

See the good things of the Lord

Harvest 2026



Editor's note

Welcome to our first edition of the RE newsletter for the new academic year. We are in the season of Harvest and what a wonderful opportunity this provides to show gratitude and thanks.

This edition of the RE newsletter aims to celebrate all of the successes for the first half term, signpost ways that you can support your child in RE and look at what is coming up next this term as we prepare for Advent.

We follow the Religious Education Directory, which provides the framework and programme of study that all Catholic schools are required to follow from EYFS to KS3.

We are continuing to collaborate with our colleagues in the Ascension Catholics Academy Trust (ACAT), seeing positive results in the classroom with children developing their understanding of scripture and how this can shape their lives.

We are delighted to reintroduce the Wednesday Word; this beautiful publication is shared with you each Wednesday in our mid week bulletin and offers a chance for you to reflect on the upcoming gospel with your child at home.

Many thanks for your continued support.
Mrs O'Byrne and Mrs Morgan



Each year we invite our Year 6 pupils to apply for various ambassador positions across the Primary School. We are delighted that Annabelle, Leah and Saskia will be our RE ambassadors this year.

Hi, my name is Annabelle and I'm an RE ambassador while also being an art ambassador. I can't wait for you to hear about our roles! On a Monday and a Friday we help prepare the space for the entire primary and staff. We also read in masses in front of the primary and the secondary!

Hi, my name is Leah and I am grateful for this role because I am excited to help others throughout the whole school year alongside my friends. I am also an art and display ambassador. I can show people my designs and ideas in school. I get to wear a badge which shows what type of ambassador I am and I get to do loads of jobs as well.

Hi, my name is Saskia and I'm very happy to get chosen for the role of being an RE and display ambassador alongside Leah and Annabelle! I am excited to be continuing this role as an ambassador and I can't wait for more fun activities we will do. I wear a big shiny badge sometimes showing my role to everyone in SRRCC primary



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Our College Mission



St Richard Reynolds is a Catholic community rooted in the love of Christ in which we seek to help each other to become the person whom God has created us to be; and where children come first and all are loved, listened to, challenged and inspired.

What is our College mission?

St Richard Reynolds has our mission at the heart of everything we do.

At the start of every school year we revisit our College mission. In RE lessons pupils consider how they can demonstrate this mission as a pupil at SRR.

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Videte Bona Domini

What is our College motto?

Richard Reynolds quoted a verse from Psalm 27 in his trial, Credo videre bona domini in terra viventium

(I believe to see the good things of the Lord).

It is from this verse that the College motto is derived;
Videte bona Domini (See the good things of the Lord).

In our work and our learning, pupils are encouraged to think how can they use the talents and gifts that God has given them to fulfil our college motto each day.

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Our College Mission

Who are our house saints?

Each pupil is assigned a house saint at the start of their journey at St Richard Reynolds and learn about each house saint in depth as they progress through the school.



How do we promote Catholic Social Teaching in our school?

- House points are linked to our Catholic Social Teaching principles. We encourage pupils to live out their faith and help those in need.



What do we do to keep our pupils safe?

- Our behaviour policy is centred around restorative behaviour principles and a CALM approach.
- We pride ourselves on developing positive relationships. Pupils know they can speak to any adult and share their concerns.
- Each classroom has a worry box where children can anonymously share their concerns.
- Playground ambassadors and a friendship bench help to ensure no child is left out at break time.

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Catholic Social Teaching

SRRCC Primary School Values	Catholic Social Teaching Principles
Common Good Champion 	The Common Good We speak clearly and show respect and responsibility for our sisters and brothers who are in need. We are called to work for the good of each and all.
Participation power 	Participation We know that we are all 'Co Workers' and have the right and duty to participate fully in family life and society. Through cooperation we can learn and grow closer to God.
Subsidiarity Star 	Subsidiarity We learn about responsibilities and rights and we respect the views of others. We act with courage and determination to empower everyone to have a say.
Preferential Partner 	Preferential Option for the Poor We believe that all resources on earth should be shared with everyone. We show kindness and compassion to others and put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.
Creation Caretaker 	Stewardship of God's Creation We believe that the earth is our common home and that we should use its resources wisely. It is our Christian vocation to care for creation, live sustainably and enhance the wellbeing of our planet.
Solidarity Spark 	Solidarity God created us as one global family, called to support our brothers and sisters. We are encouraged to ask 'who is our neighbour?' and think how we can serve the local, national and global communities of which we are a part.
Human Dignity Deed 	Human Dignity We believe that we are beautifully made in the image and likeness of God and that each one of us is unique. We are called to treat every person with loving respect.

