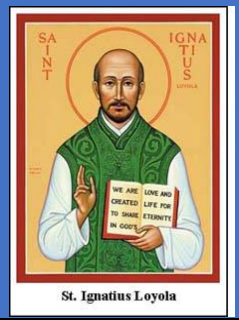




R.E. News At Loyola



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

*Lent Term
2025*

2025 is the Jubilee Year and Pope Francis has chosen the theme of, "Pilgrims of Hope." A year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the Covid pandemic and climate crisis.

**JUBILEE YEAR
OF HOPE 2025**

In the Catholic Church, a Jubilee or Holy Year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to come back into the right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. A Jubilee Year is celebrated by the Church every 25 years and this has been the case since 1470, when Pope Paul II changed it from every 50 years.

We are marking the Jubilee Launch Day on Friday 24th January in our school assembly.

In the Bible the Jubilee year meant that all debt was cancelled, it was a period of rest for people and the earth. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus makes clear that his own mission is to bring Jubilee and he reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, proclaiming the year of the Lord's favour. (Luke 4:18-19) Jesus shows us what God's Kingdom of justice, compassion and freedom looks like. He invites us to join him in making it a reality. Over the year, we will see how we too can help through taking part in prayer and activities to support the Jubilee such as the CAFOD Big Lent Walk.

Father in Heaven,

May the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
And the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
Reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos

In the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
Your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen



We look forward to welcoming different priests to our school each week and thank them for their ongoing support.

The dates for our class Masses this term are:

8 th January	Figures	26 th February	Pre Prep 2
15 th January	Campion House	5 th March	Rudiments
22 nd January	Prep	12 th March	Pre Prep 1
29 th January	Elements	19 th March	Reception
5 th February	Pre Prep 2	26 th March	Owen House
12 th February	Southwell House	2 nd April	Figures

Lent: Lent starts on Ash Wednesday (5th March). The word Lent comes from an old English word that means 'lengthen' and refers to the turning of Winter into Spring when the days lengthen and the cycle of life is renewed once more. There is more sunlight, birdsong is more noticeable, spring bulbs are in bloom and trees are beginning to show signs of coming to life. These signs of new life are echoed in the season of Lent through which the Church bids us to reawaken and refocus on tending to the Lord who calls us 'come back to me, with all your heart'. The journey of Lent is a journey towards the new way of living that Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, promised to us through the power of our most celebrated season – Easter. We tend to celebrate Christmas as if it's the most important time in the Church's year, but the Resurrection of Jesus is the most important event for Christians. When Christians say that their hope is in the risen Jesus, mean it is their greatest hope. When Jesus rose on the first Easter morning, it was a brand new kind of life. He promises this same life to all who hope in him. No wonder Easter is the greatest feast!



Please take the time to look on Planbook to see how you can support your son with his faith journey. EYFS & KS1 are now using the new Religious Education Directory (RED) and KS2 are using Come & See.

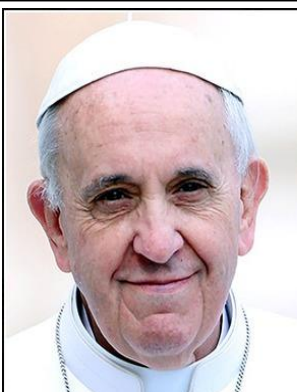
EYFS Kindergarten & Reception	Galilee to Jerusalem (Getting to know Jesus): Exploring Jesus' ministry, learning about His life, teachings, miracles, parables and the call of His Disciples, deepening their understanding of His journey and the Kingdom of God.
KS1 Pre Prep 1 & 2	Desert to Garden (Sorrow and Joy): Learning about the season of Lent, Holy Week and Easter, focusing on Jesus' journey from the desert of temptation to the garden of resurrection, deepening their understanding of sacrifice, redemption and new life.
KS2 Prep	JOURNEYS – The Christian family's journey with Christ LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Elements	COMMUNITY - Life in the Christian community and ministries in the parish GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life
Figures	MISSION - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Rudiments	SOURCES - The Bible, the special book for the Church UNITY - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

Charity is an ongoing effort to improve the lives of others, especially those who are less fortunate. There is always something you can do to alleviate the suffering of others. It's not about how much you give but your willingness to give. This Lent, we will continue encouraging all our boys to be more compassionate and considerate of others. This could involve making a donation to a charity of their choice or contributing to local Food Bank collections, such as Noah's Ark or the Epping Food Bank. By taking these small actions, we can help lighten the burdens of others and follow in the footsteps of the Lord. *"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God"* Hebrews 13:16



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:

- 5th March - Ash Wednesday
- 13th April - Palm Sunday
- 17th April - Maundy Thursday
- 18th April - Good Friday
- 20th April - Easter Sunday



All it takes is one good person to restore hope.

— Pope Francis —