

Year 3 Curriculum.

Unit A – Belonging We Gather as God’s Family.

Children explore the different groups to which they belong. Through the theme of belonging, they will study the Sacrament of Baptism as a Sacrament of Belonging to the Church. They will also learn how Catholics celebrate their belonging to the Family of God through the Celebration of Mass.

Unit B – Reconciliation.

Children explore human choices, the consequences of sin, Christ’s teaching on forgiveness and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Unit C – Advent.

Children look at Bible stories of the Annunciation and Visitation. They will explain how Mary and Elizabeth prepared to welcome and recognise Jesus Christ. They will develop their understanding of Advent as a time to prepare for Christmas and reflection on Christ being in the world.

Unit D – Christmas.

The story of the shepherds provides a focus for children to reflect on the birth of Jesus Christ and who he is.

Unit E – We Listen to God’s Word at Mass.

This unit helps children in thinking about listening and finding out about the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. Through this topic, they will explore the value and the importance of listening to the Word of God in the Scriptures.

Unit F – Lent.

The children appreciate that during Lent Christians resolve to change and try to become more like Christ. The children will be introduced to new Gospel stories about Jesus bringing change into the lives of people he encountered.

Unit G – Prayer.

The children learn something about the prayer life of Jesus. They will examine and reflect on some of the ways in which Catholics pray and the signs and symbols associated with prayer.

Unit H – Holy Week.

The unit is designed to help deepen the children’s knowledge of some of the events of Holy Week and to deepen their understanding of the foundation of the Church’s celebration of the Mass.

Unit I – Easter.

This unit explores the Story of Easter through the Story of Emmaus and the Story of Breakfast at the Shore. It is designed to help the children realise how the Apostles became aware of the presence of the Risen Christ in these events.

Unit J – The Eucharist is a Thanksgiving to God.

Children are provided with opportunities to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. They will think about why this is such an important celebration in the life and worship of Catholic Christians.

Unit K – Pentecost.

Children learn about the gift of the Holy Spirit and the change it brought to the lives of the Apostles. They will think about the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Sacraments the Church celebrates.