

# Margaret Roper Catholic Primary School

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## Religious Education Handbook

2016-17

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## **Our School Mission Statement**

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of God's Family'**



Our Mission Statement is central to our life in school and it is constantly referred to by adults and children as a focus in what we are doing.

It is displayed in all classrooms, and many other areas of the school including the entrance, the hall, staff room, office and corridors. We are all encouraged to reflect on its meaning both as individuals and coming together in groups.

A copy of the mission Statement is included at the beginning of the children's RE Exercise Books and on letters and newly revised policies and documents.

During our Welcome Mass at the beginning of the new School Year new pupils and members of staff are presented with a copy of our Mission Statement.

# *Resources*

## **WHOLE SCHOOL**

In our entrance hall we have a large statue of our patron Margaret Roper donated by the parents of a former pupil and our school banner. Pictures of Margaret Roper are displayed around the school and in every classroom.

Around the school are many other statues including an impressive one of our Lady which will be placed in the new Salmon Garden which was purchased as a result of a donation by the Catholic Women's League.

The school makes use of cross-curricular equipment that is used in other areas of our work. This includes musical instruments, computers – particularly the Internet, CD/tape players and art materials etc.

All rooms in the school have crucifixes. The school has a large collection of religious posters. These are kept in a drawer in the corridor outside Yellow class.

During Advent we have a wreath and the candles are lit each week. We have the figures for a Crib which is displayed in the entrance hall at Christmas.

Stations of the Cross, designed and painted by the Art Club, are displayed around the Hall.

The Way of the Cross is commemorated in Holy Week by Year 5 in a variety of forms such as dance, drama or freeze frame.

During November everyone in the school is able to contribute names to the 'Book of Remembrance' which is displayed in the entrance hall and is part of our special remembrance assembly.

Year 6 make wooden remembrance crosses which they keep until the summer to take on school journey to place on graves in a war cemetery in France.

Year 6 designed a set of tiles based on the Year of Faith and these are displayed on an outside wall by the entrance.

A complete list of all the religious books we have in school, including recent purchases can be found in the RE co-ordinator's file.

## ***WEDNESDAY WORD***

Every child receives a copy of this each week.

## **CLASSROOM**

Each class has an RE Box containing:

- Class teacher RE file – containing policy, planning, masters, resources etc.
- a copy of ‘*Come and See*’ for the appropriate year group.

(\*In addition resources are available on-line - Log-in details **User Name:** crruteach  
**Password:** teacher101)

- a copy of God’s Story and Church’s Story in book form; copies of these have been put on the shared area and there are DVDs available to support the use of these books.
- Files to keep resources for each topic
- Resources for class prayer table
  - Cloths in liturgical colours (green, purple, white)
  - a class candle
  - wooden cross
  - Peruvian cross
  - Copy of mission statement
  - Copies of class and common prayers.
- Class prayer book
- Rosary
- KS2 classes have artefacts for the other religion they will study in Spring or Summer.

## **LITURGY CUPBOARD**

This contains all the resources for Liturgies and masses and further resources such things as statues, candles, books and posters.

Sets of bibles, including some simpler versions for SEN pupils, are available for class use in KS2.

## **LIBRARY**

There is a section of religious books for children in the Main Library.

## **HALL**

A prayer table with a small board is used as a focal point for assemblies. The board is changed every Monday to reflect the message of the Readings from the previous Sunday and this is used as the basis for the whole school assembly.

A set of CD’s with a large number of hymn accompanions is available for use in assemblies and liturgies when we have no pianist. In addition we have purchased the karaoke version of hymns to be used with the new projector. Each class has a booklet listing the tracks available on the CD’s

The two large display boards in the hall are used as follows:

**The Liturgy Board** is used to reflect religious themes, often linked to the liturgical year. This year our themes will be:

MONTH	THEME	PREPARED BY
September	Mission Statement	Whole school
October	Rosary	Blue class
November	Holy Souls/ Remembrance	Indigo class
December	Advent/Christmas	Yellow & Diamond class
January	Christian Unity	Violet class
February/March	Lent (10 <sup>th</sup> February)	Orange
March/April	Easter	whole school
May	Mary	Red class
June/July	Eucharist	Green class

### **Come and See**

Each class contributes to this board with work based on the aspect of the topic they are currently studying.

TERM	THEME	TOPIC
AUTUMN	Domestic church	family
	Baptism/confirmation	belonging
	Advent/Christmas	loving
SPRING	Local church	community
	Eucharist	relating
	Lent/Easter	giving
SUMMER	Pentecost	servicing
	Reconciliation	inter-relating
	universal Church	world

## *Links with the wider community*

Our school maintains links with the main feeder schools; Coloma, John Fisher and St. Philomena's and Year 6 pupils have opportunities to visit their new schools in the summer term.

All of Year 6 are invited to take part in a 'Learning week' at Whitgift.

We share our site with Thomas More and are able to use their swimming pool and the services of their swimming teacher. We also have borrowed the minibus from Thomas More and welcomed students for work placements.

The school participates in many sporting events including Catholic sports, swimming and Croydon Primary Football league.

The Catholic Croydon network is very strong and we participate in many groups including; Catholic heads/deputies/Re/literacy/maths/science

### **Highlights from 2015-16**

- We began the year by attending a Mass for all the Catholic schools in the Croydon Deanery It took place in St George's Cathedral and was led by St Aiden's School
- Jubilee of Mercy: we appointed some apostles who led our celebration and helped to create our own 'Door of Mercy' in the new building. Canon Jim came and blessed our door for us. We also received the Diocesan Jubilee of Mercy candle from St Aiden's during February and our apostles took it to St Mary's Infants for the next stage of its journey.
- In February Patrick Harrison visited for our 4<sup>th</sup> term post Section 48 visit and confirmed our outstanding status and recognised that the targets had been addressed.

Visitors & trips have included:

- Christine Hayward joined us as a guest at the Infant Nativity and she presented the prizes at 'Roper's got Talent' organised by Cafod Club. We in turn presented her with a bouquet of flowers and cards from each class to thank her for all her support and to wish her well in her retirement.
- a return visit from the Ten-Ten theatre which did not disappoint; it was brilliant!
- Good Shepherd Liturgy at Aylesford – the school was represented by Yellow and Blue Classes. Some pupils from Blue class played xylophones whilst everyone else sang.

# *Personal, Social, Health education*

The SEAL programme forms part of a comprehensive programme for PSHE

The programme includes:

Citizenship

Emotional Well Being

Drug, Alcohol and tobacco Education

SRE (based on the programme 'A journey in Love')

Healthy Eating

Economic Well Being

## *Health and safety*

Our school has a Health and Safety Policy which, of course, applies to all areas of our work. However, there are certain aspects of Religious Education where safety matters must be emphasised:

- When using candles, teachers and other adults must ensure that the children are never left unsupervised when lighting, using or blowing them out.
- Always ensure that matches are put safely away when not in use.
- Some children who suffer from asthma may react adversely to smoke. Be aware of this and ensure that medication is on hand.

## *Multi-cultural*

Within our scheme of work one week in the Autumn Term is linked to the teaching of Judaism and one week in either the Spring or Summer is linked to the teaching of another Faith.

### **OTHER RELIGIONS**

#### **KEY STAGE TWO**

These classes will spend a week studying the following Religions during the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Each class teacher should organise a visit to a place of worship during this week.

CLASS	RELIGION	PLACE OF WORSHIP
3	Islam	
4	Sikhism	
5	Buddhism	
6	Hinduism	

## R/Y1/Y2

These classes will focus on Hinduism during the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> June

FAITH		VISITORS
Hinduism	2017	
Islam	2018	
Sikhism	2019	
Buddhism	2020	

In addition stories from other cultures are covered throughout the year as part of the various topics

In addition to these, opportunities to celebrate other cultures are used in stories in assemblies, particularly SEAL, whole school Creative weeks such as Chinese New Year and in other subjects particularly Literacy, Geography, Art and Music.

