

Religious Education Newsletter



Our Lady of Compassion Primary School

Mission Statement:

Living in the Light of God's love and Compassion



Autumn Term 2023

RE Topics this term

Please note – Nursery and Reception have begun a new RE scheme with Key Stage 1 and 2 to follow over this year and next

To know You more clearly

Early Years **Creation and Covenant** – God made our beautiful world
God is love
Celebrate God's wonderful world

Come and See

Year 1 **Families** – *God's love and care for every family*
Belonging – *Baptism; an invitation to belong to God's family*
Waiting – *Advent; a time to look forward to Christmas*

Year 2 **Beginnings** – *God at every beginning*
Signs and symbols – *Signs and symbols in Baptism*
Preparations – *Advent; preparing to celebrate Christmas*

Year 3 **Homes** – *God's dream for every family*
Promises – *Promises made at Baptism*
Visitors – *Advent; waiting for the coming of Jesus*

Year 4 **People** – *The family of God in Scripture*
Called – *Confirmation; a call to witness*
Gift – *God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus*

Year 5 **Ourselves** – *Created in the image and likeness of God*
Life choices – *Marriage, commitment and service*
Hope – *Advent; waiting in joyful hope for Jesus; the promised one*

Year 6 **Loving** – *God who never stops loving*
Vocation and commitment – *The vocation of priesthood and religious life*
Expectations – *Jesus born to show God to the world*

Suggestions for home activities

Discuss how you welcome visitors to your home

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

Use the CAFOD and/ or Mission Together to share a religious Advent calendar

Early Years – Y2

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

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

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

Wednesday 1st November – All Saints Day

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

Thursday 2nd 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.

December 3rd – 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.

Thursday 8th 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

Tuesday 25th December – Christmas Day

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