How do we promote Catholic Social Teaching in our school?

CST points (House points) are linked to our Catholic Social Teaching principles.

We encourage pupils to live out their faith and help those in need.

As these values become woven into everyday school life, pupils grow into empathetic, faith-filled leaders equipped to carry the message of Catholic Social Teaching far beyond the classroom.

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Our Catholic Community

As a college we came together and invited our Reception children and their families to celebrate Mass. We watched as many of the high students took part in the mass by reading and singing and our Reception children participated by bringing the gifts of bread and wine to the Altar. Fr Shaun and all staff were impressed with our youngest children sitting through mass after a busy day in class.



Rosary



We were delighted to welcome a speaker from Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), who introduced us to the inspiring initiative to unite one million children around the world in prayer through the Rosary. Working collaboratively with our High School, pupils recorded the Hail Mary in Russian, Ukrainian, Spanish, Italian and Polish, as well as the Our Father in Arabic. We are very proud that many of these recordings were subsequently used on Radio Maria, allowing our pupils' prayers to reach a much wider audience. This was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate different languages and cultures while bringing children together in faith and prayer.

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Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed 2026 a Jubilee Year of St Francis, marking the 800th anniversary of the saint's death. St Francis was described as "a pilgrim who lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself."

During the Season of Creation, Year 5 led a beautiful Celebration of the Word, bringing St Francis's much-loved prayer, A Canticle of the Creatures, to life. Through prayer and reflection, the children reminded us that God's love flows through all creation, inspiring us to care for one another and take responsibility for healing and protecting our common home.

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight
hundred years ago
went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace,
intercede for us before the Lord.
You recognised true peace in the Crucifix of
San Damiano,
teach us to seek in Him the source of all
reconciliation
that breaks down every wall.
You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war
and misunderstanding,
give us the courage to build bridges
where the world raises up boundaries.
In this time afflicted by conflict and division,
intercede for us so that we may become
peacemakers:
unarmed and disarming witnesses of the
peace that comes from Christ.
Amen



Year 5's Canticle of the Creatures mosaic

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Class updates

Reception



In Reception class we have been finding out about the Creation Story and thanked God for lots of things. We went on a walk in the playground and thought about all the ways we could look after the world. This gave us the chance to think of a way that we could Care for Creation and live out this value.

During circle time we discussed how we are all different and God knows our name. Together in class, we created a painting to represent the Creation story. Each part of our artwork shows the many gifts God gave us - light, water, land, plants, animals and people. This helped us celebrate and remember the beauty of God's creation.



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Class updates

Year 1

In Year 1 we have been learning about the story of Creation.



First, we went outside to observe the beauty of God's creation



Next, we listened to the story of creation and used Godly play resources to retell the story.



Finally, we created paper chains to help us remember and retell the story.



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Class updates

Year 2

Year 2 have thrown themselves into their RE learning this term and have been exploring the story of Noah and his ark. Specifically, we have looked at retelling the story of Noah, the significance of the rainbow and we've even done some amazing roleplay!

As well as this, we have been learning about the Sacrament of Baptism and looking at the whole process of Baptism when you are a baby and everything that happens through the day!

It has been excellent to watch Y2 exploring and enjoying learning more about the Catholic faith this term.



