.10.26	The Greatest Party Ever	An Invitation From God	Matthew 22:1-10 / Matthew 22:1-14	Figures	Ordinary Time	Green	Respect
7	18.10.26	The Most Important Gift	What You Can Give To God	Matthew 22:15-21	Figures and Coins	Ordinary Time	Green	Justice
8	25.10.26	How Can I Really Love?	How Should I Love?	Matthew 22:34-40	Figures	Ordinary Time	Green	Holiness
9	1.11.26	Can I Be A Saint?	All Saints	Matthew 5:1-12a	Saint Statues	Ordinary Time - Solemnity	White / Gold	Change
10	8.11.26	Am I Ready For Jesus?	Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids	Matthew 25:1-13	Figures	Ordinary Time	Green	Remembrance
11	15.11.26	What Gifts Do I Have?	Parable of the Talents	Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21 / Matthew 25:14-30	Figures	Ordinary Time	Green	Youth
12	22.11.26	Jesus Is The King	Christ The King	Matthew 25:31-46	Christ the King Statue	Ordinary Time - Solemnity	White / Gold	Kingdom

M1M Au2026:

Week	Date of Gospel	Video Title	Scripture	Gospel Reading	Symbols	Liturgial Season	Liturgical Colour	Word of the Week	The Mission	Wonder Questions
1	6.9.26	When Friends Fall Out	Matthew 18:15-20	Bishop Marcus	Jesus and the children icon	Ordinary Time	Green	**Encounter**	If you fall out with someone, try to make peace quickly. If that doesn't work, then go sensibly to see an adult. Not because you want the other person to be in trouble or punished, but because you want peace and friendship to be the result.	Why do you think Jesus wants us to let go of grudges and unforgiveness? If you realise that Jesus is with you as you try to forgive and make peace, how do you think that can change things?
2	13.9.26	Why Should I Forgive?	Matthew 18:21-35	Fr Henry	Crown and bag of money	Ordinary Time	Green	**Outreach**	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 mercy shine through you.	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?
3	20.9.26	It's Never Too Late	Matthew 20:1-16	Fr Henry	Denarius & Icon	Ordinary Time	Green	**Dialogue**	Say a prayer each morning asking God to let you serve and work for him through your day, building his kingdom on earth. Then keep God's love in your heart and mind during your day and share his love with everyone.	How do you think the people left waiting in the marketplace until late in the day felt when they were finally hired? Do you think it matters who you are working for? How might working for a kind and generous landowner change the way you feel about the work?"
4	27.9.26	The Rosary Challenge	Luke 1:26-38	Fr Paschal	Statue and Rosary	Ordinary Time	Blue	**Listen**	You are invited to take on The Rosary Challenge. That's to pray a decade of the Holy Rosary each weekday in October using The Rosary Challenge videos. In total, there are twenty Mysteries of the Rosary to pray through. After watching each video and praying a decade of the Rosary, make sure to tick off a mystery on your tracking sheet.	Why do you think Our Lady was chosen to be the Mother of God?What makes the Holy Rosary such a powerful and loved prayer?
5	4.10.26	Jesus Is Knocking	Matthew 21:33-43	Bishop Marcus	Light of the World Statue	Ordinary Time	Green	**Rosary**	Choose to let Jesus into your heart in all the little pauses in the day. Welcome him when you start your day and before you sleep and chat with him during your day. You will experience more faith, hope, love and deep joy when you open the door of your heart to Jesus.	How you can make Jesus the cornerstone of your life? Why do some people find it difficult to open the door of their hearts to Jesus?
6	11.10.26	When Heaven Touches Earth	Matthew 22:1-10 / Matthew 22:1-14	Fr Henry	Bread and Wine	Ordinary Time	Green	**Respect**	Invite someone to go to Mass with you. If you go to Mass each week, invite someone who doesn't. If you rarely get to go to Mass, ask an adult in your family if they can take you.	Which people might be most grateful to receive an invitation to Jesus' wedding feast? How can you help more people discover that Jesus is inviting them to be with him at Mass... and in heaven one day?
7	18.10.26	You Belong to God	Matthew 22:15-21	Bishop Marcus	Denarii	Ordinary Time	Green	**Justice**	You are wonderfully made in the image and likeness of God. You were made to show your love for him. Choose three ways that you can show your love for God. These could be extra times of prayer, decisions to serve him and help other people or you could create some artwork as a way of showing your love for him.	What are the most precious and valuable things that you can give to God? What could be things that get in the way of loving in the way God asks us to?
8	25.10.26	What Is Real Love?	Matthew 22:34-40	Fr Henry	Bible, YouCat, Praying Hands	Ordinary Time	Green	**Holiness**	Think of something that you would love for somebody to do for you. Then, find a way to do that for another person. Do this not for a reward but to put someone else first. Automatically, when you love your neighbour you are also showing your love for God.	If Jesus was asked to give the one great commandment, why do you think he gave two? Who is a person you know that shows agape love and how do they do it?
9	1.11.26	Can You Be A Saint?	Matthew 5:1-12a	Bishop Marcus	Saint Statues	Ordinary Time - Solemnity	White / Gold	**Change**	Find pictures of those you know and love who have died. Place their pictures on a prayer table. If you are doing this with others, it's a beautiful way to pray together for all of your loved ones. The prayer table can stay in place all through November. At any time you choose, pray there for all who have died.	Which of the Beatitudes is the most challenging to live? What would people notice about a person who is becoming a saint?
10	8.11.26	Keep Your Lamp Burning	Matthew 25:1-13	Fr Henry	Icon	Ordinary Time	Green	**Remembrance**	On your Mission File, you will see the outline of an oil lamp. Your Mission is to add drops of oil to that lamp. You can add a drop of oil by spending time with Jesus in prayer, by going to Mass or by doing an act of kindness for somebody else. Every time you do something that shows you are ready to welcome Jesus, take a yellow pen or pencil and fill the oil lamp with about a finger tip sized circle of oil. See how full your lamp becomes by the end of the week.	Is it better that we do not know the day or the hour when Jesus will come again? Why, in the parable, does Jesus add the detail that the bridegroom was delayed?

