



KS3: YEAR 9

## OUR LEARNING JOURNEY



### TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

In this topic, you will explore the Catholic belief that every human is a unique individual loved by God. You will understand the teachings of St Paul about the nature and purpose of the Church and the concept of all Christians on earth, in heaven and in purgatory being united by the Church. You will investigate the three parts of the Church and explore how to honour saints and angels through veneration in the Mass and other devotional practices.

SUMMER  
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### DIALOGUE AND ENCOUNTER

In this topic, you will delve into the work of the Church post Vatican II, including the work of Catholic organisations around the world. You will understand the purpose of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, whilst considering how Catholics believe that there are three essential elements of the common good and how they use this to share the light of Jesus.

SUMMER  
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### DESERT TO GARDEN

In this topic, you will understand that the sacrifice of Jesus is at the heart of Christianity. You will study the human desire for God's forgiveness and the significance of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. You will explore the Christian belief that Christ's sacrifice was needed for the forgiveness of sin. You will also see how the sacrifice of Jesus brought a New Covenant and that this Covenant is at the heart of Catholic life and worship.

### GALILEE TO JERUSALEM

In this topic, you will explore the Gospels from the beginning, when Jesus called men and women from all parts of society to follow him as disciples. You will learn about the importance of mercy and forgiveness, along with how Mark extends the theme of discipleship to other followers of Jesus, including women. You will see how Jesus calls each person to their own mission, by understanding the service of monks, sisters and priests.

SPRING  
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SPRING  
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### PROPHECY & PROMISE

In this topic, you will explore how the story of Adam and Eve can symbolise the lives of Christ and Mary. You will learn about the need for salvation and Mary's carrying of Jesus that brought the chance of freedom from sin and eternal life. You will explore how many holy women in the Bible played important roles and how Catholics believe God chose them. You will study Mary as a woman of true faith and pure heart.

### CREATION & COVENANT

In this topic, you will learn about the nature of God and the nature of human life. You will also look at the idea of our vocation to protect the dignity of all, along with the sanctity of life. You will link these beliefs to the key term *imago Dei*, whilst considering the importance of lifelong, committed relationships through marriage. You will explore issues surrounding life and death.

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