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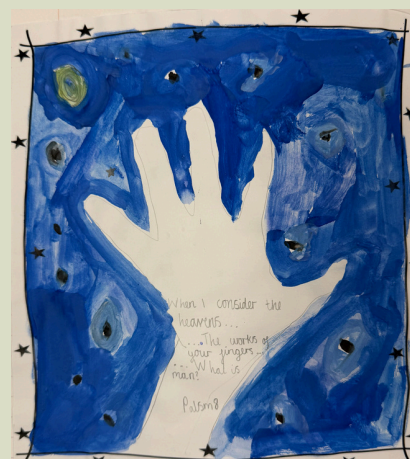
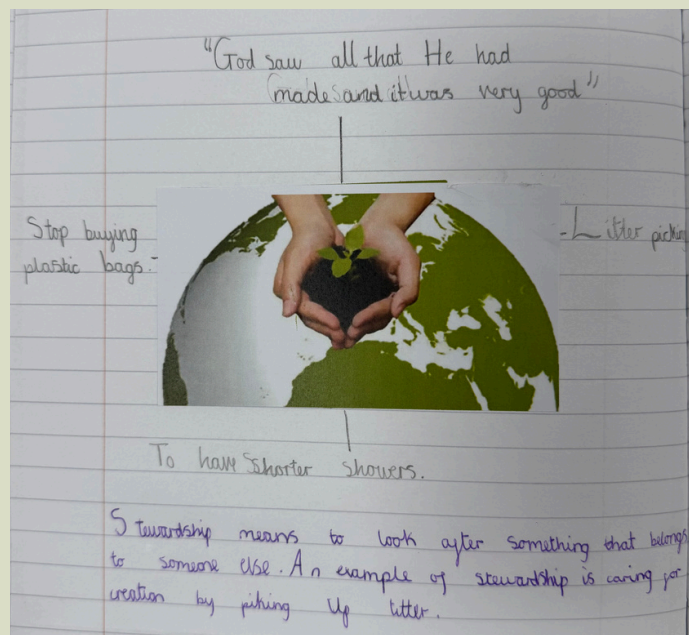
Year 3

Year 3 have begun their RE learning by focusing on The Creation Story and the beautiful things that God has created for us.

We have had a big focus on understanding the word 'stewardship' and the responsibility we have as humans to care for creation.

It has been lovely to see Year 3 discussing all the different ways that they could care for creation in their own lives and in the community.

We have also learnt that in addition to the Genesis in the Bible, Psalms are sung to praise God and celebrate his creation.



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Class updates

Year 4

Year 4 have delved into their RE learning this term, embedding their knowledge of Creation and Covenant with a special focus on Abraham.

By exploring the Book of Genesis, the children have gained a deeper understanding of Abraham's call and considered its importance in our daily lives. To bring the Scripture to life, Year 4 acted out key moments from the story and engaged in thoughtful reflection on what it means to answer God's call today.

Through their study of Genesis, Year 4 have explored the principles of Stewardship of Creation and Option for the Poor, reflecting on our shared duty to care for God's world. By examining Abraham's trust in God, the children are learning how answering His call inspires us to show love, fairness, and human dignity toward everyone.

It has been wonderful to watch Year 4 live out their faith so thoughtfully this term!



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Class updates

Year 5

This half term, Year 5 have been exploring our RE topic, Creation and Covenant, learning about the promises God made to His people throughout the Old Testament and discovering how the Ten Commandments offer a blueprint for living happy, loving and fulfilling lives. We have reflected on how these teachings guide the choices we make today, helping us to build positive relationships, show kindness and respect, and live out our Catholic Social Teaching principles through our everyday actions.

A real highlight has been our beautiful child-led liturgies, thoughtfully planned and led by the children themselves. Through prayer, Scripture, reflection and song, they have created meaningful opportunities for our class to come together in faith, demonstrating reverence, confidence and a growing understanding of the importance of prayer.



October is the Month of the Holy Rosary, a special time to reflect on Mary's faith and her closeness to Jesus. We came together as a class to pray the Rosary, taking a moment of quiet reflection and asking Mary to guide us as we grow in faith and follow her example.



We also had the wonderful opportunity to attend a joint Year 5 Mass at St Mary's University, joining children from schools across the borough to celebrate our shared Catholic faith. It was a special reminder that we belong to a wider faith community, united in prayer, worship and our love of God.



