

Cheadle Catholic Junior School

Religion Newsletter Autumn 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year. Below you will find information about what your children will be learning about in their Religious Education this half term.

We hope, as always, you find this newsletter interesting and informative. Please keep us in your prayers as we support your children in their Religious Education.

Dates from the Church's Calendar:

3rd Sept- St Gregory the Great	4 th Oct-St Francis
4 th Sept-St Cuthbert	5 th Oct-CAFOD Fast Day
8 th Sept-Our Lady's Birthday	9 th Oct- Blessed J H Newman
14 th Sept-Exaltation of the Holy Cross	10 th Oct-St Paulinus
21 st Sept-St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	12 th Oct-St Winifrede Diocesan Patron
24 th Sept-Our Lady of Walsingham	13 th Oct-St Edward the Confessor
27 th Sept-St Vincent de Paul	15 th Oct-St Teresa of Avila
29 th Sept-Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	17 th Oct-St Ignatius of Antioch
1 st Oct-St Therese of Lisieux	18 th Oct-St Luke, Evangelist
2 nd Oct-Guardian Angels	26 th Oct-Ss Chad & Cedd

Year 3 –The Christian Family

“The Church is the family of God, the people that God gathers in the whole world.” Religious Education Curriculum Directory



The children will develop their understanding that the Church is the family of God and know that we join this family when we receive the Sacrament of Baptism. They will learn what happens at Baptism and learn about the signs used and why they are used. They will learn about the promises made by parents and godparents at Baptism and develop their understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism.

The children will have a chance to:

- Reflect on what it means to be part of a family
- reflect on what it means to be part of the Christian family

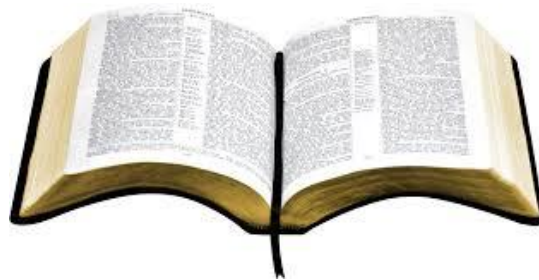
At home you could help your children by:

- sharing your experiences about their Baptism. Look at any gifts or photographs that they received on their special day.
- discuss what it means to be part of God's family
- go online to www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm and complete the interactive activities

Date for your Diary: We are delighted that our children can now attend Mass. As is the tradition of our school, we have assigned a Year 4 Prayer Friend to a Year 3 child. The year 3 and 4 children will bring home a separate letter with details of a Prayer Friend Mass at Christ Church to take place during the Autumn term. Parents of years 3 and 4 pupils are all invited to join us. Further details to be sent in a separate letter.

Year 4 – The Bible

“The Scriptures are the living Word of God, written under the guidance of the Holy Spirit received and faithfully handed on within the living Tradition and teaching of the Church.” Religious Education Curriculum Directory



The children will learn that the Bible is a story of God's love and concern for us. They will learn that the Bible is a living book through which God speaks to us and tells us about himself. They will learn that the Bible is one story told through many different books and they will learn about Moses, David and Jonah as well as learning how to find a Bible reference.

The children will have the chance to:

- explore how the Bible helps us to pray and experience how God speaks to us in the Bible
- participate in a liturgy and experience a guided meditation on a text from the Bible

At home you could help your children by:

- reading some of the stories the children have covered in class

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Year 5 – Creation

“Each human person is unique and made in God’s image and likeness.” Religious Education Curriculum Directory



The children will learn the story of Creation and the Fall in the Book of Genesis. They will learn that we are all created in the image and likeness of God and know that God calls us to care for others and all creation with love and respect. They will learn that there are times when we fail to be good stewards of creation. They will also learn that there are people who show great respect for creation and for the weakest members of society.

The children will have the chance to:

- appreciate how we can show respect for ourselves, for others and for God.
- reflect on times we have failed to show respect and reflect on the gifts and talents God has given each of us.
- reflect on the use and misuse we can make of these gifts.

At home you could help your children by:

- talking to the children about how they could care for creation and the environment

Year 6 – The Kingdom of God

“The Kingdom belongs to the poor and lowly, which means those who have accepted it with a humble heart.” Catechism of the Catholic Church



The children will learn about the beginning of Jesus' public life and that he was tempted by the devil. They will know about the conditions for following Jesus and know that Jesus performs mighty works, wonders and signs.

They will learn that through his parables Jesus invites people into the Kingdom of God. They will develop an understanding that deeds, and not just words, are required by Jesus, through the example of the Parable of the two sons. They will learn why Jesus chose to eat with sinners, learn that we must make use of our talents to gain the Kingdom and develop an understanding that God has boundless love and mercy.

The children will have the chance to:

- reflect on our invitation to the Kingdom of God
- be aware that we have to do good to enter the Kingdom
- deepen our awareness of how we use the talents God has given to us
- be aware that through the Sacrament of Reconciliation we can make a fresh start to follow Jesus.

At home you could help your children by:

- Visiting www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link
- talking to them about their talents and how they can use them to help others.

Thank you for your continued support in your child's religious education. As a school community we value the on-going partnership between home, school and Parish.

We are thrilled and delighted that each class in school will be able to attend Mass at Christ Church. The children will have the opportunity to join with the Parish congregation and to receive Jesus through the Eucharist. We are thankful to Fr Tony for assisting us in our Mission and look forward to welcoming any parents and family members who also wish to attend and accompany their child's class walking to and from Christ Church .

In addition, we also look forward to inviting members of our school community back into school to share a Class Prayer and Liturgy session with the children. The Liturgies offer further opportunities for the children to gather together (with their families) to participate in acts of prayer and liturgy. Please note that the liturgies are not an "Assembly performance." They offer the opportunity to gather together intimately in prayer, within your child's classroom. We look forward to seeing you during these times.

Please look at the weekly newsletter for these dates, to which all parents, grandparents and family members are warmly invited.

If you would like any further information, or have any queries regarding the religious education of your child, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

