



The Holy Family Primary School

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AUTUMN TERM 2024 COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend one week studying another faith.

DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

9th Sept – 4th Oct

Early Years	MYSELF - God knows and loves each one
Year 1	FAMILIES - God's love and care for every family
Year 2	BEGINNINGS - God is present in every beginning
Year 3	HOMES - God's vision for every family
Year 4	PEOPLE - The family of God in Scripture
Year 5	OURSELVES - Created in the image and likeness of God
Year 6	LOVING - God who never stops loving

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love.

Write underneath it
"We show God's love to one another."

Include those who have died.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

7th Oct – 8th Nov

Early Years	WELCOME - Baptism: a welcome to God's family
Year 1	BELONGING - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family
Year 2	SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - Signs and symbols in Baptism
Year 3	PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism
Year 4	CALLED - Confirmation: a call to witness
Year 5	LIFE CHOICES - Marriage, commitment and service
Year 6	VOCATION AND COMMITMENT - The vocation of priesthood and religious life

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

World View

(1 week)
11th Nov

Hinduism

EYFS – Diwali
Year 1 - Krishna and
Ganesh Raksha Bandan
Year 2 – Prayer at home

Judaism

Year 3 – Synagogue
Year 4 – Torah

Islam

Year 5 – Ramadan and
Pilgrimage
Year 6 – Guidance for
Muslims

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

18th Nov – 20th Dec

Early Years	BIRTHDAY - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday
Year 1	WAITING - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas
Year 2	PREPARATIONS - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas
Year 3	VISITORS - waiting for the coming of Jesus
Year 4	GIFT - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
Year 5	HOPE - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one
Year 6	EXPECTATIONS - Jesus born to show God to the world

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home. Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree.

Use the CAFOD or Missio websites to get a religious Advent calendar.



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Catholic Social Teaching

AUTUMN A **ROOTED IN LOVE** **Care for Creation**

The world was made by God, so we take care of God's creation.

AUTUMN B **ROOTED IN LOVE**

Preferential Option for the Poor

The 'preferential option' means allowing someone to have the first choice.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

September theme – Creation

The Feast of the Mary the Mother of Jesus - House saint – 8th September

October theme - The Month of the Rosary

The Feast of Saint John Henry Newman - House saint – 9th October

The Feast of Saint John Paul II - House saint – 22nd October

November theme - Remembering

All Saints - 1st November

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) - 2nd November
Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - 26th November

December theme - Advent

Advent - begins 1st December

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

First Sunday of Advent - Hope – Light the Prophets' Candle – 1st December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 9th December
This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus.
She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

Second Sunday of Advent – Faith – Light the Bethlehem Candle – 8th December

Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday: Joy – Light the Shepherds' Candle – 15th December

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Peace – Light the Angels' Candle – 22nd December

Christmas Day, The Nativity of the Lord - 25th December
On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – 31st December