We will continue to be very involved in the work of Cafod and will be raising money for Cafod Harvest; theme '*Brighten up this harvest and build a brighter world*' on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Cafod Club



This club is open to Years 4, 5 and 6 and it meets on Monday Lunchtimes

There are two aims:

- 1) to raise funds for Cafod on behalf of the School.

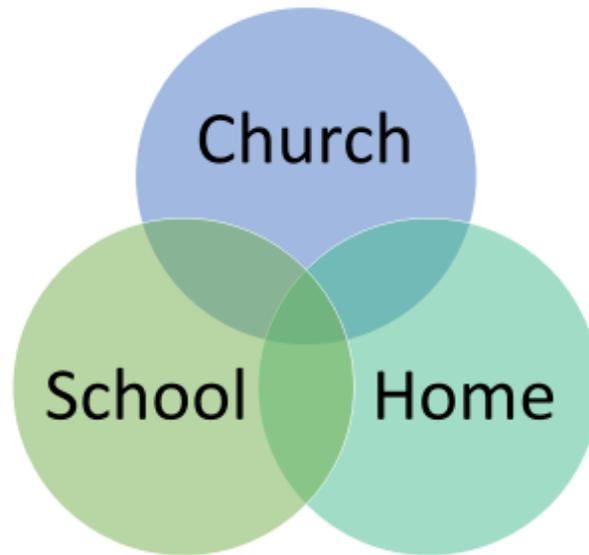
*Members have organised various fund raising events throughout the year including a Mothers' Day Sale and culminating in the 'Roper's Got Talent' at the end of the Year*

- 2) to support the prayer life of the school.

Members run the Peaceful Prayer room every Tuesday to Friday lunchtime between 12:15 and 12:45pm.

Pupils may come and write or draw a prayer or simply sit quietly and pray.

# *Links between home/ school and parish*



As one of our School aims states, we place great importance on working in partnership with home and parish for the benefit of the child. We celebrate masses in our school hall and parents are always welcome. They are also made welcome at class assemblies and liturgies and school productions.

Dialogue between staff and parents is rated very highly. Our website includes information about the school such as information about the curriculum which includes the RE topics which we will be covering throughout the term with suggestions for parents as to how they might support these topics and a list of important dates.

In the autumn term a meeting is held for Year 5/6 parents to give assistance with the Secondary transfer process. Curriculum information meetings are also held throughout the year for parents, such as Read Write Inc (phonics) and maths. Internet safety evenings are also held on a regular basis.

A recent initiative has been the introduction of a parent support group for parents of children with additional needs. This is held once a month and has proved very successful.

The school has an active PTA, which is constantly raising funds for the school. Throughout the year they provide refreshments at various events such as the Reception Welcome meeting and Mass and Sports Day. Regular events take place including; a Christmas Fair, discos for KS1 and KS2 and the Year 6 end of year production. In addition last year refreshments were also served at the Arts Evening.

Parish groups have used our hall for various functions.

# *Religious Profile of our Staff*

Carol Cernuschi	Year 4 TA ( 4 mornings) <b><i>Church of England</i></b> Helps at John Fisher functions
Karen Cormican	Year 1 TA/ISA Lunchtime Supervisor <b><i>Church of England</i></b>
Marie Delaney	Year 2 TA <b><i>Catholic</i></b>
Anastasia Evans	TA cover Y4 & Reception ( 2 mornings) <b><i>Catholic</i></b>
Christine Garcia	SLT Reception teacher ICT subject leader Assessment Leader First Aid Coordinator Computer & Dance clubs <b><i>Catholic</i></b>
Mary Harris	Year 3 teacher <b><i>Catholic</i></b>
Emma Holloway	SLT Year 6 teacher Maths Subject leader Humanities subject leader

Choir/dance club  
***Catholic***

Sue Howard

School cook  
Breakfast & After School club  
***Church of England***

Lisa Igbinoia

Reception Teacher  
Art/DT Subject Leader  
Art club  
***Church of England***

Jo Inman

ISA  
Sensory circuit  
Lunchtime supervisor  
CAFOD Club  
***Catholic***  
Rota for church cleaning

Cathy Jennings

Year 4 TA  
Lunchtime supervisor  
Breakfast club  
***Catholic***

Chris Jones

Caretaker  
***Church of England***

Karen Jones

Year 5 TA  
ELSA  
Breakfast Club Leader  
Lunchtime supervisor  
***Catholic***

Laura May	Reception TA Lunchtime Supervisor <b><i>Church of England</i></b>
Charlotte McGowan	TA – intervention groups Y4/5/6 <b><i>Catholic</i></b> Eucharistic Minister
Kim Melder	Year 6 TA First Aider <b><i>Catholic</i></b>
Toni Middleton	Office administration <b><i>Catholic</i></b>
Dermot Mooney	Head Teacher KS2 & MFL Subject leader Rugby/Cricket/ Kit-car clubs <b><i>Catholic</i></b> Welcome Ministry & very involved in helping with Parish activities Minister of Eucharist Catholic Teacher's Certificate Member of Croydon Catholic Heads Network
Rosemarie Munn	Year 2 TA and support groups – SENCO assistant Lunchtime Supervisor After school Club Leader <b><i>Catholic</i></b>
Karen Newman	Bursar <b><i>Protestant</i></b>

Lesley Nixon

Year 5 teacher  
Science/ PE(Swimming) subject leader  
***Church of England***

Pat O'Byrne

Year 2 teacher/Maths & Music support/Supply Teacher  
Music/ Outdoor learning Subject Leader  
Orchestra/Chess club/Choir/Handicraft Club  
***Catholic***  
Music ministry in Parish

Vivienne O'Byrne

Deputy Head/ Year 2 teacher  
RE/PSHE//KS1 & EY Leader  
Inclusion- SENCO/G&T/EAL  
CAFOD Club  
***Catholic***  
M.A. in Catholic School Leadership  
Catholic Teacher's Certificate  
Minister of Eucharist and Word  
Member of Parish Liturgy group  
Catechist for Children's' liturgy  
Welcome ministry  
Bereavement Support  
Coffee/flower rota  
UCM

Natasha Robertson

Year 5 teacher  
PE coordinator  
Computer club  
***Catholic***

Rabab Sharif

Year 2 teacher  
English Subject leader  
Library

*Muslim*

Eileen Stradling TA – Speech & Language support  
Handicraft Club

*Catholic*

Eucharistic Minister  
Church guide group

Joanne Wright

ISA  
Sensory Circuit  
Lunchtime Supervisor  
*Catholic*  
Children’s liturgy  
PTA involvement with school functions  
Church cleaning rota

*School Chaplains*

Father Chris Keen Parish Priest of St. John the Baptist

Father Matthew O’Gorman Governor – RE link

*Governor’s ethos and discipline sub-committee*

Mr Dermot Mooney - Headteacher	Mr Bernard Munn - Chair – LA Governor
Father Matthew O’Gorman - Foundation Governor	Mrs Jenny McDonald – Foundation Governor
Mrs Anne-Marie Sawyer - Foundation Governor	Stephen Kennedy – Parent Governor
Vivienne O’Byrne - Deputy Head teacher – Staff governor	Michelle Growney – Parent Governor

## *Adult Formation*

The Catholic Heads organise an INSET day in February. It usually takes place in St Cyprians and all school staff attend from each of the Deanery schools

All staff from both Primary and Secondary schools are invited to a Deanery Mass at the beginning of the school in which schools take turns to host the event.

