

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

for Catholic Life, RE and Liturgy

Annecy Liturgical Events (families welcome)	Key Holy Days Explained
<p>Mass to begin the new school year (6th September 9:20am, Hall)</p> <p>Grandparents' Week Shared Read and Rosary (28 September 2pm, in classrooms)</p> <p>Harvest Mass (11 October 10am, Hall)</p> <p>EYFS and KS1 Nativity (5th December 2pm, 6th December 9:30am)</p> <p>KS2 Advent Carol Service (13 December 1:45pm, St Thomas More Church)</p>	<p>ALL SAINTS (1 November) We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.</p> <p>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. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.</p> <p>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (26 November)</p> <p>ADVENT (Begins 3 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (25 December) On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.</p> <p>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (31 December)</p>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AUTUMN TERM 2023 COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church [Family], Baptism and Confirmation [Belonging] (except Year 3 who will be following the Sacramental Preparation Programme) and Advent and Christmas [Loving]. Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend a week studying Judaism. Years R, 1 and 6 will be studying two themes from the new Religious Education Directory (RED) of Creation and Covenant and Prophecy and Promise.

DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

Early Years	CREATION TO COVENANT - God created the world and me
Year 1	CREATION TO COVENANT - All that exists comes from God, the Creator, who Christians call Father
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	CREATION TO COVENANT- Belief in God as sustainer

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

Early Years	CREATION TO COVENANT - Baptism: a welcome to God's family
Year 1	CREATION TO COVENANT - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family
Year 2	SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - Signs and symbols in Baptism
Year 3	RECONCILIATION - Sacramental Preparation Programme
Year 4	CALLED - Confirmation: a call to witness
Year 5	LIFE CHOICES - Marriage, commitment and service
Year 6	CREATION TO COVENANT- Belief in God as sustainer and source of the universe is compatible with the scientific account of

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

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

JUDAISM

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

Early Years	PROPHECY AND PROMISE - Mary was chosen by God to give birth to his Son.
Year 1	PROPHECY AND PROMISE- Because God loves us, he gave us his only Son, Jesus.
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	PROPHECY AND PROMISE - Examples of women today who are responding to God's call in their life. For example, the role of women's religious orders in the Church today,

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.