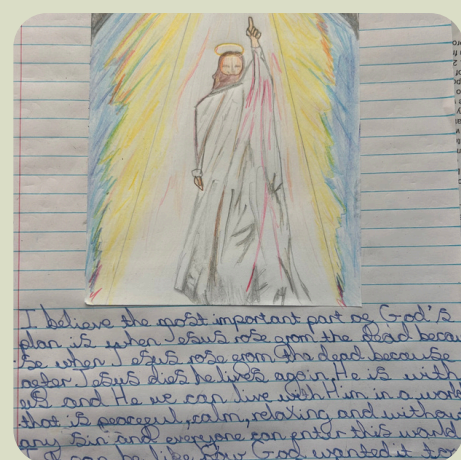
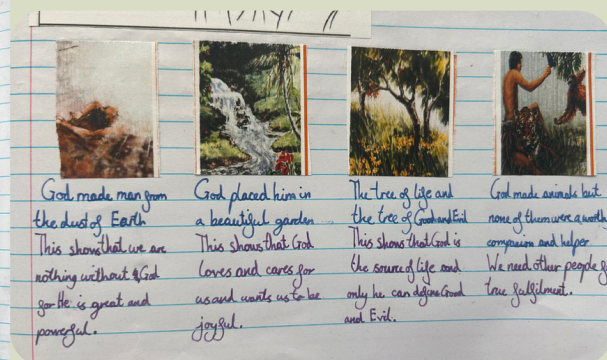
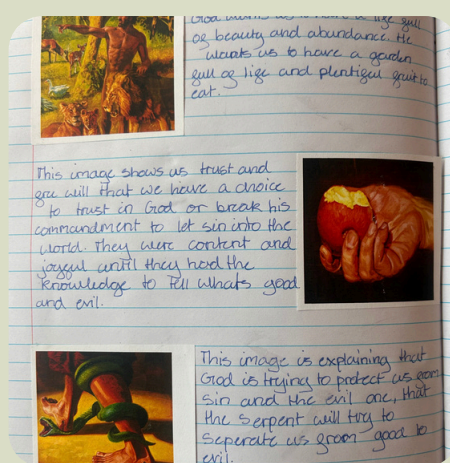
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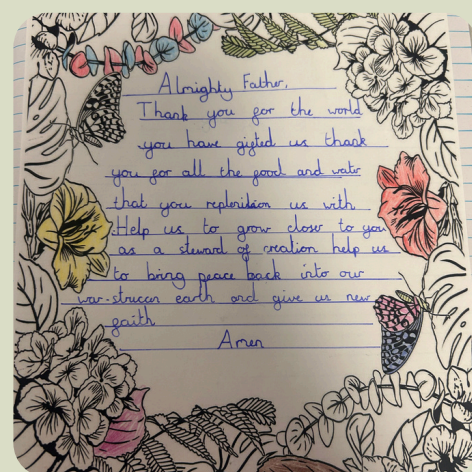
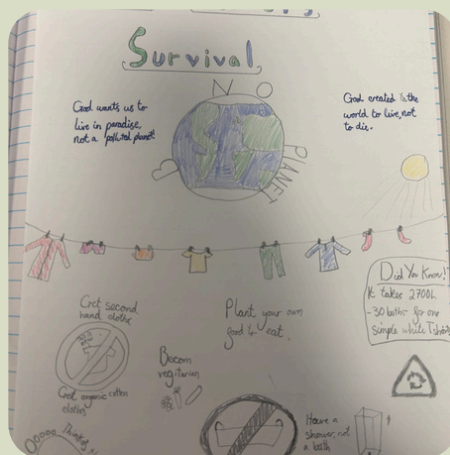
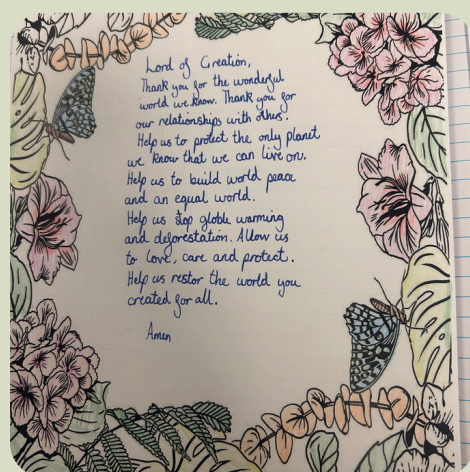
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Year 6

In Year 6 we have been exploring how the Creation stories in the Genesis help us understand our relationship with God and our responsibility to care for His creation. We reflected on how the world is a precious gift from God and how we are called to be faithful stewards of all that He has entrusted to us.



