

R.E. Newsletter for Year Three Parents

(Spring term, first half 2024)

This half term your child will be studying the topic of Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Reconciliation is a “sacrament of healing. Reconciliation makes sacramentally present Jesus’ call to conversion, involves contrition for our sins, confession of them to a priest, and absolution spoken by the priest in the name of Jesus Christ. In the celebration of the sacrament we acknowledge (confess) God’s holiness and mercy and are reconciled to God and the community of the Church.” (RECD p.24)

Key Learning Objectives

In this unit the children will have the opportunity to:

- Understand what it means to make wrong choices
- Reflect on how wrong choices affect us and other people
- Know how Jesus called people away from sin
- Think about why this is important
- Understand that God always loves us and think about how important this love is for us
- Know what the Sacrament of Reconciliation means
- Reflect on God’s love and forgiveness
- Know what happens during the Sacrament of Reconciliation

At Home:

You may like to help your child learn the Act of Contrition (Sorrow) in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You could discuss this Sacrament with your child in order to help them understand its importance.

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