11	15.11.26	Don't Hide Your Gifts	Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21 / Matthew 25:14-30	Fr Henry	Gold Coins	Ordinary Time	Green	**Youth**	You have been given wonderful gifts by God, gifts to build his kingdom on earth and to help people know that they are loved. Make a list of some of the gifts you think God has given you. Remember, these gifts can be quiet and mostly hidden. If you aren't sure, you could ask someone you love and trust to say what they think your God given gifts are.	In the parable, the master gave huge amounts of money to the servants. Why do you think Jesus chose to make the amounts so big? Why do you think the master waited a long time to return?
12	22.11.26	The Throne of Your Heart	Matthew 25:31-46	Fr Henry	Statue	Ordinary Time - Solemnity	White / Gold	**Kingdom**	Choose one person each day to serve in a hidden way. Help without being asked, encourage someone who is sad, tidy something, share, or pray for somebody. Each time you do it, whisper: "King Jesus, I'm doing this for you." This is a brilliant way to do what Jesus invited you to do in the Gospels, to love others, especially those in need. Remember, when you love others you are also loving Him.	If it was announced that Jesus was officially going to return to earth in one year, how do you think the world might change? What makes Jesus a king like no other?

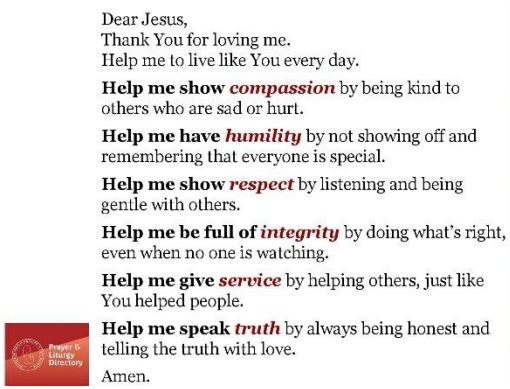
Prayer Progression: The progression of prayer is in line with Prayer & Liturgy Directory ambition. Prayers will be taught throughout the year and their use encouraged in pupil led Celebrations of the Word.

