



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

R.E. News At Loyola



Lent Term
2022

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 are very thankful that we are able to meet up with our families, friends and communities once again and we look forward to celebrating these special occasions with them.



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.

In the 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 to 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	<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>
Pre Prep 1	Change – Lent a time for change	<i>Suggestions for home activities</i> <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 a charity of your choice. 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 is the school 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 making a donation or a charity of their choice or donating to the local Food Bank collection. Once Lent begins, 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:

- 2nd March – Ash Wednesday
- 25th March - The Annunciation of the Lord
- 10th April - Palm Sunday and the Passion of the Lord
- 14th April - Maundy Thursday
- 15th April - Good Friday
- 17th April - Easter Sunday



An idea to help you with prayer....

***Write down a name for God or the name of someone you want to pray for**

***Copy some words of scripture**

***Draw a shape around the words and begin to doodle**

Ask God to be part of this prayer time

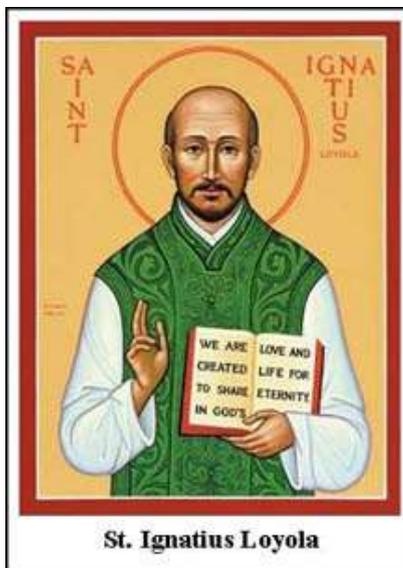
***Talk to God / pray as you draw**

***Keep talking to God as you draw or doodle**

***Thank God for listening**



Dearest 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 labour and not to ask for
 reward
 Save that of knowing I am doing
 Your Will.
 Amen
 (Prayer of St Ignatius)



A Prayer for School

Dear God,
 Thank you for looking
 after our school.
 Thank you that you love
 each and every one of us.
 Help us to learn, play and
 share together,
 So that the wonderful
 world you have made
 becomes more beautiful
 every day.

Amen