

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM



ALL SAINTS

(2 November)

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

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

(3 November)

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

(23 November)

ADVENT

(Begins 30 November)

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. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(8 December)

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

CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(25 December)

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

School Mass Timetable

Listed here are our terms class and whole school Mass timetable. Parents are always warmly invited to join us at these Masses which start at 9.15am.

11.09.14	-	Whole School Mass ~ New School Year
18.09.14	-	Y6 & YR
25.09.14	-	Y5 & Y1
02.10.14	-	Y4 & Y2 (<i>Feast of Holy Guardian Angels</i>)
09.10.12	-	Y6 & Y3 (<i>Feast of Bl. John Henry Newman</i>)
16.10.14	-	Y5 & YR (<i>Feast St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, St Richard Gwyn</i>)
23.10.14	-	Y4 & Y1 (<i>Feast St John of Capistrano</i>)

Half Term

2nd Half Autumn Term

06.11.14	-	Y3 & Y2 (<i>Feast All Saints of Ireland</i>)
13.11.14	-	Y6 & YR (<i>Feast Bl Artemides Zatti</i>)
20.11.14	-	Y5 & Y1
27.11.14	-	Y4 & Y2
04.12.14	-	Y3 & YR (<i>Feast St John Damascene</i>)
11.12.14	-	Y6 & Y1 (<i>Fest St Damasus</i>)
18.12.14	-	Whole School Mass – End of term

October is the month of the holy rosary, so during that period children will have the opportunity to come along to the rosary club.

Advent is a time of preparing for the birth of our Lord and so during that period all children will have the chance to attend a reconciliation service or go to confession.



ST. JOACHIM'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

AUTUMN TERM 2014

COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Once again we are following the diocesan RE scheme of work, *Come and See*, which is whole school theme based but each year group studies a different topic. There will be a parents RE training / meeting where I will share with you the whole scheme. ~ Mr. Allen

RE is a core subject in St. Joachim's and as such 10% of the curriculum time is allocated for this a week. RE is also assessed and pupils are given levels of attainment to show their progress.

This term we will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend a week studying Judaism.

DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

(8th September – 3rd October)

Early Years	MYSELF - God knows and loves each one
Year 1	FAMILIES - God's love and care for every family
Year 2	BEGINNINGS - God is present in every beginning
Year 3	HOMES - God's vision for every family
Year 4	PEOPLE - The family of God in Scripture
Year 5	OURSELVES - Created in the image and likeness of God
Year 6	LOVING - God who never stops loving

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

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

Write underneath it
"We show God's love to one another."

Include those who have died.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

(6th October - 7th November)

Early Years	WELCOME - Baptism: a welcome to God's family
Year 1	BELONGING - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family
Year 2	SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - Signs and symbols in Baptism
Year 3	PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism
Year 4	CALLED - Confirmation: a call to witness
Year 5	LIFE CHOICES - Marriage, commitment and service
Year 6	VOCATION AND COMMITMENT - The vocation of priesthood and religious life

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

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