



# Our Lady of Furness Catholic Federation

"Lovingly we learn in harmony"

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## RE Newsletter Autumn 2

*As we walk with Jesus, we love, live and learn*

Dear Parents,

The dark nights have certainly found their way back to us and we return from half term to the month of November – a time to remember those who have gone before us into the loving embrace of God. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody that attended the All Saints' Mass today and here is a picture of our wonderful Saints with Father Paul.



*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

**Amen**

We also find ourselves moving towards the season of Advent when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, at Christmas.

In this issue of the newsletter you will find what your child is learning about in each year group. We hope you find this newsletter of interest and as always, please keep us in your prayers as we continue to support your children in their religious education.

Dates from the Church's calendar:

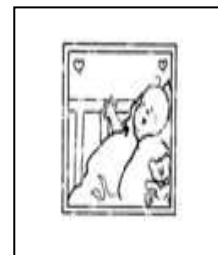
1 <sup>st</sup>	November	All Saints	3 <sup>rd</sup>	December	First Sunday of Advent
2 <sup>nd</sup>	November	All Souls	6 <sup>th</sup>	December	St Nicholas
3 <sup>rd</sup>	November	St Winefride	7 <sup>th</sup>	December	St Ambrose
10 <sup>th</sup>	November	St Leo the Great	8 <sup>th</sup>	December	Immaculate Conception
11 <sup>th</sup>	November	St Martin	10 <sup>th</sup>	December	Second Sunday of Advent
17 <sup>th</sup>	November	St Hilda	13 <sup>th</sup>	December	St Lucy
21 <sup>st</sup>	November	Presentation of Mary	14 <sup>th</sup>	December	St John of the Cross
26 <sup>th</sup>	November	Christ the King	17 <sup>th</sup>	December	Third Sunday of Advent
30 <sup>th</sup>	November	St Andrew	24 <sup>th</sup>	December	Fourth Sunday of Advent
			25 <sup>th</sup>	December	Christmas Day

## Nursery and Reception – God’s Family

**“Creation is the first and universal revelation of God’s love ... Each human person is made in God’s image ...”**

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This half term, the children in the Nursery and the Reception classes will be learning about God’s Family. Throughout the topic, the children will be given opportunities to become aware that God made all the people in the world to be part of his family and that we are part of it too.



They will learn that God made us to know and love him, as well as to show our love for him by helping one another. They will find out that God has given us gifts so that we can show his love to others.



As Christmas approaches, they will learn that God’s greatest gift to us was to send his only son Jesus and learn how to respond to that gift.

### At home

You could help your children by:

- reminding them that Christmas is about the gift of Jesus to us and not just about receiving presents.
- talk about your family and draw pictures of Jesus being part of your family
- take them to see baby Jesus at church during the Christmas season.

## *Year 1 - Mary, the Mother of God*

The children will learn that God sent the Angel Gabriel with a message to Mary and learn why this is important. They will learn that God asked Mary to be the mother of his son and will have an opportunity to reflect on her response.



They will hear about Mary’s visit to her cousin, Elizabeth and reflect on the good news. They will begin to reflect on how we can prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus and learn that Mary is our mother in heaven and that she is looking after us.

### At home

You could help your children by:

- reinforcing why Mary is important for Christians
- discussing the importance of mothers

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## *Year 2 - Mysteries*

**“God is one and God is Three, a Trinity of persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit”**

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The children will learn about and reflect on mysteries. They will be encouraged to say and reflect on what they wonder about. The children will learn that there are three persons in one God and that we can experience God in three different ways as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

They will learn about and reflect on God’s choice of Mary and Joseph and know that Jesus is God’s gift to the whole world.

### At home

You could help your children by:

- reminding them, as they make the sign of the cross, that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- reading the Christmas story and encourage them to ask questions
- visit [www.tere.org/interactive\\_site/KS1link.htm](http://www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS1link.htm) and complete activities.

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### *Year 3 & 4 - Trust in God*

The children will learn about Jesus' teaching and the importance of trusting in him. They will learn that it is not always easy to trust in God (e.g. Zechariah).

They will learn about the promise God made to Mary through the angel Gabriel and learn how Joseph put his trust in God when the angel appeared to him. They will become familiar with Mary's song of praise and trust in God (the Magnificat) and learn that God fulfilled his promise to Mary when Jesus, the Son of God, was born.



The children will have a chance to deepen their awareness of God's love for us and know that he asks us to trust in him. They will reflect on the times it is difficult to trust and on the importance of keeping promises. They will make their own Advent promises. The children will reflect on how Mary and Joseph placed all their trust in God and experience a celebration of the Nativity.

#### At home:

You could help your children by:

- making an Advent calendar with them
- go online to [www.tere.org/interactive\\_site/KS2link.htm](http://www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm) and complete the interactive activities.

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### *Year 5 & 6 - The Commandments*

The children will learn that God loves us and calls us into relationship with him.

They will learn that God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai because he loves us. The children will understand that the Ten Commandments are a gift from God to help us.



They will learn how Jesus summarised the Ten Commandments (Matthew 22: 36-40) and begin to understand how we can show our love for God by keeping his commandments with his help.

The children will also learn that God sent his Son Jesus into the world because he loves us, and that we celebrate this gift at Christmas.

#### At home:

You could help your children by:

- talking to them about how we try to live by the Ten Commandments
  - visit [www.tere.org/interactive\\_site/KS2link.htm](http://www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm) and complete activities.
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*All children in KS2 will continue with our bible homework.*

*The readings for this term are:*

<b>Bible Homework Autumn Term</b>			
<b>Date of Mass</b>	<b>Liturgical day and Week</b>	<b>Reading from Sunday Missal</b>	<b>Bible story and Page number</b>
29.10.17	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Matthew 22: 34 – 40	More than keeping the Law pg 232
5.11.17	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Matthew 23: 1 – 12	The two men in the Temple pg 268
12.11.17	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Book of Wisdom 6: 12-16	The letter of James pg 370
19.11.17	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Matthew 25: 14-30	The gold coins pg 272
26.11.17	Last Sunday in ordinary time	Christ the King Matthew 25: 14 – 30	The Coming King pg 159
Year B			
3.12.17	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	Mark 13: 33 – 37	Faithful Servants pg 259
10.12.17	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Mark 1: 1 – 8	John the Baptist pg 216
17.12.17	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	John 1: 6 – 8, 19 – 28	Jesus is Baptised pg 217
24.12.17	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	Luke 1: 26 – 38	Mary and the Angel Pg 207
31. 12. 17	The Holy Family	Luke 2: 22-40	In the Temple pg 213

Questions to be discussed are:

**Bible Story Homework**

Questions to answer and discuss verbally. This will be discussed further in class during Collective Worship each week.

1. What do you like most about this story?
2. What do you find surprising?
3. Imagine you are in the story and describe how you are feeling.
4. What do you think this story shows about God's love for us?
5. What do you think we can learn from this story?
6. How might this change how you are towards God, your family, and others?

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