



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School - Religious Education Newsletter Spring 2026

RED: *To Know You More Clearly*

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Spring, our RE curriculum continues with two more branches of *To Know You More Clearly*: **Galilee to Jerusalem** and **Desert to Garden** — guiding children through Jesus' ministry, the meaning of discipleship, and the journey of Lent and Easter.

Galilee to Jerusalem

In the first half of Spring, pupils explore Jesus' teaching, miracles and mission as He travels from Galilee towards Jerusalem. This branch invites children into the heart of Jesus' life and mission.

In class, children will:

- Hear Gospel stories of Jesus teaching and healing.
- Reflect on what it means to follow Jesus today.
- Explore links to Catholic Social Teaching — loving others as Jesus loves us.

Ways to support at home:

- Read a Gospel story each week and ask: *What would I do in this story?*
- Talk about ways your family can show Jesus' love in your community.
- Encourage children to practise kindness and compassion with siblings and friends.

Desert to Garden

In the second half of Spring, pupils focus on Lent and Easter — Jesus' journey from the desert to the Garden of Resurrection.

In class, children will:

- Hear how Jesus spent 40 days in the desert preparing for His mission.
- Reflect on Lent as a time of prayer, fasting and care for others.
- Celebrate Holy Week and Easter — Jesus' death and resurrection.

Ways to support at home:

- Create a simple Lenten promise chart — prayer, fasting, and acts of love.
- Pray the Stations of the Cross together on Fridays during Lent.
- Celebrate Easter with prayer, reflecting on new life in Christ.

How RE is Taught This Term

Children continue using RED's *knowledge lenses* — **Hear, Believe, Celebrate, Live** — learning Scripture, understanding belief, celebrating through prayer and action, and living out Gospel values in their lives.

Ideas for RE at Home

- Share reflections on the Sunday Gospel each week — *What did Jesus teach us today?*
- Encourage family acts of service during Lent — helping others, giving thanks.
- Pray together as a family, especially during Holy Week and Easter.

Key Spring RE Themes

- *Jesus' Ministry and Mission*
- *Following Christ in Everyday Life*
- *Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving*
- *Holy Week and Easter Celebration*

Thank you for supporting your child's learning in RE. As they grow in religious understanding and action, they are invited to know God's love more clearly and respond with joyful faith.

With blessings,
Ms Hodges