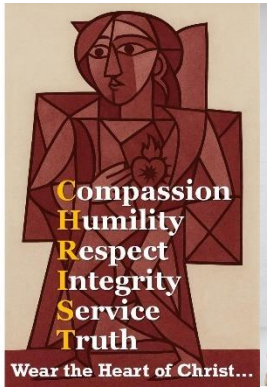
Prayer Progression document link: https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Prayer-Progression-2025-2026.pptx

Daily prayer pattern: Formal prayers as introduced in line with policy: Prayer & Liturgy Policy

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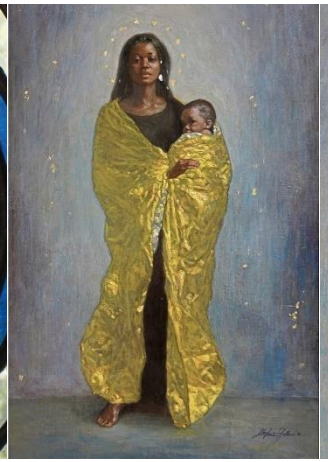


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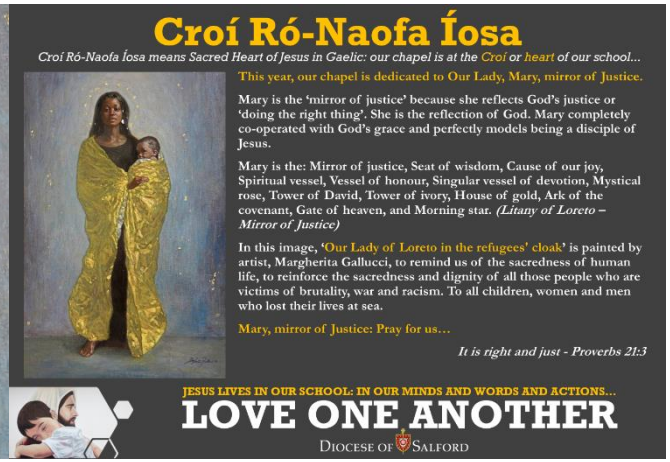
Chapels: Sheepfiold & Croí Ró-Naofa Íosa theme: Our Lady Mirror of Justice (Litany of Loreto)

Croi is open daily for reflective prayer, supported by lay chaplain Wed-Fri lunchtimes.









The Litany of Loreto

Lord, have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven, *have mercy on us.*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*
Holy Mary, *pray for us.*
Holy Mother of God, *pray for us.*
Holy Virgin of Virgins, *pray for us.*
Mother of Christ, *pray for us.*
Mother of the Church, *pray for us.*
Mother of mercy, *pray for us.*
Mother of divine grace, *pray for us.*
Mother of hope, *pray for us.*
Mother most pure, *pray for us.*
Mother most chaste, *pray for us.*
Mother inviolate, *pray for us.*
Mother undefiled, *pray for us.*
Mother most amiable, *pray for us.*
Mother most admirable, *pray for us.*
Mother of good counsel, *pray for us.*
Mother of our Creator, *pray for us.*
Mother of our Savior, *pray for us.*
Virgin most prudent, *pray for us.*
Virgin most venerable, *pray for us.*
Virgin most renowned, *pray for us.*
Virgin most powerful, *pray for us.*
Virgin most merciful, *pray for us.*
Virgin most faithful, *pray for us.*
Mirror of justice, *pray for us.*
Seat of wisdom, *pray for us.*
Cause of our joy, *pray for us.*
Spiritual vessel, *pray for us.*
Vessel of honor, *pray for us.*
Singular vessel of devotion, *pray for us.*
Mystical rose, *pray for us.*
Tower of David, *pray for us.*
Tower of ivory, *pray for us.*
House of gold, *pray for us.*
Ark of the covenant, *pray for us.*
Gate of heaven, *pray for us.*
Morning star, *pray for us.*
Health of the sick, *pray for us.*
Refuge of sinners, *pray for us.*
Solace of migrants, *pray for us.*
Comforter of the afflicted, *pray for us.*
Help of Christians, *pray for us.*
Queen of Angels, *pray for us.*
Queen of Patriarchs, *pray for us.*
Queen of Prophets, *pray for us.*
Queen of Apostles, *pray for us.*
Queen of Martyrs, *pray for us.*
Queen of Confessors, *pray for us.*
Queen of Virgins, *pray for us.*
Queen of all Saints, *pray for us.*
Queen conceived without original sin,
pray for us.
Queen assumed into heaven, *pray for us.*
Queen of the most holy Rosary, *pray for us.*
Queen of families, *pray for us.*
Queen of peace, *pray for us.*

Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Grant, we pray, O Lord God, that we your servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body, and by the glorious intercession of Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, may we be freed from present sorrow, and rejoice in eternal happiness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Litany of Loreto, so called because of its use at the shrine of the Holy House in Loreto, dates back to the Middle Ages. It was approved for use by the whole Church by Pope Sixtus V in 1587. At that time, it was established as the only Marian Litany approved for public use. Other Marian Litanies may of course be prayed privately. Over the centuries, popes have, from time to time, added invocations to the Litany. The last pope to do so before Pope Francis was Pope St. John Paul II in 1980 and 1995.

