

R.E. NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

SPRING 1



To Know You More Clearly – Branch 3 Galilee to Jerusalem

Nursery	We will hear the readings of the The Wise Men visit Jesus, Jesus welcomes the little children. Mk 10: v16, Jesus blesses the little children (story retold). We will learn that Jesus is born for everyone. We will start to learn the special prayer Glory Be and show love to everyone like Jesus did.
Reception	We will hear about the visit of the Magi to Jesus, Jesus blesses the little children and The Feeding of the five thousand. We will learn that Jesus is God's son and come for everyone, his birthday is celebrated at Christmas. He came to show God's love and welcomes everyone, and he takes care of everyone. We will welcome and show love to everyone in our words and actions as Jesus does. We are called to help the poor and hungry.
Year 1	The children will learn Christians celebrate the visit of the wise men on 6 th January. It is called Epiphany. They will learn that Jesus grows up and reveals the love of the Father to us and some people who encounter Jesus recognise that he is the Son of God who has come to save all. Christians are called to take care of each other, especially those most in need, such as the poor.
Year 2	The children will hear about the visit of the Magi. The children will learn The Magi visited Jesus with gifts. Jesus is God's son and came for everyone. Jesus' birth is celebrated at Christmas. Jesus came to show God's love and welcomes everyone. Jesus takes care of everyone. That the Church prays the 'Glory Be' as a response to the coming of Jesus. We welcome and show love to everyone in our words and actions as Jesus does. We are called to help the poor and hungry.
Year 3	The kingdom of God begins in all those who open their hearts to God's love and the miracles that Jesus worked expressed his love for all people and were signs that the kingdom of God was beginning. They will learn about the invitation to communion by the Priest and the response used. The children will also learn Praying the 'Our Father' helps Christians to continue to build the kingdom begun with Jesus. They will link this to their own school Catholic charitable work.
Year 4	Children will learn why some people gave Jesus the title 'Christ' (the anointed one) by making links with the Scripture studied and between Jesus' speech to John the Baptist's followers and signs that he is the Messiah. They learn that God's Kingdom includes those who are excluded by society. Children will describe the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick. Children will reflect on those that society excludes today and consider how they could show love for these people as Jesus did, considering how Jesus serves others and discussing how Christians can follow this example today. What could this mean for their lives and the lives of their local communities.

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Come and See

Year 5	<p>Mission Children will learn that the Church, the Christian family, is made up of smaller Christian families called dioceses. Each diocese is led by a bishop. The bishops continue the work of 'the twelve', the apostles, who continued the work and mission of Jesus. Jesus is the head of these families. He is the head of the Church. There are other Christian families which are not part of the Catholic Church. Ecumenism is the word used for promoting unity among Christian churches. One of the final prayers of Jesus was that all Christian families might be one.</p> <p>Memorial Sacrifice Children will learn that The Eucharist is a memorial sacrifice in the Jewish sense of remembering, that is it makes present a past reality. It is a memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, through which Christ gives his body and blood for the salvation of all people and provides hope for the future. They will also learn how memories are kept alive and that The Eucharist keeps the memory of Jesus' sacrifice alive and present in a special way.</p>
Year 6	<p>Sources The children will examine the structure of the Bible and will learn to locate specific stories, letters, psalms and parables using specific Bible references. They will understand the importance of the four Gospels and see how the Bible is ultimately the story of God's love.</p> <p>Unity The children will understand what nourishes or spoils friendship and unity. They will create a poem about friendship and contemplate Jesus' prayer for unity. The children will research, consider and write a guide on Holy Communion</p>

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Key Dates

Liturgical Events	
January	February
1 st – Holy Mary, Mother of God	2 nd Presentation of the Lord
6 th – Epiphany	8 th – St. Josephine Bakhita
11 th - Baptism of Our Lord	11 th – Our Lady of Lourdes
	17 th – Shrove Tuesday
	18 th Ash Wednesday
	22 nd 1 st Sunday of Lent
	22 nd The Feast of St. Peter the Apostle
Religious & Cultural	Religious & Cultural
3 rd Mahayana Day (Buddhism)	2 nd Shevat (Jewish)
	15 th Parinirvana Day (Nirvana Day) (Buddhism)
	17 th Ramadan Begins (Islam)
Awareness and Events	Awareness and Events
4 th - World Braille Day	3 rd Racial Justice Day
18 th –25 th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	4 th International Day of Human Fraternity
19 th – Martin Luther King Day	9 th – 15 th Children’s Mental Health Week
24 th World Day of Education	11 th World day for the sick
25 th - World Leprosy Day	17 th Chinese New Year
27 th International Holocaust Remembrance Memorial Day	17 th Random Act of Kindness Day
31 st – 8 th February National Storytelling Week	20 th – World Day of Social Justice
	26 th Lenten CAFOD National Assembly
	27 th CAFOD Family Fast Day