

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**To Know You More Clearly**

Dear Parent(s)/ Carer(s)

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are now taking part in Religion lessons using the new programme of study, To Know You More Clearly, as set out in the Religious Education Directory for Catholic Schools, Academies and Colleges in England and Wales.

Each half-term will focus on a different branch, the themes of these are;

Creation and Covenant

Prophecy and Promise

Galilee to Jerusalem

Desert to Garden

Ends of the Earth

Dialogue and Encounter



The programme is planned to be fully in place by September 2026, and so we are currently introducing it to each year group over a planned time scale, in accordance with the guidance from the Brentwood Diocese.

During this half term the children in EYFS and KS1 will be learning about Creation and Covenant.

**Nursery** - In this branch, pupils will encounter the God who creates and calls a people.

**Reception**- In this branch, pupils will encounter the God who creates and calls a people.

**Year 1** – In this branch, the focus is revelation (how God is revealed/shown to His people on Earth).

**Year 2** – In this branch, the focus is Baptism. Baptism is the meeting point where people are reborn to a new life in Christ and become part of the Christian community

Thank you for your support.

Miss Anthoney

Deputy Headteacher

## **IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

### **OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE FEAST DAY MASS**

(19<sup>TH</sup> September)

### **ALL SAINTS**

(1<sup>st</sup> November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

### **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)**

(2nd November)

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

### **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

(24th November)

### **ADVENT**

(Begins 1<sup>st</sup> December)

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

### **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

(9 December)

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

When December 8 falls on a Sunday, the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday

**CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

(25 December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**

(30 December)