The litany consist of a series of titles or invocations of Mary, followed by the request that she pray for us. The titles and invocation of Mary used in the litany draw us toward our Blessed Mother and invite us to reflect on her exalted privilege, her holiness, her motherly spirit and her queenly majesty. In her is the perfection of all virtue and the glory that awaits us in heaven.

TRUST IN MARY
MOST HOLY, AND MAY THERE BE
PEACE IN YOUR HEART.
—St. Gaspar Del Bufalo



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Stage 2 | Progressive Formation in Prayer and Liturgy

To Love You More Dearly: a cumulative journey

Every child encounters the common provision described in Stage 1. From Reception to Year 6, the same prayer forms and liturgical seasons return with increasing depth: children first recognise and experience, then explain and make supported choices, then prepare, lead and reflect with growing responsibility. The purpose is a deeper relationship with Christ, not the performance of more elaborate activities.

This progression is cumulative: learning in each year is revisited and extended in the next. Children are accompanied by class teachers and the Lay Chaplain. Participation is inclusive and responsive to individual needs; responsibilities within the Church's liturgy remain appropriate to the nature of the celebration and the Church's practice.

The seven-year formation sequence

Year	New depth built on earlier learning	Participation that prepares for ministry
Reception	Encounter Jesus, Mary, Bible stories, sacred spaces, familiar prayers, gesture and silence. Recognise prayer as listening and speaking to God.	Join simple responses, choose a symbol with support, offer thanks and take part in short prayerful moments.
Year 1	Build on recognition: explain simple meanings of Scripture, signs, Mary's example and liturgical symbols; begin deliberate silent reflection.	Offer simple spontaneous prayer, choose a fitting image or symbol and explain a loving action.

Year 2	Build on supported choices: recognise Gather, Word, Response and Send; explain why Christians pray together and how the Word calls for action.	Prepare an element of a Celebration of the Word with prompts; compose a simple intercession and explain a response.
Year 3	Build on the four movements: interpret familiar Scripture more carefully; distinguish personal prayer, Celebration of the Word and Mass; deepen sacramental understanding.	Help plan and lead several connected elements, rehearse proclamation and reflect on how others were helped to pray.
Year 4	Build on planning: connect Scripture with the liturgical year, sacred art, the saints and Catholic Social Teaching; practise introductory Lectio and Visio Divina.	Make and justify coherent choices of Scripture response, symbols and music; lead with increasing confidence.
Year 5	Build on interpretation: sustain reflection, compare representations and perspectives, and discern how prayer leads to concrete service.	Prepare more sustained prayer with less prompting, welcome participants and accompany younger children.
Year 6	Integrate prayer, Scripture, sacraments, liturgical seasons and mission; articulate the purpose of ministry and the limits of pupil responsibility.	Plan, lead and evaluate appropriate celebrations with adult accompaniment; model reverence and support younger pupils.

What remains constant—and what changes

Terce, Angelus, Examen, class Celebrations of the Word, Like Jesus, Ruah, Friday Mass, the Croí and seasonal rolling worship remain shared provision. Progression lies in what pupils understand, how thoughtfully they participate, the reasons they give for their choices, the quality of their reflection and the service that follows.

Marian Term | Creation & Covenant

Marian prayer begins with the Hail Mary and concrete symbols, develops through the Magnificat and sacred art, and culminates in reflective prayer and creation stewardship. Key provision: Nativity of Our Lady (8 September), Season of Creation and October Rosary.

Year	Year-group adaptation in the APoP	Cumulative step
Reception	Meet Mary in the Croí; pray the Hail Mary; hear Genesis creation and choose a leaf-shaped care-for-creation action.	Name Mary as a person of faith; express wonder and care through a simple action.
Year 1	Reflect silently on Mary's qualities using a lily; walk in creation, learn about St Francis and make a "little way" pledge.	Explain how a symbol of Mary or creation helps prayer; choose an act of care.
Year 2	Prepare a Marian Gather–Word–Response–Send with Rosary symbols; create a class Rosary and begin a Laudato Si' garden.	Use the four movements to prepare Marian prayer and connect it to creation.
Year 3	Reflect on the Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) in the Croí; select Marian imagery and create poetic picture prayer.	Respond to the Magnificat with selected imagery and original prayer language.
Year 4	Create Marian wax-resist art and process prayerfully; connect art, Scripture and a chosen response.	Combine Scripture, processional action and artwork into a prepared prayer.
Year 5	Compare Mary in different cultures and use Visio Divina; prepare a Season of Creation prayer focus.	Compare Marian representations and explain a contemplative response.

