



*Ad Majorem Dei  
Gloriam  
To the Greater Glory  
of God*

# R.E. News

## At Loyola



Lent Term  
2021

Dear Parents,

The experience of community is an essential and enjoyable part of life for people of every age and faith. The cycle of a year and the span of a lifetime contain occasions for regular celebrations as well as unexpected surprises, when people want to celebrate with family, friends and communities. We know that this has been particularly difficult to do in our current times. It is still nice to remember the times when we could do this and to look forward to those times when we will again.



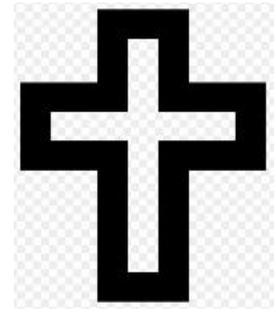
So far this term, children in different classes have looked at people who are special to them, journeys, the community and much more within Religious Education.

Next half term we will be continuing with mini topics under the theme of life. This may mean family life, life in school and how life itself is full of opportunities for self-giving. Please take the time to see what we are covering in school and also how we can support each other on our faith journey. This will help you discuss the topics and answer some of the questions that may be asked in school.

For the rest of this term we will be focusing on:

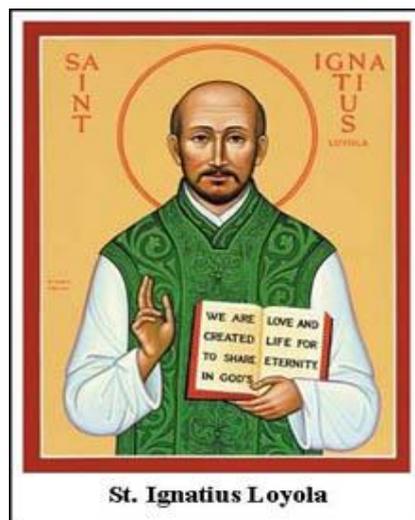
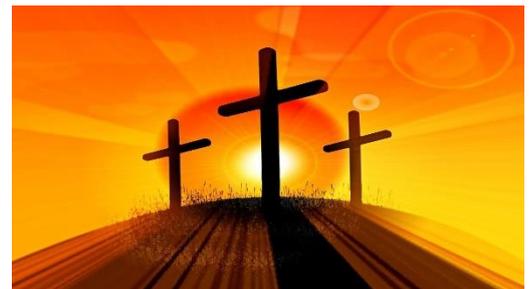
Class	Topic	Your help
EYFS (Lower / Upper Kindergarten & Reception)	Growing – Looking forward to Easter	<b><i>Our big question – How and why do things grow? Plants, flowering bulbs, outside or inside – can we look after them and monitor their growth over time?</i></b>
Pre Prep 1	Change – Lent a time for change	<b><i>Suggestions for home activities</i></b> <i>As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to charity. You may take part in Sir Captain Tom Moore’s “100” challenge discussed at school. If you have an older child (Pre Prep 2 upwards) provide him with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.</i>
Pre Prep 2	Opportunities – Lent: an opportunity to start anew	
Prep	Giving All – Lent: remembering Jesus’ total giving	
Elements	Self-Discipline – celebrating growth to new life	
Figures	Sacrifice – Lent: a time with aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus	
Rudiments	Death & New Life: Celebrating Jesus’ death and resurrection	

Charitable giving is a very ancient practice; **almsgiving** was normative long before the time of Jesus. The **Lenten** call to **almsgiving** means making the needs of other people our own. One of the central lessons of the cross is compassion. So at this time, Lent, we would like all of our boys to be compassionate and to think of others. This may be by taking up Sir Captain Tom Moore's "100" challenge or making a donation to the local Food Bank collection. Once the boys have returned to school we will be collecting for this important community charity by putting a box for donations in the porch at the front of the school. By doing any of these things it will show that in one small way we can relieve some of the burden from others and follow in the footsteps of the Lord.



We are coming up to the most Holy time of the Catholic's Church calendar where we are preparing for Easter. Here are some important dates for you to know:

- 17<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Wednesday
- 25<sup>th</sup> March - The Annunciation of the Lord
- 28<sup>th</sup> March - Palm Sunday and the Passion of the Lord
- 1<sup>st</sup> April - Maundy Thursday
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Good Friday
- 4<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Sunday



**A Prayer of St. Ignatius**

Lord, teach me to be generous;  
 Teach me to serve you as you deserve;  
 To give and not to count the cost;  
 To fight and not to heed the wounds;  
 To toil and not to seek for rest;  
 To labor and not to ask for reward;  
 Save that of knowing that I do your will.  
 Amen.