

# R.E. Newsletter for Year Six Parents

(Spring term, first half 2024)

**This half term your child will be studying the topic of Exploring the Mass**

*“The whole liturgical life of the Church revolves around the Eucharistic sacrifice and the sacraments which give and celebrate the life of God’s grace in us...In the Eucharist we participate in the Lord’s sacrifice. We are joined to the eternal praise and thanksgiving he offers as Son of the Father, and to his sacrifice on the cross. We receive him as our life and food, a promise of the eternal banquet of heaven. At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that become in reality Christ’s Body and Blood. Catholic faith adores this enduring presence of Christ not only within the celebration of the Mass but also outside it.” (RECD p.24)*

## **Key Learning Objectives**

In this unit the children will have the opportunity to:

- Know that Jesus is the bread of life and think about what this means for us
- Understand that Jesus made a New Covenant with us and think about our part in this Covenant
- Understand the Penitential Act and the Liturgy of the Word
- Reflect on our participation in them
- Understand what happens at the Offertory and think about the offerings we can make
- Know what happens at the Consecration and reflect on what this means for us
- Know that it is Jesus we receive in Holy Communion and be aware of how important this is for us
- Understand that the Eucharist is the source and summit of life. Reflect on its importance for us
- Know that Jesus is present in the Blessed Sacrament
- Be aware of how his presence can help us

### **At Home:**

Discuss the importance of the Last Supper and that when we receive Holy Communion we receive The Risen Christ. Think of ways to help each other to remain present with Jesus when receiving Holy Communion.

### **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