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Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School

Religious Education Department

Curriculum Overview Year 9

2026-2027

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Unit title	Creation and Covenant	Prophecy and Promise	Galilee to Jerusalem	Desert to Garden	To the Ends of the Earth	Dialogue and Encounter- Judaism
Aims	This unit of work introduces students to the foundational Catholic belief that all life is a sacred gift from God. Through the exploration of key theological concepts such as <i>Imago Dei</i> (the image of God), the sanctity of life, and the dignity of the human person, students will deepen their understanding of how these beliefs shape Catholic attitudes towards human value and moral responsibility. The unit also connects to the theme of covenant, encouraging students to reflect on the relationship between God and humanity, and how this divine promise influences Catholic views on justice, compassion, and respect for all people.	This unit explores the theme of <i>Prophecy and Promise</i> within the Catholic tradition, encouraging students to reflect on how biblical figures such as Adam and Eve can be seen as symbolic foreshadowing of Jesus and Mary. Through this lens, students will examine the continuity of God's covenant with humanity and the unfolding of divine promises throughout salvation history. A special focus is placed on the role of women prophets and the significance of Mary, the Holy Mother, as a model of faith, courage, and obedience. The unit also invites students to draw inspiration from both historical and contemporary men and women who embody prophetic voices and live out God's promises in today's world.	This unit, <i>Galilee to Jerusalem</i>, focuses on the diverse group of individuals Jesus chose to be his disciples, highlighting that discipleship is a calling open to all, regardless of background or imperfections. Students will explore how Jesus' journey from Galilee to Jerusalem was marked by encounters with people who were flawed yet chosen, emphasizing the transformative power of forgiveness and grace. Through this, learners are encouraged to reflect on their own capacity to live as modern-day disciples, embracing compassion, humility, and the courage to grow in faith despite personal challenges.	This unit, <i>Desert to Garden</i>, places the sacrifice of Jesus at the heart of the Christian faith, guiding students through a deeper understanding of its spiritual and theological significance. By exploring the concept of sacrifice in both the Old and New Testaments, students will examine how ancient practices prepared the way for the ultimate sacrifice of Christ, the Lamb of God. The unit encourages reflection on the meaning of redemption, the symbolism of the cross, and how Jesus' journey from the desert to the garden reveals God's promise of hope, renewal, and love for humanity.	In <i>To the Ends of the Earth</i>, students will explore St Paul's teachings on the nature and purpose of the Church, gaining insight into its mission to spread the Gospel and unite believers as one body in Christ. The unit examines Catholic beliefs about heaven and purgatory, with a particular focus on purgatory as a state of spiritual cleansing and preparation for full communion with God. Through this, students are invited to reflect on the hope of eternal life and the significance of the Communion of Saints. The unit also encourages learners to consider how the Church continues to be shaped by the faith and witness of individuals, both past and present, who live out their calling to holiness.	This unit provides students with a comprehensive introduction to Jewish beliefs and practices, offering insight into how faith shapes daily life and religious identity. By exploring key concepts such as covenant, mitzvot (commandments), and the importance of community and tradition, students will gain an understanding of how Jewish beliefs are expressed through rituals, festivals, and ethical living. The unit emphasizes the connection between belief and practice, helping learners appreciate the depth and richness of Judaism as both a religion and a way of life.



All individual unit aims, homework, resources, adherence to Curriculum Directory, School Principles, Teaching and Learning Focus are outlined in the individual written Scheme of Work and supported by a lesson powerpoint.