Our learning linked closely with Pope Francis's Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which reminds us that our relationships with God, one another and our common home are deeply interconnected. We considered how our actions can help repair these relationships through kindness, respect, forgiveness and care for the natural world. We reflected on how even small, everyday choices can make a difference as we work together to protect and nurture God's creation.



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Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi

Home Activities



Make a bird feeder

Colour in the colouring sheet and discuss What you think St Francis would say if he could speak to us today? How can you follow the example of this great saint?



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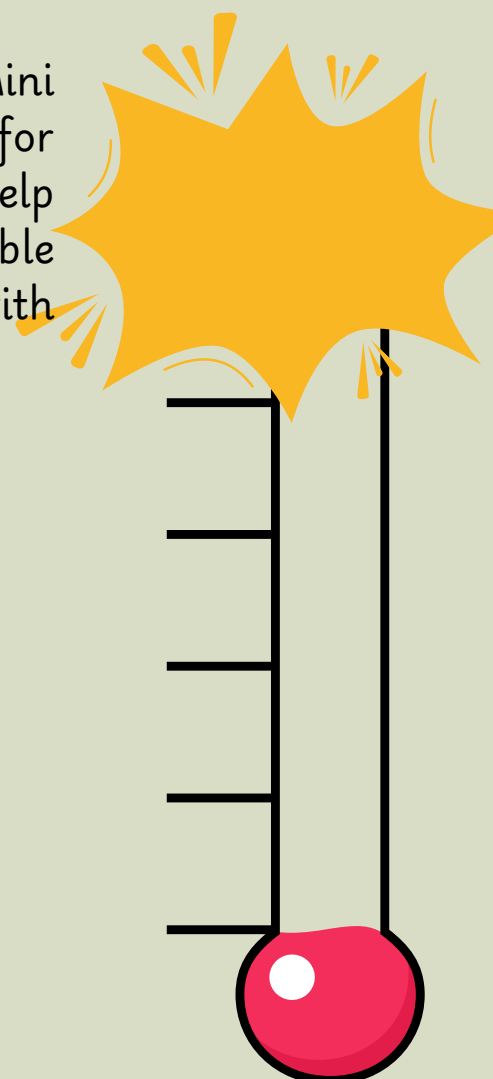
Fundraising



On CAFOD Green Day we donated nearly £100 to give children around the world the opportunity to have the safe water and nutritious food they need to learn.



On SVP Feast Day our Mini Vinnies raised over £100 for their charity who help isolated and vulnerable people across England with practical support.



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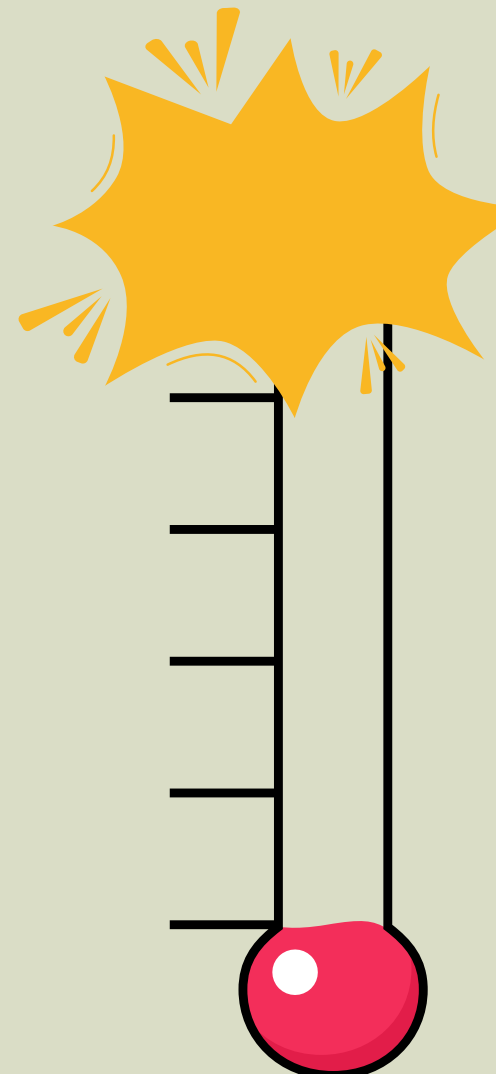
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Fundraising

