

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM



ALL SAINTS ~ (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

(1 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)

(2 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.

ARMISTICE DAY ~ REMEMBRANCE DAY

(11 November)

This is a day we remember all those who gave up their lives in the service of their country so that others may live in freedom and peace.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

(20 November)

ADVENT

(Begins 27 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 on a Thursday.

1st half Summer Term

08.09.16 -	No Mass
15.09.16 -	Whole School Mass - New School year
22.09.16 -	Year 6 & 1
29.09.16 -	Year 5 & 2 (Fs Archangels)
06.10.16 -	Year 4 & 3
13.10.16 -	Year 6 & R
20.10.16 -	Year 5 & 1

2nd Half Summer Term

03.11.16 -	Year 4 & 2
10.11.16 -	Year 6 & 3
17.11.16 -	Year 5 & 2
24.11.16 -	Year 4 & 1
01.12.16 -	Year 6 & R
08.12.16 -	Year 5 & 3
15.12.16 -	Year 4 & 2
21.12.16 -	Whole School End of Term Christmas Mass

During October children will participate in the Rosary. There will be the lunchtime Rosary clubs KS2 – Mr Allen, KS1 & YR – Miss Wilson. 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.

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ST. JOACHIM'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

AUTUMN TERM 2016

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

(5th September – 30th September)

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

(3rd October -11th 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.

JUDAISM *(14th November to 18th November)*

Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

(21st November to 21st December)

Early Years	BIRTHDAY - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday
Year 1	WAITING - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas
Year 2	PREPARATIONS - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas
Year 3	VISITORS - waiting for the coming of Jesus
Year 4	GIFT - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
Year 5	HOPE - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one
Year 6	EXPECTATIONS - Jesus born to show God to the world

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, Jesse tree.

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