

## Year 5



### Advent Term

#### Domestic Church - Family: **Ourselves**

The children will grow to understand that each person is made in the image and likeness of God. They will learn to know themselves and to appreciate that their value and uniqueness is central to their wellbeing. They will have a deepening awareness of 'Who they are' and that they have all been gifted with different human qualities which can be developed.

#### Baptism/ Confirmation - Belonging: **Life Choices**

The children will explore that through Baptism a Christian is called to a life of holiness and to the mission of spreading the Good News. They will recognise that life can be lived out in different ways; whatever life choices are made the Christian is called to a commitment of holiness and service to others. The children will learn that for some this is through the sacrament of marriage and in this topic they will have a deepening understanding of the marriage liturgy.

#### Advent/ Christmas - Loving: **Hope**

The children will learn about Advent – the Church's season of waiting in joyful hope for the coming of Jesus, the promised One. The topic will focus on Jesus' coming in history and encourages believers to prepare for the Christ who comes each day. The pupils will also explore how as Christians we wait in joyful hope for Jesus to come in glory at the end of time. We will re-enact the Nativity story through celebrating our Christmas Concert.

### Lent Term

#### Local Church - Community: **Mission**

The children will study the hierarchy of the Catholic Church, recognising that the Christian family is made up of smaller Christian families called dioceses. They will learn about the bishop's role as he continues

the work of 'the twelve' the apostles who lived out the work and mission of Jesus. They will explore the different Christian denominations; promoting unity among Christian churches.

### Eucharist - Relating: **Memorial Sacrifice**

The children will study the Eucharist as a memorial sacrifice; both the Jewish festival of Passover and the present day celebration of Mass. They will learn that this remembers 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. The children will understand that the Eucharist keeps the memory of Jesus' sacrifice alive and present in a special way.

### Lent/ Easter - Giving: **Sacrifice**

Lent is a season when Christians try to focus on giving. The children will develop their understanding of the complete sacrifice of Jesus and how this is remembered in the liturgy of Holy Week, especially the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday-Easter Sunday).

### Pentecost Term

#### Pentecost - Serving: **Transformation**

The feast of Pentecost is celebrated and the children learn of the gift of God's spirit and its transforming power. They will explore Christian belief that the Spirit of God is active in each person and in a special way in the community of believers, which is the church. The children will gain an understanding of how the work of the Spirit enables people to hear God's message, to respond and share it.

### Reconciliation – Inter-relating: **Freedom and Responsibility**

In this topic the children will explore the Ten Commandments – God's rules for living freely and responsibly. They will focus on the Christian belief that God has given to each person the free will and power to choose; that freedom brings responsibility and with each choice there are consequences. They will develop an understanding of the Beatitudes and how the Gospel values give us a model to live by.

### Universal Church - World: **Stewardship**

Christians believe that every human being is created in the image of God and has the special gift and challenge of sharing in God's creation. The children will explore themselves as part of creation and their dependence upon it: in caring for creation we are caring for ourselves. They will develop an understanding of what it means to be a steward of the world in which we live, the people within it and the natural resources available to us.