



# RE Newsletter

Star of the Sea Primary School

As the Autumn term draws to a close it's the perfect time to reflect on the milestones our children have reached. The energy and enthusiasm that our children bring to their learning are truly inspiring, and we are so proud of their growth and accomplishments. The children have engaged in an array of diverse tasks that have truly showcased their creativity and understanding, from exploring the rich narratives in the Bible to engaging in lively debates.



A standout moment this term, was our outdoor Mass celebrated by our parish priest, Monsignor Faley, where the beauty of nature provided a perfect backdrop for reflection and worship. It was a delight to see so many families could join us in this spiritual gathering. This term, we embraced the spirit of community during our class Celebrations of the Word, parents joined us to reflect on the scripture that we have been focusing on in our learning. This collaboration truly highlighted the partnership between our school and families.



The Year of Prayer has been a wonderful opportunity for us to deepen our spiritual lives as we prepare for the upcoming Jubilee Year. It has been a time to reflect on our relationship with God and seek new ways to engage in prayer. Creative prayer has played a vital role during this period, allowing us to express our spirituality in diverse and imaginative ways. Whether it has been through art, music, or drama, these creative practices have helped us connect more profoundly with our faith.



### Our Journey Through Christmas

During Advent, we embrace our wonderful tradition of creating installations that tell the Christmas story. Each year group is assigned a segment, allowing us to dive deep into the scriptures and express our reflections through art and creative prayer. This year, we meticulously followed the accounts from Matthew and Luke. Year 4 began our journey with the Annunciation's profound message. Year 3 explored the long trek Mary and Joseph undertook to Bethlehem for Caesar Augustus's census. Year 2 depicted the miraculous birth of Jesus, while Year 1 crafted a joyful chorus of angels announcing the good news to the Shepherds. Our EYFS children contemplated Herod's orders to the Wise Men, and Year 6 penned beautiful, reflective prayers to honour the gifts brought to the newborn King. To cap it all off, Year 5 transformed our school hall with an incredible nativity installation, celebrating the heart of this cherished season.



From all of us at Star of the Sea, we wish you all a happy, holy Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you back in the Spring term.