

# RE NEWSLETTER –Spring 1 2025

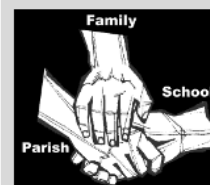
## RE CURRICULUM TOPIC THIS HALF TERM –

### Being a Sacramental People - Year C

Linking School, Parish and Home

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#### Religious Education

##### Key Idea:

Having learned something of the nature of God we now ask where God is - and find out that God is with us in our world, bidden or not! Being sacramental means that we can know God in our everyday lives – the highs and lows, the joys and fears. There is nowhere that God is not! In this resource we look for God in the world and come to understand that knowing God in our everyday helps us to see how the Sacraments celebrate and express this. In this resource our need for healing, physical and social, in the Sacraments of Healing, is studied.

##### Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

**Spiritual Outcomes:** It is hoped that pupils will develop:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. An appreciation of God's presence in the world</li><li>b. A respect for relationships which bring God's presence to us</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>c. An attitude of openness to the Sacraments: words, actions and symbols</li><li>d. A willingness to seek God in their own lives</li><li>e. A recognition of the need for healing in the world.</li></ul> |
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##### Activities to try at home

You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much greater if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs.

- Healing is for body, mind and soul. It settles our fears, it takes away the sadness or our wrong-doing and it clears the way of obstacles which bind us.
- The best way to teach your children about healing is to be open and generous in your healing: your gift of it and your reception of it from those who love you.

##### An idea for prayer at home



##### Prayer Activity

Loving God,

At every moment of our lives you are present to us, God, in gentle compassion, in strengthening guidance and in and loving forgiveness. Help us to recognize you around us, especially in our actions and words so that our being in the world helps heal it of fear and hurt and doubt. We ask this through Jesus who taught us to love. Amen.

5<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany  
 12<sup>th</sup> January – Baptism of the Lord  
 19<sup>th</sup> January – Peace Day  
 25<sup>th</sup> January – Conversion of St Paul  
 26<sup>th</sup> January – Sunday of the Word of God  
 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Presentation of the Lord  
 3<sup>rd</sup> February – St Blaise (Martyr)  
 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – St Agatha (Martyr)  
 8<sup>th</sup> February – St Josephine Bakhita – Day for the victims of trafficking (Year 3 Class Saint)  
 11<sup>th</sup> February – World Day for the Sick  
 16<sup>th</sup> February – Racial Justice Day  
 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Day for the unemployed.

## **School Dates**

Year 6 Coffee Morning for MacMillan at English Martyrs – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025  
 27<sup>th</sup> January - Holocaust Memorial Day assembly for children  
 7<sup>th</sup> February (For 8<sup>th</sup> Feb) – Year 3 Class Liturgy and Own Clothes Day for their class saint – St Josephine Bakhita

## **VALUES OF THE MONTH**

This term the chaplains will be giving out special certificates for children displaying the value each week.

### **JANUARY**



### **FEBRUARY**



## **CLASS SAINTS**

Reception – St George  
 Year 1 – St John Paul II  
 Year 2- St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)  
 Year 3 – St Josephine Bakhita  
 Year 4 – St Oscar Romero  
 Year 5 – St Thérèse of Lisieux  
 Year 6 – St Martin de Porres

## OTHER FAITHS

This term we will be learning about Hinduism.

Hinduism is one of the world's oldest religions, originating in India over 4,000 years ago. It is a diverse and complex faith with no single founder, centred on beliefs like karma (action and consequence), dharma (duty), and moksha (liberation from the cycle of rebirth). Hindus worship many deities, including Brahma the creator, Vishnu the preserver, and Shiva the destroyer, while also recognizing one supreme reality called Brahman. Sacred texts like the Vedas and Bhagavad Gita guide Hindu practices and philosophies.

## CARITAS IN ACTION

Rooted in Love is a Religious Education resource for primary schools. It addresses the objectives relating to Catholic Social Teaching from the new Religious Education Directory, including prayer and liturgy ideas around each theme, as well as suggestions for bringing this work to life in the Catholic life and mission of the school. Rooted in Love is split into 6 themes, one for each half term.

Half Term	CST Theme
Autumn A	Care of Creation
Autumn B	Preferential Option for the Poor
Spring A	Solidarity and Peace
Spring B	Community and Participation
Summer A	Dignity of Workers
Summer B	Human Dignity

This half-term we  
and in being peace

believe in showing that we care

Loving God,

We believe that we are one big human family.

Help us to reach out to people who are suffering or sad, showing them the love you have shown to us.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Loving God,

We believe you want to bring your peace to our homes, our communities and our world.

Help us to be peacemakers, listening to and loving each other.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

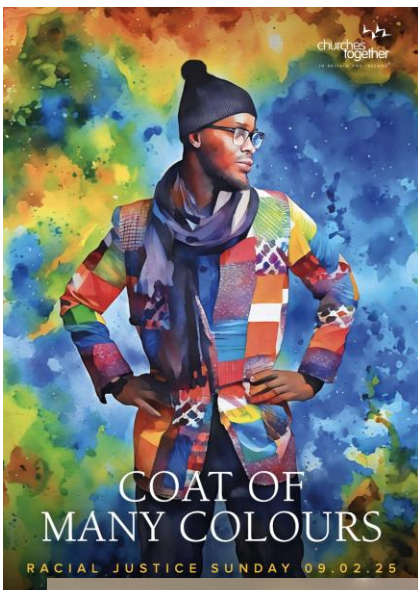
## **PRAYER CYCLE**

The season of Christmas has ended and it is now Ordinary Time again. During this season we listen to readings about the teachings and parables of Jesus and reflect on what it means to be a follower of Christ. In this ordinary time, we concentrate on the saints and try to imitate their holiness as Christ's followers. As it is Racial Justice Sunday this month, we remember especially the saints from different races and cultures, and learn more about them. We also pray for the intentions above in green at any time but especially on their special days. During this time of war in our world, we do not forget those who are suffering, especially the children, and we keep them in prayer.

During Ordinary Time (Winter), i.e. up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.

## **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY (9<sup>th</sup> February)**



Our theme this year has the title 'Coat of Many Colours', reflecting the increasing diversity that exists in the churches in Britain and Ireland. Both the Old Testament, or the Hebrew Bible, and the New Testament are replete with references to diversity, in this world and the Kingdom to come.

Our competition this term is for children to complete a prayer on the templates they are given at our special Assembly.

## **A BUSY END TO THE AUTUMN TERM**

