Religious Education

KS3: Year 8

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Ambition for All



HT1 – Creation and Covenant

This unit returns to the beginning of the narrative of salvation history but focusing this time on how the account of the Fall in Genesis 3 is a figurative reflection on human flaws. Students will explore the role conscience plays in the responsible exercise of human freedom.

HT3 – Galilee to Jerusalem

This unit focuses on the mystery of Jesus, particularly on his action, parables and miracles. Students will engage in scriptural scholarship, identifying the literal and moral senses of key scriptural passages. Students will make connections between Jesus' encounters with the sick and sinful and the Sacrament of the Sick

HT5 – To the Ends (of the Earth

This unit looks to God's final answer to the mystery of suffering, which is the promise that all suffering will ultimately be overcome by God's love. Students will look at scriptural passages that provide the basis for a belief in the Resurrection and the hope of eternal life.



This unit looks at the role of prophets in scripture and the specific way messianic prophecies play a part in Advent celebrations. Students will investigate Advent liturgies and cultural practices from around the world. Students will carry out a detailed study of the prophetic text of Amos.

HT4 – Desert to Garden

This unit asks deep questions about the meaning of human suffering. If God loves us, why does he allow us to suffer? Students will recall the account of Jesus' passion and death, reflecting on the meaning of this suffering by making links with the Suffering Servant prophecy of Isaiah.

HT6 – Dialogue and Encounter

This unit gives students the opportunity to look at contemporary principles of dialogue and proclamation in the Catholic Church. They will explore Pope St Paul VI's dialogical approach and how the concentric circles model of dialogue is reflected in Ecclesiam Suam.

