

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM IN SCHOOL

Special Masses and Holy Days:

ALL SAINTS (1 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) (2 November)

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (22 November)

ADVENT (Begins 29 November)

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.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (8 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.

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Class Masses and Holy Day Masses

Thursday 12th Sept - Start of School Mass at 9.15 am

Mon 2nd Nov—All Saints Mass at 9.30am

Thurs 17th Dec - Christmas service in church at 9.15am

Rejoice Assemblies

Thursday 8th October

- Y2 assembly about 'Beginnings' at 9am.

Thursday 5th November

- Y5 assembly about 'Marriage' at 9am.

Eternal Rest

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Lest We Forget.

Christmas Nativity Productions:

Reception: Wed 2nd Dec at 9am
Thurs 3rd Dec at 9am

Year 1 & 2: Tues 8th Dec at 9.30am
Wed 9th Dec at 2pm

Year 3 & 4: Wed 9th Dec at 9.30am
Thurs 10th Dec at 6pm

Year 5 & 6: Wed 9th Dec at 6pm
Thurs 10th Dec at 2pm



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AUTUMN TERM 2015

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 a day studying Judaism as part of our work on other world faiths.

DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

(7th September – 2nd October 2015)

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.

JUDAISM (12th October 2015)

Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for one day, they will have the opportunity to handle different artefacts and learn lots of different things about Jewish life. You could ask them about some of the things they have learned.

Mother Teresa – Missionaries in Calcutta (October 2015)

Pupils will be learning about the work that Mother Teresa did in Calcutta to help make the lives of others better. On Friday 16th October, the children will have an own clothes day, for £1 donation. The money raised will be taken by one of our parents, to the 'Missionaries in Calcutta' where the money will be put to good use straight away. We ask you to keep the missionaries in your thoughts and prayers.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

(19th October – 20th November 2015)

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.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

(23rd November – 18th December 2015)

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.