

Year A-Matthew, Year B-Mark, Year C-Luke.

Advent 1 7 weeks and 2 days at beginning

Date	Theme	Meaning	Mission
25/8/25 (2 days of school for children 28/8 & 29/8)	Beginnings	Our faith reminds us that every day is a new beginning. With each sunrise, we have the chance to start fresh, to turn to God, and to make choices that reflect our love for him. Even if we've made mistakes in the past, God's mercy is always available. In the sacraments, like Baptism and Reconciliation, we experience the power of new beginnings and God's constant love.	Mission: Where in your life do you need a fresh start? Make a promise this week to do something differently from now on.
1/9	Welcome	We are called to welcome others into our communities, to open our doors and bring people in – particularly those on the margins and those who feel left out. Being welcoming helps those new to our community to feel loved, supported and included. We are all one body in Christ, everyone is welcome, and everyone has a part to play.	Find someone new within our school community and make them feel welcome. This could be someone new to Holy Cross, someone who you haven't spoken to before or someone who is looking lonely on the playground.
8/9	Encounter	Our faith is full of encounters with God – in prayer, in the sacraments, and in the people we meet. These encounters can change us, challenge us, and bring us closer to God. When we open ourselves to encountering Christ in our daily lives, we allow his love to transform us and make us more like him. We can encounter Christ in the Scriptures, in the Mass, and in the faces of those in need.	Make time this week to look at where you might encounter Jesus in those around you. What sort of traits would you look for in a friend?
15/9	Patience	Patience is about waiting and trusting in God at work in our lives. Patience is often difficult to practice, especially when we are used to having everything on demand. Learning to be patient can help us to more content and to be at peace when situations are outside of our control.	When you have to wait for something this week, use the time to pray for the virtue of patience.
22/9	Work	Work teaches us responsibility and discipline and can be a source of satisfaction and fulfilment. We should respect the dignity of	Make an effort to do your work this week to the best of your ability and to help others with their work too.

		labour and the value of all those who work around the world in service of others. Work is a gift from God, a way to participate in his creative activity. It's not just about earning a living, but about using our talents and skills to contribute to the world.	
29/9	Prudence	Prudence is the virtue of sound judgment, making wise decisions based on reason and faith. It's about taking the time to think before we act, considering the consequences of our choices, and seeking guidance from God and wise counsel. Prudence helps us navigate life's complexities, discern God's will, and make choices that align with our values and beliefs. It's a key virtue for living a life of integrity and purpose.	. When faced with a difficult decision this week, think about what Jesus would do.
6/10	Rosary	The Rosary is a prayer that we can all use to meditate on the life of Jesus Christ. It is a powerful tool for prayer and spiritual growth through the intercession of Mary our mother. The Rosary can help us to grow in our faith, to deepen our relationship with God, and to find peace and comfort in difficult times.	Find time to pray the Hail Mary or the Rosary this week. In you mission circles (if you have time) pray a decade of the rosary.
13/ 10	Inclusion	Inclusion is about welcoming everyone as a child of God, regardless of their differences. It is about creating a community where everyone feels valued and respected. We can promote inclusion by being open to others and by standing up against discrimination. We can also make sure that everyone has a voice and that everyone is included in decision making.	Look for someone in your community who may be on the margins, take time to make them feel included this week.

Year A begins at Hope (1st Sunday in Advent – after Christ the King)***** New Liturgical Year begins after Christ the King *******Advent 2 – 8 Weeks**

Date	Theme	Meaning	Mission
27/10	Neighbour	In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus teaches us that our neighbour is anyone who needs our help, regardless of their background or beliefs. We are called to love our neighbours as ourselves, to show compassion, generosity, and forgiveness. This means reaching out to those in need, speaking up for the voiceless, and treating everyone with dignity and respect. When we see Christ in our neighbour, we discover the true meaning of love.	Think of something you can do to benefit those around you this week.
3/11	Counsel	Counsel, sometimes called 'right judgement' is the way in which the Holy Spirit enables us to make the right decisions in our lives. It's a gift of the Holy Spirit, a supernatural wisdom that guides us towards what is good and true. It's the inner voice that helps us discern God's will in our lives, especially when faced with difficult decisions.	Pray before making an important choice this week.
10/11	Remembrance	Remembrance is an important part of our faith. We remember the saints, those who have died, and the events of our history. Remembrance helps us to reflect on how those who've gone before us have shaped and inspired our lives today.	Remembrance Spend time in prayer to remember those people who are important to us and who are no longer with us.
17/11	Youth	Young people have a vital role to play in the life of the Church and in the world. They offer hope, inspiration and courage. We are all called to be young in our outlook and our attitude, and we can see in young people an example of how to live life to the full.	Make the effort to have a positive and youthful attitude this week. Help others to see hope in difficult situations In our mission circles discuss what difficult situations we may be facing this week.
24/11	Kingdom	The Kingdom of God is a place of peace, justice, and love. It is a place where everyone is welcome, and everyone is loved. The Kingdom of God is not a place that we will find on a map, but it is a way of life	Think of one thing you can do to make your community more like the Kingdom of God.