The RE coordinator has set up a Deanery support group with representatives from the other Catholic schools with a chief aim of setting up a portfolio of assessed work. The schools are : Good Shepherd, Margaret Roper, Regina Coeli, St Aidans, St. Chads, St.Cyprians, St. James the Great, St. Josephs, St. Mary's Infants, St. Mary's Juniors, St. Thomas Becket. The RE coordinators from these schools now meet regularly to moderate examples of work for the Portfolio.

### **IN SCHOOL**

A training day for RE is held every year in school.

A number of staff meetings include a focus on RE.

The RE Coordinator attends coordinator meetings each term including the Primary Coordinators' Conference held every year at Emmaus.

Before each new topic from 'Come and See' begins staff reflect on the topic at a staff meeting at their level using '*Teachers' page*' as a starting point.

The beginning of the academic year begins with a staff mass or liturgy.

The first school mass is led by the staff.

# *Prayer*



Prayer is central to our relationship with God. Prayer means talking and listening to God. The children are encouraged to talk to God in their words, thoughts and actions. They are introduced to many different ways of praying. They include:

- learning traditional prayers
- quiet reflection and meditation
- praying as a community
- spontaneous prayer
- composing their own prayers
- praying through music and art

## *Class Prayer Books*

Each class has its own Prayer Book. This is given to a child each Friday to take home over the weekend. They then have the opportunity to compose a prayer for a relative or friend or their own family. This may be accompanied with a photograph or drawing. The class then read the prayer throughout the week.



## *Prayers – suggested progression*

As we believe that learning prayers is important for our children we have devised a suggested progression for each Year group which comprises both traditional prayers and mass responses.

<b>Foundation</b>		
PRAYERS	Sign of the cross Simple litanies of thanks and praise <i>Our Father</i> } <i>to join</i> <i>Hail Mary</i> } <i>in with</i> Prayers for the blessing of the Advent wreath Prayers for the blessing of the Advent candles	
GRACE	Bless us O Lord as we sing together. Bless the food we eat today. Bless the hands that make the food. Bless us O Lord. ( <i>This can be sung</i> )	
MORNING/EVENING PRAYERS	Please Lord Jesus hug me tight And keep me in your loving sight. For with you by my side today, I know that I will be okay..	I love you, God, with all my might. Keep me safe all through the night.
RESPONSES AT MASS	<i>And with your spirit</i> <i>Peace be with you</i> <i>Thanks be to God</i> <i>Greeting the Gospel (Alleluia)</i>	

<b>KEY STAGE ONE</b>		
<b>Year One</b>		
As above plus		
PRAYERS	Our Father Glory be to the Father Hail Mary Prayers used at Baptism	
GRACE	We thank thee Lord for happy hearts, For rain and sunny weather. We thank Thee Lord, for this our food, And that we are together. Amen	
MORNING/EVENING PRAYERS	Help me Lord, to love thee more, than I ever loved before. in my work and in my play Be thou with me through the day. Amen	God our Father, I've come to say Thank you for your love today. Thank you for my family and all the friends you give to me. Guard me in the dark of night and in the morning send your light.
RESPONSES AT MASS	<i>Lord have mercy</i> <i>Prayers of Intercession</i>	

## Year Two

As above plus:

PRAYERS	Simple Magnificat Come Holy Spirit Act of Sorrow Prayers for Lent ( <i>This is the wood of the Cross</i> ) Simple examination of conscience	
GRACE	Thank you for the world so sweet. Thank you for the food we eat. Thank you for the birds that sing. Thank you God for everything. ( <i>This can be sung</i> )	
MORNING/EVENING PRAYERS	Lord Jesus take my hand And lead me through this day; Bless all I meet in home or street While working or at play. Lord Jesus take my hand And place it in your own; Just hold me tight from morn to night And I'll not be alone.	God bless me when I'm awake And kind and good and bright God watch over me and keep Me safely through the night.
RESPONSES AT MASS	- <i>Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children II</i>	

## KEY STAGE TWO

### Year Three

As above plus:

PRAYERS	I confess Act of Love Act of Contrition Eternal rest Prayers used for sacramental rites	
GRACE	Let us pause before we eat and think about those in need of food and shelter and of love. Please bless us all dear God above. Amen	
MORNING/EVENING PRAYERS	O my God you love me You're with me night and day. I want to love you always. In all I do and say. I'll try to please you Father. Bless me through the day.	The day is done; O God the Son, I need not fear If you are near; You are my Saviour Kind and dear.
RESPONSES AT MASS	<i>Penitential rite</i> <i>Glory to God</i> <i>Blessing and giving of ashes</i>	

## Year Four

As above plus:

PRAYERS	The Rosary Litany of the Saints    Prayers from the liturgy for special feasts Saints' prayers	
GRACE	Let us give thanks to God our Father. The food that we share is a gift from our Lord. Help us to value all that He gives.	
MORNING/EVENING PRAYERS	Lord in the morning I start each day, By taking a moment to bow and pray. I start with thanks, and then give praise For all your kind and loving ways.	Jesus, tender shepherd hear me; Bless your little lamb tonight; Through the darkness please be near me; Keep me safe till morning light. All this day your hand has led me, And I thank you for your care; You have warmed and clothed and fed me; Listen to my evening prayer. Amen
RESPONSES AT MASS	Offertory <i>prayers</i> <i>Holy, holy</i> <i>Some simple phrases from the psalms</i>	

## Year Five

As above plus:

PRAYERS	Angelus Benedictus Stations of the Cross Blessing and giving of ashes Saints prayers	
GRACE	We thank and praise you Lord, for the gifts of your creation, and ask your blessing on mankind, that one day we can learn to share with poorer nations so that no one will go hungry. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen	
MORNING/EVENING PRAYERS	Dear God be with me at school today. Help me to be friendly and thoughtful, obedient to my teachers, careful in my studies and like Jesus in my words and deeds. Amen	Thank you for all the good things That have happened today. Thank you for keeping me safe and well, Thank you for fun and laughter with my friends, Thank you for what I have learned, Thank you for all those I love. Help me to sleep soundly tonight. Amen
RESPONSES AT MASS	<i>Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children I, II and III</i> <i>Lamb of God</i> <i>Litany of Saints</i>	

<b>Year Six</b>			
As above plus:			
PRAYERS	Magnificat Funeral Mass prayers		
GRACE	Bless, lord, this food you give us. As we eat it, help us to think of those who are hungry, not just in our prayers but through our actions, as we strive for freedom, peace and justice for all. Amen		
MORNING/EVENING PRAYERS	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">           Come, Holy Spirit, and help me in my lessons. Give me the will to listen and learn; the patience to work well; the courage to seek and to question. I ask you to help my teachers so that they can continue to help me. Be close to me and teach me to enjoy learning and to do my best. Amen         </td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">           I thank you heavenly father, for guiding me through this day. Thank you for all the learning, laughter and love I have received. I pray that you will forgive me for all the things that I have done wrong and keep me safe this night. Amen         </td> </tr> </table>	Come, Holy Spirit, and help me in my lessons. Give me the will to listen and learn; the patience to work well; the courage to seek and to question. I ask you to help my teachers so that they can continue to help me. Be close to me and teach me to enjoy learning and to do my best. Amen	I thank you heavenly father, for guiding me through this day. Thank you for all the learning, laughter and love I have received. I pray that you will forgive me for all the things that I have done wrong and keep me safe this night. Amen
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RESPONSES AT MASS	<i>Creed</i> <i>Rite of dismissal</i> <i>Prayers from the Liturgy for special feasts</i>		

Many of the most common prayers can be found on the Widgit symbol supported text site. [http://www.widgit.com/resources/classroom/i\\_call\\_you\\_friends](http://www.widgit.com/resources/classroom/i_call_you_friends)

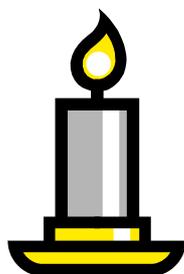
### *Quiet reflection*

We recognise the need for quiet places to reflect and each class has a special focal point with a wall- mounted or free-standing cross. The prayer tables have a cloth conveying the liturgical season and a candle together with other artefacts.

