

# *R.E. Newsletter for Year One*

## *Parents*

*(Autumn term 2023, second half)*

**This half term your child will be studying the topic of Mary, Mother of God:**

Catechism of the Catholic Church

*'God sent forth his Son', but to prepare a body for him, he wanted the free co-operation of a creature. For this, from all eternity God chose for the mother of his Son a daughter of Israel, a young Jewish woman of Nazareth in Galilee, 'a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary'. CCC 488*

### **Key Learning Objectives**

In this unit the children will have the opportunity to:

- Understand that God sent the Angel Gabriel with a message to Mary and why this is important
- Know that God asked Mary to be the mother of his Son and reflect on her response
- Hear about Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth and reflect on their good news
- Reflect on how we can prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus
- Know 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

#### Dates to Note:

1st November	All Saints'	6th December	St. Nicholas
2nd November	All Souls	8th December	Immaculate Conception of Mary
11th November	St. Martin of Tours	10th December	Second Sunday of Advent
21st November	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	13th December	St Lucy
22nd November	St Cecilia	17th December	Third Sunday of Advent
26th November	Christ the King	24th December	Fourth Sunday of Advent
30th November	St Andrew, Apostle	25th December	Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
3rd December	First Sunday of Advent	26th December	St Stephen, the first martyr
		29th December	St. Thomas Becket, Martyr-