Year 6	Compose a Marian title and prayerful card; create creation-stewardship messages and take harvest produce to The Brick.	Communicate a reasoned call to stewardship beyond the classroom.

Remembrance Term | Prophecy & Promise

Children move from remembering loved ones and praying for peace to exploring conflict, local history and Christian hope. Remembrance activities begin in November; Advent prayer and carol celebrations follow through December.

Year	Year-group adaptation in the APoP	Cumulative step
Reception	Remember people who have died through the remembrance garden, poppies, Día de los Muertos traditions and thanksgiving prayer.	Recognise remembrance as prayer for others.
Year 1	Visit Westhoughton Cenotaph; use Psalm 46 and a wreath of children's messages to pray for peace.	Connect the Cenotaph and Psalm 46 with a prayer for peace.
Year 2	Create remembrance masks and an Advent wreath; pray for the departed and explore hope.	Prepare a remembrance and Advent prayer focus using appropriate symbols.
Year 3	Prepare a class wreath and pray for families affected by conflict.	Move from personal loss to intercession for people affected by war.
Year 4	Create a chain of poppy prayers and use it in class worship.	Compose intercessions and lead a sequence of communal prayer.
Year 5	Reflect on Matthew 5:4 and invite local historians into a Celebration of the Word for peace.	Bring Scripture and local testimony into a sensitive prayer for peace.

Year 6	Research Westhoughton's fallen soldiers; prepare a cenotaph wreath, reflect on conflict and help plan KS2 carol prayer.	Use historical enquiry to prepare informed communal remembrance.

Candlemas Term | Galilee to Jerusalem · including Shrove Tuesday (9 February 2027)

Epiphany and Candlemas develop the language of light, gift, welcome and discipleship. Shrove Tuesday (9 February) and Ash Wednesday (10 February) fall within this school term: their preparatory activities therefore belong here, not in the post-half-term Lenten programme.

Year	Year-group adaptation in the APoP	Cumulative step
Reception	Explore the Magi's visit through memories of visitors and gifts to new babies; give thanks for community. Explore Shrove Tuesday and Mardi Gras as a joyful preparation for Lent; use pancakes and thanksgiving to consider freedom and sharing.	Recognise the meaning of welcome and gifts.
Year 1	Use Matthew 2 and an image in a gift box for guided Visio Divina. Explore Mardi Gras and its place before Lent, including the meaning of Shrove Tuesday.	Respond to Matthew 2 through a guided image reflection.
Year 2	Explore the Magi's gifts and their meaning; prepare an Epiphany response. Use a Mardi Gras dance as a prayerful response and consider how celebration prepares Christians for Lent.	Explain the gifts of the Magi and prepare an appropriate response.
Year 3	Reflect on the guiding star and make a prayerful link to being a light for others. Create Mardi Gras masks	Relate the guiding star to a practical way of helping others.

	using symbols of Christ's ministry as preparation for Lent.	
Year 4	Explore how to follow the Magi's example through guided Lectio Divina.	Use Lectio Divina to discern a response to the Gospel.
Year 5	Invite Woodlands residents to prayer and visit them to read, sing, listen and talk. Make pancakes and reflect on Shrove Tuesday as preparation for fasting and prayer in Lent.	Turn the welcome of Christ into hospitality for older neighbours.
Year 6	Design and justify a symbolic gift for Christ today, linked to justice and service. Organise Shrove Tuesday pancake fundraising for the Caritas Lenten appeal and explain its Gospel purpose.	Justify a contemporary gift to Christ and organise a service response.

Lenten Term | Desert to Garden · after February half-term

After February half-term, the focus deepens from the story of Jesus' Passion to personal conversion, compassionate action and reflective engagement with the Stations of the Cross. The whole-school Via Crucis brings these responses together in Holy Week.

Year	Year-group adaptation in the APoP	Cumulative step
Reception	Explore the Easter story through The Proud Tree, song and family celebration.	Identify a loving response to Jesus' suffering and love.
Year 1	Explore Lenten promises; make Passion freeze frames and a parish narthex display.	Express the Passion story through a supported prayerful scene.
Year 2	Explore the Passion and prepare a reflective Lenten response using prayer, Scripture and symbols.	Choose words and symbols that make a Lenten response meaningful.

