

# Religious Education Newsletter



Our Lady of Compassion Primary School

Mission Statement:

Flying on the wings of God's love and Compassion



Autumn/ Winter Term 2018

## Come and See Topics this term

<b>Early Years</b>	<b>Myself</b> – <i>God knows and loves each one</i> <b>Welcome</b> – <i>Baptism; a welcome to God's family</i> <b>Birthday</b> – <i>Looking forward to Jesus' Birthday</i>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Families</b> – <i>God's love and care for every family</i> <b>Belonging</b> – <i>Baptism; an invitation to belong to God's family</i> <b>Waiting</b> – <i>Advent; a time to look forward to Christmas</i>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Beginnings</b> – <i>God at every beginning</i> <b>Signs and symbols</b> – <i>Signs and symbols in Baptism</i> <b>Preparations</b> – <i>Advent; preparing to celebrate Christmas</i>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Homes</b> – <i>God's dream for every family</i> <b>Promises</b> – <i>Promises made at Baptism</i> <b>Visitors</b> – <i>Advent; waiting for the coming of Jesus</i>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>People</b> – <i>The family of God in Scripture</i> <b>Called</b> – <i>Confirmation; a call to witness</i> <b>Gift</b> – <i>God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus</i>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Ourselves</b> – <i>Created in the image and likeness of God</i> <b>Life choices</b> – <i>Marriage, commitment and service</i> <b>Hope</b> – <i>Advent; waiting in joyful hope for Jesus; the promised one</i>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Loving</b> – <i>God who never stops loving</i> <b>Vocation and commitment</b> – <i>The vocation of priesthood and religious life</i> <b>Expectations</b> – <i>Jesus born to show God to the world</i>

### Early Years – Y2 - Suggestions for home activities

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members – grandparents, parents, children, aunts, and uncles etc. who show God's love. Write underneath it

**"We show God's love to one another."**

Include those who have died.

### Y3-Y4 - Suggestions for home activities

Talk to someone who has been to Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

### Suggestions for home activities

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home.

Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jess tree.

Use the CAFOD or Missio websites to get a religious Advent Calendar.

### **Collective Worship**

The children participate in Collective Worship daily in class. Pope Francis designed a prayer system called 'The 5 fingers prayer' to remind children to pray each day. We use the 5 fingers prayer in school to pray for a different group of people each day.



### **Our Lady of Compassion Church News**

#### ***Mass Times***

Sunday - 9:00am and 11:00am  
Monday - 9:30am  
Tuesday-Saturday 12:00 noon (usually)  
Holy Days - 12:00 noon, 8:00pm.

#### ***Morning Prayer***

Weekdays – 9:15am

#### ***Rosary and Prayer Group***

Wednesday – 2:15-3:00pm in Church.

#### ***Sacrament of Reconciliation***

Saturday – 11:00-11:45am



### **Important Dates for this term**

#### ***Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November – All Saints Day***

Celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

#### ***Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – All Souls Day***

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

#### ***Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – The first Sunday of Advent***

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing.

#### ***Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mothers of Jesus. She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and cooperated with God throughout her life