The Salmon garden is currently unavailable for quiet reflection during breaks and lunchtimes but there are plans to relocate it on a new site.

Although space is limited we do have a **Peaceful Prayer Room** which is available at Lunchtimes for children to say a prayer, write the name of someone in our prayer book or just come and sit quietly.

### *Candles*



Each class has its own special candle, which is kept on the prayer table and used during times of prayer and reflection as a focus. These candles are sometimes brought to the Hall and used as part of a larger celebration, to remind us that we are all part of our school family.

The Hall candle is lit during assemblies and liturgies.

## *Worship*

Each day we take part in an assembly.  
The timetable is as follows:

DAY	TIME	R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Monday	9:00-9:20	Whole school assembly						
Tuesday	09:00-09:15	Class	Class	Class	KS2 assembly			
		Or KS2 shared Class assembly with whole school						
Wednesday	09:00-09:15	KS1 assembly			Class	Class	Class	Class
		Or KS1 shared Class assembly with whole school						
Thursday	9:00-9:20	Whole school Hymn practice						
		<b>OR</b> celebration of Mass with whole school						
Friday	10:00-10:30	Whole school Celebration assembly						

The Foundation Stage children join in Key Stage One and whole school assemblies and liturgies when they are ready, usually in the latter part of the Autumn Term.

## *Liturgy and Celebration*

Within our classrooms children take part in simple reflections and at the end of each theme from '**Come and See**' the, *Remember, Rejoice, Renew* part enables the children to celebrate their new knowledge and understanding.

Each class plans a liturgy, Mass or Assembly, to which parents are invited, at least once a term.

## *School Celebrations*

In addition to these throughout the year our school will celebrate the following occasions:

Mass for start of School Year, led by staff	September 15 <sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am
New Reception Parents welcome Mass	September 26 <sup>th</sup> at 7pm
Harvest Celebration, led by Blue class	October 6 <sup>th</sup>
Deanery Mass for all staff working in Catholic Schools	October 12 <sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm at John Fisher
Rosary each Thursday before school	October
All Saints Mass led by Indigo class (includes <i>Dedication of the new building by Bishop Paul</i> )	Friday - November 4 <sup>th</sup>

Remembrance Service	November 11 <sup>th</sup> at 10:45 am
Mass for Advent led by Violet class	December 1 <sup>st</sup> at 9:15 am
Advent Assemblies	throughout December
Nativity led by KS1/FS	December 8 <sup>th</sup> at 1:45 and 9 <sup>th</sup> at 9:15
Carol Service led by KS2	December 15 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at John the Baptist Church
Christian Unity Mass led by Violet class	January 19 <sup>th</sup>
Lenten Mass led by Green class	March 1 <sup>st</sup>
Lenten Assemblies	February/March
Way of the Cross led by Indigo class	March 30 <sup>th</sup> at 9:15am
Stations of the Cross during Lent	each Friday before school
Mass for Easter led by Blue class	April 20 <sup>th</sup>
Marian Liturgy including procession and Benediction led by Indigo class	May 25 <sup>th</sup>
St. Peter and Paul Mass led by Cafod club	June 29 <sup>th</sup>
School Mass for the First Communicants	July 6 <sup>th</sup>
Leavers' Mass at St John the Baptist	July 20 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

KS2 classes take it in turn to lead whole school masses.

Each class leads an assembly throughout the year and parents are invited. Themes are linked to *Come and See* or liturgical events.

## RECONCILIATION SERVICES

A service takes place each term as follows

TERM	ATTENDING	LED BY	INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION	DATE
AUTUMN	Y4/Y5/Y6	Y4	Y4	10 <sup>th</sup> November
SPRING	Y4/Y5/Y6	Y5	Y5	9 <sup>th</sup> March
SUMMER	Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6	Y6	Y6	22 <sup>nd</sup> June

# HOUSES

## Saint Bernadette

	Saint Bernadette
Colour	Blue
Picture	
Life	<p>She was born into a very poor family in France, but in 1858 at the age of 14, she had several visions of Our Lady at a cave in Lourdes in France. At one point a stream started flowing and many people came hoping for a cure from their illnesses. Today huge numbers of people visit the shrine where this took place.</p>
Feast day	April 16 <sup>th</sup>
House captains	Jasmine Hannay Tom Harrington
House Vice-captains	Saeren Brett Brandon Mera
Staff Leaders	Miss Holloway Mrs Harris Mrs Stradling Mrs Cormian Mrs Cernuschi

	<b>Saint John the Baptist</b>
Colour	Yellow
Picture	
Life	<p>Cousin of Jesus, he prepared people for the coming of Jesus. He baptised Jesus in the River Jordan. He spoke out against the evil king and was executed for it.</p>
Feast day	June 24 <sup>th</sup>
House captains	<p>Eleanor Weldon Samuel Ratnam</p>
House Vice-captains	<p>Marie Campion Joseph Bradshaw</p>
Staff Leaders	<p>Mrs Igbinovia Miss Robertson Miss Evans Mrs McGowan Mrs Delaney</p>

	<b>Saint Thomas More</b>
Colour	Red
Picture	
Life	<p>Father of Margaret Roper. He was like the Prime Minister at the time of King Henry VIII. When Henry turned against the Catholic church Thomas opposed him and was executed for his beliefs. He said, "I am a good servant to my king, but first to God."</p>
Feast day	June 22 <sup>nd</sup>
House captains	<p>Iona MacKinnon Smith James D'Souza</p>
House Vice-captains	<p>Scarlett McDonald Thomas Saunders</p>
Staff Leaders	<p>Mr O'Byrne Mrs Sharif Miss May Mrs Jones Mrs Inman Mrs Melder</p>

	<b>Saint Teresa</b>
Colour	Green
Picture	
Life	<p>One of five sisters who all became nuns. Therese believed that the best way to live was to do lots of good deeds quietly, rather than becoming famous. She became ill and died very young aged only 24. Her way of living became known as "My little way."</p>
Feast day	October 1 <sup>st</sup>
House captains	Eimer Sheerin Denzel Kayondo
House Vice-captains	Anna-Maria Agard Sammy Dzienis
Staff Leaders	Mrs Garcia Miss Nixon Mrs Jennings Mrs Munn Mrs Wright

## Our Patron Saint

### *Margaret Roper*



Our school is under the patronage of Margaret Roper who was the much beloved daughter of Thomas More, Chancellor of England, in the sixteenth century.

She was born in 1505 and unusually for a young girl at that time received a formal education.

Her father fell out of favour with King Henry VIII over the king's wish to divorce Catherine of Aragon and Margaret loyally supported her father until his execution in 1535.

We follow her example in fostering the ideals of humility, service, love, responsibility and excellence in all that we strive to do.

# The Catholic Community, its beliefs, worship and practice.

## **The Main Feasts of the Church Year.**

Many feasts throughout the church year are moveable e.g. Easter. Ordinary time starts in January around the second week.

This summary starts at the beginning of the school year in September and includes the feasts and activities which we include in our curriculum.

October is one of two months set aside for Mary the Mother of Jesus. (The other month is May.)

October 1<sup>st</sup>: Feast of St Teresa of the Child Jesus

First Friday in October: Family Fast Day

4th October: The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

7th October: Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

1st November: Feast of All Saints. A Holyday of Obligation. Mass celebrated in the school.

2nd November: All Souls day. Commemoration of the dead. The school gives particular attention to Remembrance Day and observes the silence.

Feast of Christ the King: Last Sunday of the church year.

30th November: The Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle.

The beginning of Advent.

1st Sunday of the church year: The word Advent means “Coming”. We are awaiting and preparing for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Advent starts on the Sunday nearest to the Feast of St. Andrew (30th November). It ends at midnight on Christmas Eve.