Year 3	Prepare an age-appropriate Passion response and connect its symbols to Scripture.	Connect a Passion symbol to Scripture in a prepared act of prayer.
Year 4	Prepare outreach cards for neighbours and explore the Passion through prayer and sacred art.	Use sacred art to prompt prayer and an act of care for neighbours.
Year 5	Use desert-and-garden imagery for Visio Divina; reflect on fasting, prayer and preparation for Easter.	Sustain a reflective response to fasting, prayer and conversion.
Year 6	Support St Joseph's Penny during Lent; prepare Stations of the Cross and a mission prayer for visitors.	Prepare and support prayerful stations and charitable action for others.

Pentecost Term | To the Ends of the Earth

From the Resurrection to Pentecost, pupils move from joyful encounter to interpreting the Stations of Joy and bearing witness to the Holy Spirit. The Easter programme begins after the holiday on 12 April; the Pentecost celebration follows Pentecost Sunday (16 May).

Year	Year-group adaptation in the APoP	Cumulative step
Reception	Create a shared collage for Stations of Joy 1 and 2, pray Alleluia and carry banners at the Pentecost celebration.	Celebrate the Resurrection with shared symbols and thanksgiving.
Year 1	Prepare fruit-of-the-Spirit headbands and a procession hymn; reflect on living that fruit.	Connect a fruit of the Spirit with an everyday action.
Year 2	Prepare age-appropriate worship for a Station of the Resurrection and use a banner in procession.	Prepare a coherent response to a Station of the Resurrection.

Year 3	Plan and lead a class Celebration of the Word for the assigned Resurrection station; prepare a Pentecost contribution.	Lead connected elements of a class Resurrection celebration.
Year 4	Create contemporary artwork for Stations of Joy and connect the Pentecost message to lived witness.	Interpret a Station of Joy through contemporary art and witness.
Year 5	Proclaim the Pentecost message in different languages (Acts 2:1–6); reflect on witness and being heard.	Use Acts 2 to explain the Church's universal mission.
Year 6	Prepare Stations of Joy banners and compose a Pentecost rap; create a quilt for the Big Sleep and Morning Star.	Communicate Easter hope creatively and connect it with solidarity.

Trinity Term | Dialogue & Encounter

The school celebrates the Sacred Heart in the week beginning 7 June, following the solemnity during half-term. Pupils move from recognising Christ's love to contemplating sacred imagery, welcoming others, seeking justice and giving thanks through service.

Year	Year-group adaptation in the APoP	Cumulative step
Reception	Explore images of the Sacred Heart and introduce guided Visio Divina; give thanks for people who work for justice.	Recognise the Sacred Heart as a sign of Jesus' love.
Year 1	Explore the Litany of the Sacred Heart and compose a simple class litany to share.	Compose a simple litany grounded in the devotion.
Year 2	Create a contemporary Sacred Heart image featuring the class and use it for prayer.	Create and explain a prayerful image of belonging in Christ.

Year 3	Use Visio Divina with Sacred Heart images and prepare invitations to prayer.	Use Visio Divina to prepare a welcome into shared prayer.
Year 4	Take part in the Manchester Peace and Justice Trail and connect food, dignity and reflection.	Relate Sacred Heart devotion to peace, justice and human dignity.
Year 5	Explore icons of Christ as God and man; use Visio Divina to compose prayers about the Body and Heart of Christ.	Interpret sacred icons with greater theological depth and reverence.
Year 6	Pray on pilgrimage; create a modern Sacred Heart song and liturgical dance for the leavers' celebration.	Lead an integrated response of prayer, thanksgiving and mission.

Progression towards Stage 3 ministry

Formation strand	Foundation: Reception–Y2	Development: Y3–Y4	Deepening: Y5–Y6	Ministry arising in Stage 3
Welcome and sacred space	Recognise symbols and welcome others with help.	Prepare a fitting sacred space and explain choices.	Plan a coherent gathering and support others.	Hospitality, gathering and prayer-space stewardship.
Scripture	Listen, wonder and recognise Gospel meaning.	Locate, interpret and practise proclaiming Scripture.	Proclaim reverently and connect Word to the community's life.	Prepared ministry of proclamation.
Prayer and response	Join familiar prayers; offer simple intentions and gestures.	Compose intercessions; use guided Lectio/Visio Divina.	Lead fitting silence and sustained prayerful responses.	Providing a response that helps others pray.