Whitton foodbank thanked us all for our generosity. Harvest time is a great time to think about other people and the ways in which we might be able to help them.



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Caritas Ambassadors



We are delighted to introduce our new Caritas ambassadors who will be working alongside our current ambassadors as they learn about the Catholic Social Teaching principles.

"I want to be a member of the pupil chaplaincy team because I like to help people, support others and try to be an example for them to follow"

"I am a good role model and try to live to the Catholic Social Teaching principles every day"

"My favourite bible story is Moses. He was the kindest person in the village and God sent him a miss and he worked really hard to complete God's mission"

"I want to learn more about God and help those in need because some people in this world are not being treated fairly"



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Mini Vinnies

Our Mini Vinnies are a group of enthusiastic pupils who put their faith into action by following the example of St Vincent de Paul and helping others in our school and wider community. They work together to spread kindness, show compassion and support those who may be lonely, vulnerable or in need. Through fundraising, charitable activities, prayer and thoughtful acts of service, our Mini Vinnies help to make a positive difference to the lives of others. They are wonderful ambassadors for our Catholic values, reminding us all that even the smallest acts of kindness can have a big impact!



Putting our faith into action
this half term!



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Mission Together Mass



Our KS2 Mini Vinnies joined the scholar choir for our Mission Together mass celebrated by Archbishop Richard Moth, Fr Anthony Chantry and Fr Philip Baptiste bringing together lots of pupils from the Diocese of Westminster, Southwark and Arundel in the Parish of St Theodore's in Hampton.



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Community support



As part of our Catholic Social Teaching journey, we were delighted to welcome Jade, a member of our Whitton community who is visually impaired, into school to share her experiences with our pupils.

Jade told us some of the challenges faced by people with visual impairments and we explored how we can all play a part in creating a more inclusive and supportive community. We reflected on the Catholic Social Teaching principles of human dignity, solidarity and care for others, putting our faith into action through kindness, understanding and practical support.

We look forward to some future fundraising to support Jade and considering how, as a community, we can make a positive difference to others.

The Advent/Christmas theme focuses on Christians' preparation for the gift of God's love in Jesus which is celebrated by Christians at Christmas. It focuses on the witness of loving as a way of life. Advent marks the beginning of the Church's year. The word ADVENT comes from the Latin word 'adventus' which means 'arrival', 'coming' or 'a drawing near'. During Advent, Christians focus on preparing for a three-fold coming.

The coming of Christ in history (the birth of Jesus which we celebrate on December 25) and a remembrance of how the people of God waited expectantly for the Messiah;

How Advent encourages believers to prepare to meet Jesus who comes every day in their lives;

That believers wait in joyful expectation for Jesus to come again in glory at the end of time (the Second Coming).

Therefore Advent affirms that:

Christ has come

He is present in the world today

He will come again in power.

Advent is a time of waiting in joyful hope for the coming of Jesus into the world. It is also a penitential season; one that prepares Christians for the Second Coming (hence the liturgical colour of the season is purple). Advent has a strong, positive message. Simply put it is— 'get ready'! Or as the Scriptures put it— 'prepare the way of the Lord'. For Catholics the call to work for charity and the common good are heightened during Advent. It is a time of renewal, personal growth and transformation.

The four Sundays before Christmas Day are known as the four Sundays of Advent. The themes for each week of Advent are: 'Wake up!', 'Prepare the way of the Lord', 'Rejoice' and 'Emmanuel is with us'. These are sometimes translated as hope, love, joy, and peace.



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