The New Church year starts on the first Sunday of Advent.

Advent is the first liturgical season of the church’s year. Advent is a period of prayer and penance although not in the same way as Lent. Only by prayer and penance may we prepare for the coming of “Our Saviour”.

25th December: Christmas Day. The Birth of Jesus. A Holyday of Obligation.

6th January: The Epiphany (or showing forth) of the Lord.. A Holyday of Obligation. . Jesus is revealed and shown to the nations. In recent years the celebration of this feast has been transferred to the Sunday should it fall on a Friday or Monday.

Sunday after Epiphany: Baptism of the Lord. This feast celebrates the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist.

Christian Unity Week. This week always ends on 25th January. This is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on the road to Damascus.

2nd February: The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. "Candlemas Day", "The Festival of the Light of Jesus". "The Light of the World".

22nd February: Chair of St. Peter. Feast commemorating the primacy of St. Peter. A second Family Fast Day. When the pope speaks as head of the church he is said to speak "Ex Cathedra". This means from the "Chair of the Cathedral," in other words, from the chair of St. Peter. In all Cathedrals is the "Bishop's Chair". This is the symbol of the Bishop's authority. He speaks from his cathedral as chief teacher and pastor of his diocese.

### *The Season of Lent*

During Lent some churches cover up many of the statues and crucifixes. The date of Easter was fixed by the Council of Nicaea. in the year 325 A.D. and thus the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Easter always falls on the Sunday following the first full moon after 21st March. The date of Easter therefore moves every year. It can fall on any date from 23 March to 25 April. In 2017 it will be on 16<sup>th</sup> April.

25 March: The Annunciation to Mary that she was to have the baby Jesus is usually marked on this day (9 months before Christmas Day).

Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. A day of Fasting and Abstinence. Ash Wednesday is forty days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a time of prayer, good works and preparation for the coming of the risen Jesus on Easter Sunday. It is fixed at forty days because Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness preparing for his public life. If Jesus needed forty days to prepare for his ministry, we need forty days to prepare for his Death and Resurrection. In 2017 Ash Wednesday will be on 1<sup>st</sup> March

1st March: Feast of St. David Patron Saint of Wales.

17th March: Feast of St. Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland. Born around 385. Died 461. Founded the See of Armagh. This is still the See of the leader of Ireland's Catholics.

19th March: Feast of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary.

5th Sunday of Lent (In 2017 this will be 9<sup>th</sup> April): Palm Sunday. The Start of Holy Week.

## Easter Triduum

The church relives the days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday. These days constitute one celebration of Christ's victory over death and our sharing in it. In 2017 the days are from 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> April

Maundy Thursday. The Feast of the Passover. Jesus has his last meal with his friends. He asks them to share bread and wine in his memory. "This is my Body". He washes the feet of his disciples as a sign of service.

Good Friday: Jesus dies on the cross and is placed in the tomb.

Easter Vigil (Saturday evening) and Mass. This service includes:

The lighting and blessing of the Easter candle,

Readings from the Old and New Testaments.

Baptismal liturgy. We renew our Baptismal promises.

The Eucharist and the culmination of the Easter celebrations.

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord. This is the most important Feast in the church year. Sometimes it is on this day that adults are baptised and received into the church.

We now begin a period of fifty days leading up to celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. This reminds us all of what Jesus said and did and to make him present in a new way. On the fortieth day we celebrate the Ascension. Jesus returns to his Father.

23rd April: The Feast of Saint George, Patron Saint of England.

May is the other month dedicated to Mary (the other being October).

Thursday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter. The Ascension of the Lord. A Holiday of Obligation. (In 2017 this will be 25<sup>th</sup> May but it will be celebrated on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May).

Pentecost Sunday (10 days after Ascension Thursday – in 2017 this will be 4<sup>th</sup> June). This marks when the Holy Spirit came down on the Apostles, giving them courage to preach the Good News.

27th May Feast of Saint Augustine of Canterbury who brought Christianity to Britain.

2nd Thursday after Pentecost (In 2017 this will be 15<sup>th</sup> June): Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ" (Corpus Christi). A Holyday of Obligation.

13th June: Feast of Saint Anthony. He is the patron saint of the lost.

29th June: Feast of Saint Peter and Paul. A Holyday of Obligation

## **The Mass – The Eucharist “Thanksgiving”**



The Mass is the central part of Catholic Worship. Jesus said “Do This in Memory of Me”.

The word mass comes from the Latin word *missa* meaning dismissal. When the church was first established, those who had not yet been received into the church left at the end of the gospel or sermon. Those baptised stayed to the end.

**Viaticum.** This word comes from the Latin word meaning “Food for the Journey”. Viaticum was also used to denote the daily bread allowance for Roman soldiers. Today the word Viaticum is used for the communion taken after mass to the sick in their homes.

The Mass is divided into four main parts.

**The Introduction.** This part of the mass unifies the congregation and establishes an atmosphere of prayer. We remember God’s mercy and ask for forgiveness for our wrongdoing.

**Liturgy of the Word.** We remember God’s saving deeds so that our praise and thanks are genuine. We are reminded of his call so that we may re-commit ourselves as God’s people.

**Liturgy of the Eucharist.** We remember the death and resurrection of Jesus. His presence in the form of Bread and Wine. We thank the Father for Jesus. We are nourished by his Body and Blood.

**Concluding Rite.** This provides the liturgy with a gracious ending and offers celebrants, i.e. everyone, a transition into their daily routine.

# The Sacraments - sign, symbol - important moments in life.

## The Sacraments

As Jesus gave help to his followers in their growth in their spiritual life, so we Catholics use these same means of assistance in our spiritual growth



The word Sacrament comes from two Latin words Sacrum Mentum. This means sacred promise. A sacrament is a promise between God and man.

God gives his life through ordinary things used in an extraordinary way:

There are seven sacraments:

1. Baptism - We become members of God's Family, Christ Like, Water.

For children, parents and God parents, promise that they will bring us up loving and serving God in this world, in order to be happy forever with him in the next.

2. Confirmation - Fullness of the Holy Spirit, Witness, Proclaiming, The laying on of hands and Chrism.

When we reach an age where we may express our own will, we confirm for ourselves the promises made by our parents and God parents at our Baptism.

3. Holy Communion. - Nourishment, Body, Blood, Eucharist.

When we receive communion, God becomes part of us and therefore, we become part of him. "The Mystical Body of Christ".

4. Forgiveness - Celebrating God's forgiveness in a public way. The church's minister represents Christ and the community.

We ask God's pardon for failing to be Christ like. Failing to keep his commandments.

5. Sacrament of the Sick - Healing presence of God. Laying on of hands, oil.

It is received by individuals when they are sick, possibly dying, in order to strengthen them to face suffering or possible death.

6. Priesthood - Calling, Serving, Celebrating.

When an individual is called by God to spend his whole life in the service of God and of his people preaching God's word, celebrating mass and the sacraments. In the celebration of the Eucharist, the priest recreates Christ on earth. There are three orders of this sacrament. Deacon, Priest and Bishop.

## 7. Marriage - A Covenant of Life and Love. Serving, Celebrating.

A man and woman are called by God to entrust themselves to each other and to him for life. To become a sign of Christ's love for his people. They make their vows to each other, in the presence of God, represented by his minister. With the conception of a child, the parents join with God in creating a new soul to love and serve him in this world in order to be happy with him forever in the next. The parents thus join with God not in recreating, but in furthering his creation.