Liturgy and Mass	Recognise communal prayer and key moments of Mass.	Distinguish CoW and Mass; understand the structure and sacraments.	Understand appropriate liturgical roles and prepare carefully.	Age-appropriate service at Mass with adult and parish guidance.
Mission	Name kindness and a loving action.	Connect Catholic Social Teaching to a planned action.	Initiate, explain and evaluate service to others.	Drawing together the community in Gospel-inspired action.

How teachers recognise genuine progression

Evidence is found in pupil conversation, prayer planning, preparation and reflection, the reasons pupils give for choosing Scripture or symbols, their reverence and attentiveness, and how prayer shapes service. Spiritual growth is never reduced to a score. Adults adapt the degree of support to pupils' development and needs.

The bridge to Stage 3

Stage 2 establishes readiness, not automatic appointment to a role. Listening carefully to Scripture prepares a child to proclaim it; helping to create a sacred space prepares a child to welcome others; learning to pray and reflect prepares a child to provide an appropriate response; and connecting the Gospel with a loving action prepares a child to draw the community together in mission. Stage 3 sets out how pupils who are invited and appropriately prepared undertake these ministries with adult accompaniment.



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Pupil Ministries: All pupil leadership ministry groups have an action plan and share a video-presentation to governors each term.
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From engagement to participation to ministry

At Sacred Heart RC Primary School, ministry grows from a sustained encounter with Christ. The prayer, Celebrations of the Word, liturgy and sacraments offered in Stage 1 are experienced and understood more deeply through the progressive formation of Stage 2. Stage 3 is the response: children use their gifts to help others encounter God and to carry Christ's love into the world.

Our threefold framework distinguishes engagement (open to everybody), participation in the life of the baptised Church, and ministry undertaken by those who are baptised and appropriately prepared. All children belong, are welcomed and may serve the common good; particular liturgical ministries are offered in keeping with the Church's practice, the nature of the celebration and each child's readiness.

Movement in our APoP	What changes for the pupil
Engagement → Participation	From being present and experiencing prayer to listening, offering a response and living out the call of baptism.
Participation → Ministry	From taking part in a celebration to helping prepare it, proclaim the Word, provide for a prayerful response and draw the gathered community together.
Ministry → Mission	From serving in prayer to acting for justice, peace, inclusion and care for creation as a response to the Gospel.

The distinctive work of pupil ministry

Dimension	Ministry in practice
Gather — to welcome	Welcome families, parishioners and pupils to Friday Morning Prayer, Stay & Pray, Mass and other celebrations; help prepare the setting and establish an atmosphere of belonging.
Word — to proclaim	Prepare and proclaim Scripture clearly and reverently; help others listen to God's Word. Older pupils model proclamation and support younger pupils learning this responsibility.

Response — to provide	Prepare appropriate intercessions, symbols, music, sacred art, silence or action that helps the gathered community respond to the Word.
Send — to draw together	Help the celebration lead to life: connect its Gospel message to a concrete invitation to pray, reconcile, welcome, care, give or advocate for others.

Formation for authentic ministry

Children first encounter and explore prayer through Terce, Angelus, Examen, Like Jesus, Ruah, class Celebrations of the Word, the Rosary, the Croí Ró-Naofa Íosa and the liturgical year. They learn the purpose of each form of prayer, practise with adult modelling and take progressively greater responsibility. Leaders, teachers, support staff, lay chaplain and parish priest accompany pupils as they plan, rehearse, lead and reflect.

A ministry is not simply a badge, rota or performance. Children are invited and prepared for a real service to the praying community. Responsibilities are matched to age and understanding, and are undertaken with appropriate supervision. Where a formal commissioning is appropriate, this is arranged within the school's and parish's liturgical practice.

