



# Autumn 2 – Prophecy and Promise – Year 3



## 01 Background information

In Branch 2 – Prophecy and Promise, we will explore the significance of the Mass and the nativity story according to St. Matthew. We will learn about Joseph, the angel's message, and how these events fulfil prophecies about Jesus as the Messiah. Understanding what happens at Mass and how it connects to our faith is essential. Through scripture and our experiences, we will see how the messages of the angels relate to our lives today.

## 02 What should I already know?

You have learned important stories and teachings from the Bible in Years 1 and 2. You know about God as our loving Creator and how He made the world in seven days. You have explored the stories of Jesus, including His teachings and the miracles He performed, showing us how to love and care for one another. You have explored special times in the Church calendar, like Advent and Christmas, and how these seasons help us prepare for and celebrate Jesus' birth.

## 03 Prayer

### Kyrie, Eleison

'Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.'

*It is a prayer from the heart about human need. God owes us nothing. Everything he gives comes from his mercy.*

## 04 Key Vocabulary



**Advent:** The period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

**Angel:** A messenger from God who delivers important news or guidance.

**Joseph:** The earthly father of Jesus, who listened to the angel's message and obeyed God's will.

**Liturgy of the Word:** Part of the Mass where readings from the Bible are shared, helping us learn about God's word.

**Mass:** The central act of Catholic worship, where we gather to celebrate the Eucharist and listen to God's word.

**Sunday:** The holy day when Christians gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

**Symbol:** A sign that represents something else, often used in religious contexts to convey deeper meanings.

## 05 Scripture



ISAIAH 7:14



MATTHEW 1:18-25



LK 1:26-38

## The BIG Question

MARY AND JOSEPH  
HEARD GOD'S WORD  
THROUGH THE MESSAGE  
OF AN ANGEL. HOW CAN  
WE HEAR GOD'S WORD  
TODAY?



## 06 By the end of the topic:

By the end of this branch, you will know why Sunday is such a special day for Christians and how we celebrate Mass together as a community. You will learn about the importance of the Liturgy of the Word, where we listen to stories from the Bible and reflect on their meanings. You will also discover the significance of Advent, the time we prepare for the coming of Jesus, and understand how the angels and prophets play a role in this beautiful story. Additionally, you will recognise the role of St. Joseph and how he trusted in God's plan when he received the angel's message.