### *The Rosary*



This is a meditation on the lives of Jesus and Mary. It is divided into four main groupings:

#### **(i) The Five Joyful Mysteries**

The Annunciation  
The Visitation  
The Birth of Jesus  
The Presentation in the Temple  
The Finding of the child Jesus in the Temple

#### **(ii) The Five Sorrowful Mysteries**

The Agony in the Garden  
The Scourging at the Pillar  
The Crowning with Thorns  
The Carrying of the Cross  
The crucifixion and death on the cross

#### **(iii) The Five Glorious Mysteries**

The Resurrection  
The Ascension into Heaven  
The Coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles (Confirmation)  
The Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven  
The Crowning of Our Lady as Queen of Heaven

In October 2002 Pope John Paul II introduced five new mysteries of the Rosary, named the 'Mysteries of Light'.

## The Five Mysteries of Light

The Baptism in the Jordan  
The wedding at Cana  
The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God  
The Transfiguration  
The Institution of the Eucharist

The prayers associated with the Rosary are the Hail Mary and the Hail Holy Queen. At one time all Catholics learnt these prayers by heart.

## The Stations of the Cross

This is a liturgy that is usually associated with Lent although it may be used at other times. This service consists of a meditation on fourteen events leading up to the Death of Jesus. These fourteen events are shown in picture form on the walls of all Catholic churches. The events are as follows:

1. Jesus is condemned to death
2. Jesus receives his cross
3. Jesus falls for the first time
4. Jesus is met by Mary, his mother.
5. The cross is laid upon Simon of Cyrene.
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
7. Jesus falls for the second time
8. The women of Jerusalem mourn for Our Lord.
9. Jesus falls for the third time.
10. Jesus is stripped of his garments.
11. Jesus is nailed to the Cross
12. Jesus dies on the Cross
13. Jesus is taken down from the Cross.
14. Jesus is laid in the tomb.



## The structure of the Church.

“Who’s who” in the church? According to “Broad Areas of Attainment”, it is suggested that children should be taught a little about the structures of the church. However, much of the detail may come at Key Stage 3.

A Parish priest is the father figure of a parish. The leader of our Catholic community, whose function is that of shepherd to his flock at a local level is our parish priest, Fr Christopher Keen.

Our parish, that of St John the Baptist, is part of the large Archdiocese of Southwark which occupies a large part of south-east England.

The diocese is led by our arch-bishop, Kevin McDonald. The Bishops and archbishops of the world are guided in their work by the Bishop of Rome, Pope Francis whose reign dates from March 2013

## **The Pope**

The Pope is the successor of Saint Peter. He is Bishop of Rome which was the See of Saint Peter. The Pope is head of the church. The word Pope (from papa) merely means father. Among the titles of the pope is “The servant of the servants of God”.

The Pope is a sign of the unity of the church.

## **The Cardinal**

These are leading bishops or priests from around the world, usually but not necessarily Archbishops. The title Cardinal (from the Latin word for “hinge”) is linked to a parish priest in Rome. All Cardinals are theoretically appointed parish priests in Rome. Of course their churches are run by other priests. When a pope dies, all Cardinals aged less than 75 years old come together in what is called a conclave to elect the successor. This successor must be elected by a two-thirds majority. The successor does not have to be a Cardinal but usually is. The age rule was introduced by Pope Paul 6th in the late 1960s. Our Cardinal in England is Cardinal Vincent Nicolls, the Archbishop of the diocese of Westminster.

## **Archbishop**

A dignity normally given to bishops either of larger dioceses or having authority over other bishops. The Archbishop of the Southwark diocese is Peter Smith

## **Bishop**

He is usually in charge of a See or diocese. However, today a number of bishops are appointed as auxiliary bishops in order to assist another bishop in his work. As Southwark is so large Archbishop Smith has three bishops assisting him. *Our area Bishop is Paul Hendricks*. The other two are called John Hine and Patrick Lynch

## **Canon**

Every diocese has a number of Canons. They form the diocesan chapter at the cathedral. Once appointed they hold this office for life. The chapter advises the Bishop on the running of the diocese.

## **Dean**

Each diocese is divided into Deaneries which are made up of several parishes. Each Deanery has a Dean. He is appointed by the bishop to preside over the area in the bishop's name. A Dean is only appointed for a limited period. *Our current Dean is Father Joe O'Connor, Our Lady of the Annunciation, Addiscombe.*

## **Monsignor**

This is an honorary title given by the Pope to certain priests who carry out various important jobs. The holders of this title are ordinary priests.

## **Nuns and Religious Sisters.**

There is a difference between a nun and a religious sister although most religious sisters are usually referred to as nuns. All nuns take a vow of celibacy, poverty, obedience and enclosure and live in community. Some nuns make an additional vow of silence.

The vow of enclosure means that they will only rarely leave their monasteries or convents for e.g. medical treatment, conferences of the order etc, or the setting up of a new house. They do not receive the sacrament of Holy Orders or of marriage.

Religious sisters usually, but not necessarily, live in community. Religious sister make simple promises rather than vows. These promises are the same as the vows of nuns except that they do not make a promise of enclosure. With some religious orders of sisters, there is a time limit on the promises they make e.g. three years. The nun always makes her vows for life.

## **Monks and Religious Orders of Brothers.**

A religious order of brothers is rather similar to a religious order of sisters. There are however some differences. Some members of a religious order of brothers may also be priests. In some orders all are priests. In others none are. Some orders make the promise of enclosure and the promise of silence as well as the other promises. Others do not.



## **The Ten Commandments**

These commands were given to Moses on Mount Sinai on two tablets of stone. The stones were placed in a very ornate box (or ark). This box was known as “The Ark of the Covenant” or in our language, “The Box of the Agreement”). This box travelled with the people of God during their forty years in the desert. The stones

represented the contract between God and his people to follow his word. They were the people of God's most cherished possession. After the people of God returned to the Promised Land, King Solomon built the great temple in Jerusalem. The Ark was placed in a room at the very centre of the temple. This room was known as "The Holy of Holies". The stones remained there until the destruction of the temple, when they were lost.

### **The Ten Commandments are:**

1. I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt and out of the house of bondage. You shall not have strange Gods before me. You shall not make to yourself any graven thing, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above or in the earth beneath, nor of those things that are in the waters under the earth. You shall not adore nor serve them.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.
4. Honour your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery
7. You shall not steal
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.

Jesus said that the greatest commandment he had given us was love. "Love your neighbour as yourself" Jesus said that if this commandment was kept, all the others would flow from it.

## *Prayers Often Learnt by Catholics*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen,

### **The Glory Be**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end Amen.

## **Profession of Faith.**

### **The Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, [*At the words that follow up to and including 'and became man,' all bow.*] and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit. born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died and buried; He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Catholic Church; The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Hail Mary**

Hail Mary full of grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

## **Hail Holy Queen**

Hail Holy Queen, mother of mercy; hail our life our sweetness and our hope! To you do we cry poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us and after this our exile. show unto us the blessed



twelve, describing himself as the least of the apostles, and is known as the fourteenth apostle.

## **Saint Teresa Award**

The Saint Teresa award was introduced in October 2009.