Ministries arising from our provision

Stage 1: provision	Stage 2: progression	Stage 3: ministry
Daily prayer: Terce, Angelus, Examen and mealtime prayer	Recognise prayer forms; move from joining in to composing and leading suitable prayers.	Prayer leaders support prayer in class and shared spaces; pupils lead lunchtime prayer and help others enter silence and reflection.
Weekly pupil-led Celebrations of the Word	From wondering and responding through art and drama, to proclaiming Scripture and planning celebrations.	Worship Leaders plan with teachers and Lay Chaplain; pupils welcome, proclaim, provide a response and draw others together.
Friday Morning Prayer, Like Jesus and Ruah	Develop confidence in Scripture, song, liturgical seasons, sacred gestures and communal response.	Pupils lead class contributions, intercessions, sung prayer and appropriate elements of whole-school worship.
Friday parish Mass and special school Masses	Understand the Mass and practise reverent participation; learn appropriate readings, responses and hymns.	Prepared pupils serve through welcome, Scripture proclamation, intercessions and music, supported by staff and parish clergy.
Stay & Pray, the Croí and home prayer bags	Develop personal and shared prayer, contemplation, welcome and a connection between home, school and parish.	Pupils help welcome visitors, prepare sacred space and model prayerful hospitality; they encourage prayer beyond school.
Class saints, rolling worship and liturgical dance	Explore the saints, symbols, Scripture and the six liturgical themes with increasing depth.	Pupils prepare symbols, lead prayerful presentations, support younger children and explain the meaning of celebrations.

Catholic Social Teaching and charitable provision	Recognise human dignity, the common good, solidarity and care for creation; identify ways to respond.	Apostles, Mission Ambassadors, Mini Vinnies and stewards organise and explain Gospel-inspired service, advocacy and care.

The growth of responsibility

Reception and KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
Experience, wonder, listen and offer simple responses. With support, welcome others, choose a symbol, say a prayer and share an act of kindness.	Prepare elements of prayer with increasing independence; proclaim Scripture, compose intercessions, lead responses and support class celebrations.	Plan and lead more complete celebrations with accompaniment; model reverence, mentor younger pupils, coordinate service and articulate the Gospel purpose of ministry.

This is a progression in understanding and responsibility, not a rule that ministry begins only in older year groups. Children contribute in ways appropriate to their development, faith journey and the liturgical setting.

Ministry through the six liturgical terms

Term and formation	Pupil ministry arising from the APoP
Marian Term Creation & Covenant	Hope Ambassadors lead the October Rosary and Apostles encourage the school Rosary challenge. Pupils serve through Season of Creation prayer, harvest and food-bank collections, and hospitality at community events.
Remembrance Term Prophecy & Promise	Apostles support poppy sales and wreath-laying at Westhoughton Cenotaph. Pupils help prepare remembrance prayer spaces, offer prayers for peace and take part in Advent outreach, including Mary in the Mantle and the Reverse Advent Appeal.
Candlemas Term Galilee to Jerusalem	Pupils help prepare prayer and sacred space for Candlemas and adoration; Apostles support the Bring & Buy appeal and the preparation of palms ahead of Lent.
Lenten Term Desert to Garden	Apostles support the Ash Wednesday liturgical arrangements described in Stage 1 and encourage participation in the OPEN Lenten retreat. Classes create Stations of the Cross; pupils welcome and guide visitors through Via Crucis: Sacred Heart Passion.
Pentecost Term To the Ends of the Earth	Pupils help lead Easter and Pentecost prayer, the Via Lucis and May devotion to Our Lady. They support the May crowning and sharing flowers with the community, connecting prayer with generosity and joy.
Trinity Term Dialogue & Encounter	Pupils connect the Sacred Heart mission theme to advocacy and service: Oracy for Advocacy, care for creation, fundraising through the KS2 Big Sleep and thanksgiving at the end of the year.

Ministry, mission and pupil leadership

Liturgical ministry has a specific purpose: serving the prayer and worship of the Church. Apostles, Mission Ambassadors and Worship Leaders have responsibilities closely connected to that purpose. Mini Vinnies, Farmers and Stewards of Creation, the Eco Team and other pupil leaders extend the school's

mission into charity, justice, stewardship, welcome and the common good. These are expressions of Christian service; they should not all be described as liturgical ministries.

The Pupil Parliament, School Council, Reading Ambassadors, Playground Pals and other leaders can also live out the school motto through listening, inclusion and service. Their leadership becomes a witness to the Gospel when they act with love, dignity and responsibility.

Accompaniment, pupil voice and impact

Pupil leadership ministry groups maintain action plans and share a video presentation with governors each term. Pupils explain what they have undertaken, the Gospel or Catholic Social Teaching principle behind it, whom it has served and what they have learned. Adults help children reflect on whether others were welcomed, whether prayer was deepened and whether the response led to meaningful action.

The success of Stage 3 is not measured by the number of leadership titles awarded. It is seen in children who understand why they serve, increasingly take responsibility for prayer and liturgy, welcome others, respond to need and recognise their calling to love one another.

