Holy Cross Parent RE Newsletter

One School Family, Achieving Together, Anchored in the Love of Christ

Our second RE topic is: **Prophecy and Promise**



Through Prophecy and Promise, we will explore how God's promises prepare the way for Jesus. We will discover people who listened to God's message and responded with trust. During Advent, we will think about how we can prepare for Christmas through prayer, hope and kindness.

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour."
Mary's song of praise, Luke 1:46–47



How to help at home
Share the Christmas story together and talk about the people who trusted God. During Advent, you could also:

- Read the Christmas story in a children's Bible (Luke 1–2).
- Share a quiet prayer and choose a daily act of kindness.

Our learning in Prophecy and Promise is different for each class. We will learn:
Saint Jude Class (YR): We will hear how the angel Gabriel visited Mary, how Jesus was born in Bethlehem and how the shepherds came to see him. We will learn about the Christmas crib and Advent wreath, and explore how caring for others helps us prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth.

Saint Mary Class (Y1&2): We will explore the Annunciation, Visitation and Nativity, learning how Mary said yes to God. We will discover how Isaiah and John the Baptist shared God's message, make links with the Hail Mary, and explore how Advent helps Christians prepare for Christmas.

Saint John Class (Y3): We will learn why Sunday is holy for Christians and explore the prayers, signs and actions of Mass, especially the Liturgy of the Word. We will discover how Mary and Joseph trusted God, link Isaiah's words with the angel's message, and explore Advent symbols.

Saint Teresa Class (Y4): We will explore Elijah and John the Baptist as prophets who called people back to God. We will compare Gospel accounts of John and link his message with Advent. We will also explore Jesus' ancestry through the Jesse Tree and learn about the feast of Christ the King.

Saint Veronica Class (Y5): We will explore David's life, God's covenant with him and what it means to lead as a shepherd. We will link God's promise to David with Jesus, reflect on the Psalms and the Rosary's Joyful Mysteries, and discover Advent prayers called the O Antiphons.

Saint Michael Class (Y6): We will explore women in the Old Testament, especially Miriam, and their part in God's saving plan. We will compare the angel's messages to Mary and Joseph, explore Mary as Mother of God and her prayer, the Magnificat, and consider how women respond to God's call today.