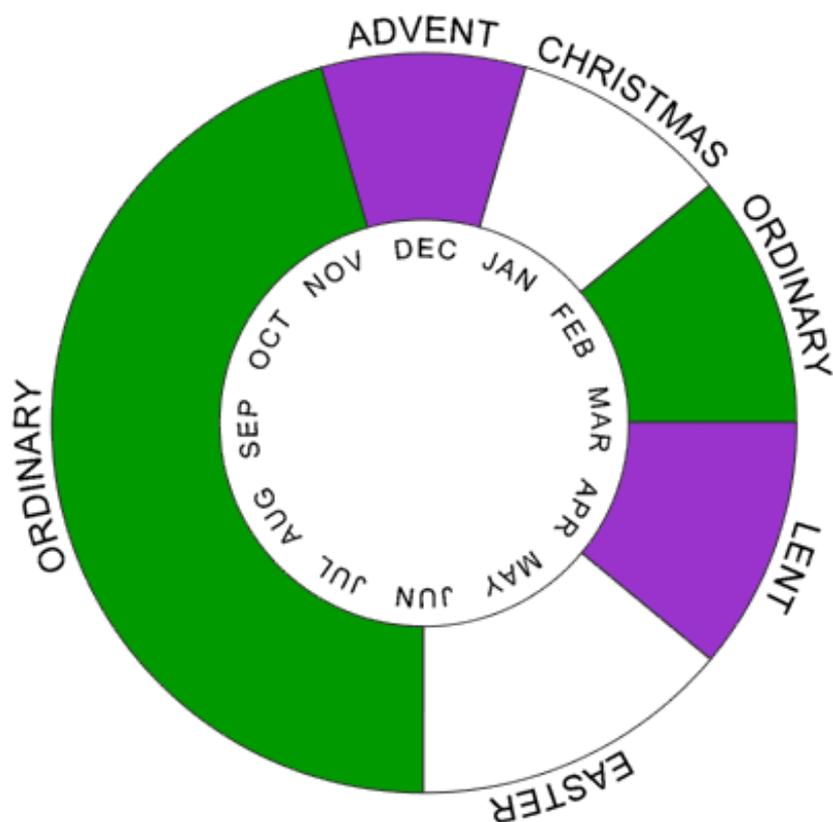
Saint Teresa of Lisieux showed us that it is the little things we do in life that are important, however simple they may be.

There are many members of our community here at Margaret Roper who go quietly about the school being of service to others yet never seeking any rewards.

In order to recognise their contribution to the school, certificates are awarded each half term to these special pupils with thanks from us all.



## Liturgical Year



### Colours of Vestments

During the cycle of the church year, green vestments are worn. This is because green is regarded as the neutral colour in nature. It is also the colour of hope. This is usually referred to as ‘Ordinary time’

In periods of preparation such as Advent and Lent, violet vestments are worn. Violet is the colour of penitence and humility.

On feasts of celebration such as Christmas Day, Epiphany and Easter, white vestments are worn. They are also worn on Feasts of “Our Lady,” the Angels, Confessors and Virgins. White is the colour that signifies joy and purity of the soul. It is the sum of all colours.

Red is the symbol of fire and blood. Therefore it may be used as an alternative to white on Pentecost. It is always used on the feasts of martyrs who died (gave their blood) for the love of God. It is used on feasts commemorating the sufferings of Jesus.

Black is sometimes used in Masses for the dead.

Gold may be substituted for Red, Green or White on the great solemnities.

# THE ORDER OF MASS

This webpage contains the new English translation of the third edition of *The Roman Missal*, in use as of 11/27/11.

This webpage is intended to help you become familiar with the "Order of Mass" used in the Roman Catholic Church. The texts and responses spoken by all the people are indicated in **bold** type below. Some of the greetings and prayers spoken by the presider (the priest or bishop) at each Mass are also included, in order to help you understand the structure and flow of the Mass more fully. The postures prescribed for Masses in the United States are indicated in **small print**. (*Note: Standing, sitting, or kneeling during certain parts of the Mass may differ in other countries.*)

This webpage is *not* intended for priests to use in celebrating the Eucharist, since it does *not* include those texts which are different at each Mass, such as the three presidential prayers (the Collect, Prayer over the Offerings, and Prayer after Communion), or the readings used during the Liturgy of the Word. It also does not contain the full "rubrics" (the explicit instructions printed in red) of the *Roman Missal*, nor does it contain the brief prayers that priests are supposed to say "inaudibly" (just before and after proclaiming the Gospel, while mixing the water and wine, while washing their fingers, after the Breaking of the Bread, and just before and after receiving communion).

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**The Basic Structure of the Mass has four parts:** two main parts and two framing rites:

- [Introductory Rites](#)
- [LITURGY of the WORD](#) (Biblical Readings, Homily, Creed, Intercessions)
- [LITURGY of the EUCHARIST](#) (Preparation, Eucharistic Prayer, Communion Rite)
- [Concluding Rites](#)

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

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### Entrance Procession:

[*After the people have assembled, a Gathering Song or Entrance Antiphon is sung or recited as the priest and the ministers enter the church and process to the altar; after reverencing the altar, and sometimes also using incense, they go to their chairs.*]

### Liturgical Greeting:

[*All together make the sign of the cross.*]

**Priest:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.



#### Option A:

**Priest:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** And with your spirit.

#### Option B:

**Priest:** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**All:** And with your spirit.

#### Option C:

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

[or **Bishop:** Peace be with you.]

**All:** And with your spirit.

[The priest or another minister may then briefly introduce the Mass of the day, saying something about the readings, the feast, and/or the special occasion being celebrated.]

**Penitential Act:**

**Priest:** Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

<p><b>Option A:</b></p> <p><b>All:</b> I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.</p> <p><b>Priest:</b> May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.</p> <p><b>All:</b> Amen.</p>	<p><b>Option B:</b></p> <p><b>Priest:</b> Have mercy on us, O Lord.</p> <p><b>All:</b> For we have sinned against you.</p> <p><b>Priest:</b> Show us, O Lord, your mercy.</p> <p><b>All:</b> And grant us your salvation.</p> <p><b>Priest:</b> May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.</p> <p><b>All:</b> Amen.</p>	<p><b>Option C:</b></p> <p>[The following or other invocations may be spoken by the priest or another minister, but the priest always gives the final blessing.]</p> <p><b>Minister:</b> You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy. <i>or</i> Kyrie, eleison.</p> <p><b>All:</b> Lord, have mercy. <i>or</i> Kyrie, eleison.</p> <p><b>Minister:</b> You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy. <i>or</i> Christe, eleison.</p> <p><b>All:</b> Christ, have mercy. <i>or</i> Christe, eleison.</p> <p><b>Minister:</b> You bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy. <i>or</i> Kyrie, eleison.</p> <p><b>All:</b> Lord, have mercy. <i>or</i> Kyrie, eleison.</p> <p><b>Priest:</b> May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.</p> <p><b>All:</b> Amen.</p>
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**Kyrie:**

[The following acclamations are sung or recited, either in English or in Greek, unless they have already been used, as in option C above.]

<p><b>Priest:</b> Lord, have mercy. <b>All:</b> Lord, have mercy.</p> <p><b>Priest:</b> Christ, have mercy. <b>All:</b> Christ, have mercy.</p> <p><b>Priest:</b> Lord, have mercy. <b>All:</b> Lord, have mercy.</p>	<p><i>or</i></p>	<p><b>Priest:</b> Kyrie, eleison. <b>All:</b> Kyrie, eleison.</p> <p><b>Priest:</b> Christe, eleison. <b>All:</b> Christe, eleison.</p> <p><b>Priest:</b> Kyrie, eleison. <b>All:</b> Kyrie, eleison.</p>
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**Rite for the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water:**

[On Sundays, especially during the Easter Season, this rite may take the place of the usual Penitential Rite at the beginning of Mass; afterwards, the Mass continues with the Gloria (on most Sundays and solemnities) or with the Collect (during Advent and Lent, and on weekdays).]

**Priest:** Dear brothers and sisters, let us humbly beseech the Lord our God to bless this water he has created, which will be sprinkled on us as a memorial of our Baptism. May he help us by his grace to remain faithful to the Spirit we have received.

