

R.E. Newsletter for Year One Parents

(Spring term, first half 2024)

This half term your child will be studying the topic of Families and Celebrations:

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“Liturgy celebrates, reveals and communicates the one vast divine blessing which is God’s work of salvation. It is the source and effective sign of the communion between God and human beings in Christ through the Holy Spirit. It is the continuation of the work of the Father in Christ and by the power of the Spirit, in, with and through the Church. The celebration of the gift of salvation takes shape in the seasons and feasts of the Church’s year. Liturgy involves the conscious, active and fruitful participation of everyone.” RECD p. 24

Key Learning Objectives

In this unit the children will have the opportunity to:

- Reflect on what it means to be a member of a family
- Think about what it means to be a member of the school community
- Understand what it means to belong to our Church family
- Know that God is our Father in Heaven and think about why it is important
- Hear how Jesus’ family took him to the Temple and think about why this was a special occasion
- Learn about some of the celebrations in the Church and why we celebrate these

At Home:

You could encourage your child to think about the different families that they belong to, including their immediate family, their school family and their parish family.

Dates from the Church Calendar:

6th January The Epiphany of the Lord	28th January St. Thomas Aquinas
7th January The Baptism of the Lord	31st January St. John Bosco
12th January St. Aelred of Rievaulx	2nd February Presentation of the Lord
17th January St. Anthony (desert Father)	3rd February St. Blaise
25th January Conversion of St. Paul	11th February Our Lady of Lourdes