



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



RE Curriculum Newsletter

Advent Term

4th September – 20th December 2024



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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 week studying Judaism.

Domestic Church – Family

Yr2 Beginnings – God is present in every beginning
Yr3 Homes – God's vision for every family
Yr4 People – The family of God in Scripture
Yr5 Ourselves – Created in the image and likeness of God

At home

Look through your family photo album. Try to find photos of all the significant family members – grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love.



Baptism and Confirmation - Belonging

Yr2 Signs and Symbols – Signs and symbols in Baptism
Yr3 Promises – Promises made at Baptism
Yr4 Called – Confirmation: a call to witness
Yr5 Life Choices – Marriage, commitment and service

At home

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



JUDAISM

Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for one week.
 Ask them what they have been learning about.

Advent/Christmas - Loving

Yr2 Preparations – Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas
Yr3 Visitors – waiting for the coming of Jesus
Yr4 Gift – God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
Yr5 Hope – Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one

At home

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 (<http://www.cafod.org.uk/>) or Missio (<http://www.missio.org.uk/>) websites to get a religious Advent calendar.

NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTORY

Early Years Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 6


Pupils in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 will be introduced to the new Religious Education Directory materials as follows:

Advent term 1 – **Creation and Covenant**

EYFS: God knows and loves each one of us
 God sent Jesus to love us all
Yr1: All that exists comes from God
 God forged a Covenant with his people
Yr6: The second account of Creation and the 'Fall'

Advent term 2 – **Prophecy and Promise**

EYFS: The Nativity
Yr1: God loved us so much he sent his son Jesus
Yr6: Incarnation is the mystery of Christian faith

<p>Special days this term</p> <p><u><i>You are welcome to join us for your child's class assembly at 8.30am</i></u></p>	<p>Sept 8th - Education Sunday Sept 21st - Peace Walk – for all families Oct 1st - New School Year Mass – Years 4, 5 & 6 Oct 4th - First Friday Mass at St. Margaret's Church – Year 6 Oct 11th – Diocesan Mass at St. Mary's, Dunstable – Faith Ambassadors and selected pupils Nov 7th - 6 St Clare Assembly – for parents Nov 14th - 4 St Bernadette Assembly – for parents Nov 15th - St Margaret of Scotland Feast Day Mass at Church – Years 4, 5 and 6 Nov 21st - 6 St Bernadette Assembly – for parents Nov 28th - 3 St Bernadette Assembly – for parents Dec 3rd - Adoration of the Holy Sacrament – in school for Year 6 Dec 4th - Service of Reconciliation – KS1 and KS2 followed by individual confessions for Y4,5,6 Dec 6th - First Friday Mass at St Margaret's Church – Year 5 Dec 16th - Christmas Service at St. Margaret's Church – all welcome Dec 18th - Tasty Treats – for grandparents</p>
<p>Important dates for the Church this term:</p>	<p>Nov 1st All Saints Nov 2nd All Souls Nov 24th Christ the King Dec 1st Advent begins Dec 9th The immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Dec 25th The Nativity of the Lord Dec 30th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ADVENT</p> <p>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 during the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Try to take some time each day to pray together as a family.</p>	