<p><b>Option A:</b></p>	<p><b>Option B:</b></p>	<p><b>Option C (during the Easter Season):</b></p>
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<p><i>Priest:</i> Almighty ever-living God, who willed that through water, the fountain of life and the source of purification, even souls should be cleansed and receive the gift of eternal life; be pleased, we pray, to bless + this water, by which we seek protection on this your day, O Lord.</p> <p>Renew the living spring of your grace within us and grant that by this water we may be defended from all ills of spirit and body, and so approach you with hearts made clean and worthily receive your salvation.</p> <p>Through Christ our Lord.</p> <p><b>All: Amen.</b></p>	<p><i>Priest:</i> Almighty Lord and God, who are the source and origin of all life, whether of body or soul, we ask you to + bless this water, which we use in confidence to implore forgiveness for our sins and to obtain the protection of your grace against all illness and every snare of the enemy..</p> <p>Grant, O Lord, in your mercy, that living waters may always spring up for our salvation, and so we may approach you with a pure heart and avoid all danger to body and soul.</p> <p>Through Christ our Lord.</p> <p><b>All: Amen.</b></p>	<p><i>Priest:</i> Lord our God, in your mercy be present to your people's prayers, and, for us who recall the wondrous work of our creation and the still greater work of our redemption, graciously + bless this water. For you created water to make the fields fruitful and to refresh and cleanse our bodies. You also made water the instrument of your mercy: for through water you freed your people from slavery and quenched their thirst in the desert; through water the Prophets proclaimed the new covenant you were to enter upon with the human race; and last of all, through water, which Christ made holy in the Jordan, you have renewed our corrupted nature in the bath of regeneration. Therefore, may this water be for us a memorial of the Baptism we have received, and grant that we may share in the gladness of our brothers and sisters who at Easter have received their Baptism.</p> <p>Through Christ our Lord.</p> <p><b>All: Amen.</b></p>
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*[After blessing the water, the priest moves through the church sprinkling all of the people while an antiphon or other song is sung. When the sprinkling and the song are finished, the rite concludes as follows:]*

**Priest:** May almighty God cleanse us of our sins, and through the celebration of this Eucharist make us worthy to share at the table of his Kingdom.

**All: Amen.**

**Gloria:**

*[This ancient hymn of praise is used on all Sundays outside of Advent and Lent, on solemnities and major feasts, and in solemn local celebrations. It is preferably sung by the whole congregation, but may also be sung by the choir or recited by all. The priest may begin with a brief sung or spoken invitation for the people to praise God.]*

**All: Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Collect:**

**Priest:** Let us pray.

*[After a time of silent prayer, the priest sings or says the Collect, which is different for each Mass. At the end, the people proclaim their consent.]*

**All: Amen.**

[sit]

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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

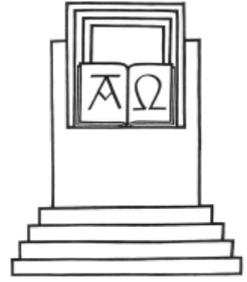
## First Reading:

**Lector:** A reading from the Book of... (or the Letter of...; or the Acts of the Apostles).

[Different readings are prescribed for each day. At the end of the reading, the lector proclaims, and the people respond:]

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**



## Responsorial Psalm:

[The choir and/or cantor sing or recite the psalm; the people join in the repeated response.]

## Second Reading:

[A second reading is prescribed for all Sundays and major feasts, but not for most weekdays or minor feasts. The lector's introduction and conclusion and the people's response are the same as in the First Reading, above.]

[stand]

## Alleluia or Gospel Acclamation:

**Choir or Cantor:** Alleluia! **All repeat: Alleluia!**

**Choir or Cantor:** [verse] **All repeat: Alleluia!**

[The "Alleluia" may be repeated two or more times, especially during the Easter Season. If it is not sung, it should be omitted.]

[During the Season of Lent, a different "Gospel Acclamation" is used, such as "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!" or "Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ!" or "Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!" or something similar.]

## Gospel:

Before the Gospel Proclamation:

**Deacon (or Priest):** The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**Deacon (or Priest):** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to... [Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John]

**All: Glory to you, O Lord!**

After the Gospel Proclamation:

**Deacon (or Priest):** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

[sit]

## Homily:

[The bishop, priest, or deacon then speaks to the people, usually focusing on that day's scriptures and/or on the feast or special occasion being celebrated at that Mass; the homily may also be based on any liturgical text from the Mass.]

[stand]

## Creed (Profession of Faith):

[On Sundays and Solemnities, the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed is normally recited by everyone after the homily. The Apostles' Creed may also be used, esp. in celebrations of Masses with children.]

### **NICENO-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED:**

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true  
God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

### **APOSTLES' CREED:**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our  
Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the  
dead;**

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

[bow during the next two lines:]

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Amen.

**Universal Prayer (a.k.a. Prayer of the Faithful, or Bidding Prayers):**

*Lector:* ...let us pray to the Lord.

*All:* Lord, hear our prayer. [or a similar response, repeated after each petition]

[sit]

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts:**

*Priest:* Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

*All:* Blessed be God for ever.

*Priest:* Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands it will become our spiritual drink.

*All:* Blessed be God for ever.

[If there is no singing during the presentation of the gifts, the priest may say the preceding prayers aloud, and the people may respond. But if a presentation song is being sung, the priest recites these prayers inaudibly, and the people's response is omitted. Then, after the priest has washed his hands and the music is finished, he invites the people to join in prayer:]

[stand]

*Priest:* Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

*All:* May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

**Prayer over the Offerings:**



[The priest sings or says this prayer, which is different for each Mass. At the end, the people sing or say in response:]

**All: Amen.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer:**

[The priest may choose from among four regular Eucharistic Prayers, or two other Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation. On appropriate occasions, the priest may also choose from among three Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children, or four recently approved Eucharistic Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions. Each prayer has a similar structure, including some responses and acclamations by all the people. There are also many choices for the "Preface," depending on the liturgical season, the feast of the day, and the ritual or occasion being celebrated at that Mass. Click here for the full texts of the various [Eucharistic Prayers](#).]

[The posture of the people during the Eucharistic Prayer is different in various countries and regions; in the United States, the people normally stand until the "Sanctus", and then kneel until after the concluding "Amen."]

### **Preface Dialogue:**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you. **All: And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **All: It is right and just.**

*Sanctus:*

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

[kneel]

**Mystery of Faith** (Memorial Acclamation):

**Priest:** The mystery of faith:

**All: A – We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

**or B – When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.**

**or C – Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.**

### **Doxology and Great Amen:**

**Priest:** Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen!** [may be sung more than once]

[stand]

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## **COMMUNION RITE**

### **Lord's Prayer:**

**Priest:** At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**Priest:** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

### **Sign of Peace:**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles, Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity

in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

**Priest:** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**Deacon or Priest:** Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

*[The ministers and all the people exchange an embrace, handshake, or other appropriate gesture of peace with those near them, according to local custom.]*

**Fraction of the Bread:**

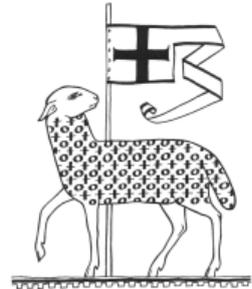
**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

*[kneel]*

*[This text may be sung or recited, and may be repeated several more times until the breaking of bread and the preparation of the communion vessels is finished; but the last phrase is always "Grant us peace."]*



**Communion:**

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*[The manner of receiving communion differs significantly between various countries, dioceses, and even individual parishes. In the United States, the people normally process to the front in lines, receive communion standing, and then return to their places in the congregation. In some cases, the ministers may go to other locations within the church to distribute communion, or may even approach individuals at their places (esp. the elderly or infirm). Communion is now usually offered "under both species", i.e., both the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine. It may be distributed by priests, deacons, or designated lay persons, called "Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist." Communicants are encouraged to receive the consecrated bread in their hands, but may also receive communion on the tongue. After returning to their places, the people are encouraged to remain standing until everyone has received communion, but in many parishes the people immediately sit down or kneel for silent prayer.]*

**Communion Minister:** The body of Christ. **Communicant: Amen.**

**Communion Minister:** The blood of Christ. **Communicant: Amen.**

**Communion Song:**

*[During the reception of Communion, an appropriate song is sung, or at least a short "Communion Antiphon" is recited.]*

*[sit]*

**Period of Silence or Song of Praise:**

*[When the distribution of*