		that we can work towards building in our own lives and in the world around us.	
1/12	Hope	Hope is an expectation and desire for the things that are to come in the future. It is a powerful virtue that can help us to persevere through difficult times. In the season of Advent, we hope for the coming of Jesus and that he will bring peace, joy and love to the world.	Our mission this week Think of a reason that you have to be hopeful. Share that hope with someone this week.
8/12	Peace	In the season of Advent, we pray for peace in the world. We know that Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace, and we believe that he will bring peace to all people.	.Our Mission this Week Find a way to bring peace to a difficult situation or relationship this 2nd Week of Advent. Is there anyone you have had a disagreement with? How could you put it right?
15/12	Joy	Joy is a feeling of great happiness and pleasure. It is a positive emotion that help us to overcome sadness and despair. In the season of Advent, we rejoice in the coming of Jesus Christ. We know that he is the source of all joy, and we celebrate his birth with great joy.	Our Mission: Think of something you can do for someone else to bring them joy. This could be something you do, or stop doing. During this 3rd Week of Advent find time to make it happen this week.

22nd December – 4th January Christmas Holidays

Lent 1 – 6 weeks

Date	Theme	Meaning	Mission
5/1/26	Epiphany	Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus Christ to the world. It is a time to reflect on the mystery of Christ's birth and to renew our commitment to following him. For us, Epiphany is a time to recognise that Christ came for everyone, and we see this reflected in the visit of the Magi and the gifts that they brought.	Think of the gifts that you have been given by God. What is a gift that you can give to others? Think of a way to share your gift with your community this week.
12/1	Baptism	Baptism is a sign of God's love and forgiveness; it marks a fresh start and a new beginning. When we are baptised are welcomed into the Church community of believers who love us, support us and help us grow. During baptism we are anointed as priest, prophet and king and called to live like Jesus did.	Think of one way you can be more like Jesus this week.
19/1	Discipleship	Discipleship is about following Jesus and living your life according to his teachings. It is a lifelong journey of learning and growing in faith. As disciples, we are called to grow in our relationship with God, to live out our faith in the world, and to serve others.	Think of someone in need in your community who you can help and support this week.
26/1	Scripture	Scripture is the Word of God. It is a collection of sacred writings that tell the story of God's love for humanity. As we read scripture, we learn about God's plan for our lives, and we are inspired to live a life of faith. Scripture can also be a source of comfort and guidance in difficult times and speaks to us throughout our lives.	In your mission circles learn a quote from scripture - reflect on what it might mean to you.
2/2	Inspiration	Inspiration is the feeling of being motivated or encouraged to do something. It literally means 'filled with the spirit'. Inspiration is like a gentle nudge from the Holy Spirit, guiding us and encouraging us on our journey. It can come in many forms – through prayer, through Scripture, through the words and actions of others. It's a reminder that God is always with us, inspiring us to be our best selves	Make an effort this week to inspire those around you by loving and serving others.
9/2	Diversity	Diversity inspires us to celebrate our differences and to respect the dignity and value of everyone. We are all made in the image of likeness of God, and we can recognise God in all people, however different they may seem. Diversity reminds us that we are all called to love one another and to create a world where everyone feels loved, accepted and included.	Our Mission Think about those people in your community who may feel left out. This week, try to find a way to help them feel loved and included. In your mission circles talk about what makes us all the same and the differences that we have which need to be celebrated.

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Lent 2 - 5 Weeks

Date	Theme	Meaning	Mission
23/2	Prayer	Prayer is a conversation with God. It is a way of opening our hearts to him and sharing our thoughts and feelings with him. Prayer can be done in many different ways, such as through words, music, or silence. During Lent, we can use prayer to reflect on our relationship with God, and to ask for his guidance and strength.	Take a moment this week to pray. Think about what you want to say to God and what he might be saying to you.
2/3	Fasting	Fasting is a way of showing self-discipline and of focusing on our relationship with God. Fasting can also be a way of expressing solidarity with those who are less fortunate. Fasting is an important part of Lent, as it allows us to follow the example of Jesus in the desert, and to grow in our compassion for others.	What can you go without this Lent? Think of something that you can give up leaving more time and space for what's important. In your mission circles year 6 to record each child's Lenten promise. We can then look back at this at the end of the Lenten Term.
9/3	Almsgiving	Almsgiving is the practice of giving to those in need. It is a way of showing love and compassion for others. Almsgiving can also be a way of expressing our gratitude for God's blessings. Almsgiving is an important part of Lent, as it allows us to share with those in need and to be an example of mercy in the world.	Our Mission Find a way to give something to charity or to someone in need this 3rd Week of Lent week. In your mission circles discuss how and what we could give to others this week.
16/3	Sacrifice	During Lent, we reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus and what it means for our lives. The sacrifice of Jesus is a reminder that we are all loved by God, and that we too, are called to live our lives for others as humble servants.	Our Mission Think about someone who makes sacrifices for you and take a moment to thank them for what they do this week. In your mission circles think of ways to show that you appreciate those who make sacrifices for you.
23/3	Journey	Lent is a time of journeying with Jesus Christ. It is a time of reflecting on our lives, repenting our sins, and growing in our faith. The journey of Lent is a challenging one, but it is also a rewarding one. It is a journey that can help us to grow closer to God so that we are ready to truly celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection at Easter.	This week spend some time in prayer thinking about your Lenten journey so far and what you want to do with the journey ahead.

Half term 30th March

Pentecost 1 – 6 Weeks

Date	Theme	Meaning	Mission
13/4	Mercy	Mercy is God's love and forgiveness in action. We see this gift in a powerful way during Eastertide as we remember what Jesus did for us out of love. This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday and it is a reminder that we must be merciful to others, just as God is merciful with us.	Try and be merciful with everyone you meet this week, just as God is merciful with us. What does showing mercy look like?
20/4	Faith	Having Faith can be hard. It requires us to believe in those things we can't prove and see. St. Thomas is famous for not believing that Jesus had risen, but this reminds us all that even for Jesus' disciples, faith wasn't always easy. Faith is a gift from God and if we can find it, and hold on to it, faith gives us strength, comfort, and hope.	Think of something you need to have faith in this week. Spend some time in prayer to ask God for the faith you need.
27/4	Vocation	A vocation is God's call to each of us. It is the unique way that God has designed us to serve him and others. Finding our vocation can take time and discernment but our vocation is a reminder that we all have a special purpose in this world, and we are all called to do something significant with our lives.	Spend some time talking to people about what you feel called to do with your life this week. Do you know what you would like to be when you are older?
4/5	Witness	Witness is the sharing of our faith with others. It is a way of testifying to the truth of Jesus Christ and the Gospel message. Our witness can be a way of celebrating the hope and joy that we have in Jesus and a way of powerfully sharing the good news with those around us.	Find one way to share what your faith means to you with someone else this week. How can we be a witness to what Jesus has taught us?
11/5	Example	An example is a model of behaviour. It is something that we can look to in order to learn how to live our lives. The lives of the saints, and other holy men and women, remind us that we are all called to follow the example of Jesus Christ. We too, should also be an example to others by trying to live a life of love, service, and forgiveness.	This week, think of a something positive and loving you can do for those around you to set a good example to others.
18/5	Communication	Communication can take many forms in the world today. It is a way of building relationships and sharing the good news of our faith with others. This week we are called to think about the different ways we can communicate God's message to the world and how we can bring people together and inspire others through the message that we share.	Send a message to someone this week to tell them that they are loved.

Half term - 25th May**PENTECOST IS SUNDAY 24th May**

Pentecost 2 – 6 weeks

Date	Theme	Meaning	Mission
1/6	Trinity	The Trinity is a mystery that we can never fully understand, but it is a central part of our Catholic faith. The Trinity is the belief that there is one God who exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three persons are distinct from each other, but they are also one God. This special feast helps us reflect on how we understand God and inspires us to get to know him more closely in our lives.	Say a prayer this week to God the father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and think about who God is to you.
8/6	Eucharist	The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. The Eucharist is a powerful way in which we receive Jesus Christ into our hearts and are united with him as one body. The Eucharist is a source of strength and nourishment, and as we receive it, just as the disciples did at the Last Supper, we are reminded of God's love for us and of our call to love others. Share a meal with the people you love this week.	This week share a meal with the people you love. In your mission circles talk about your favourite meal to share with your family.
15/6	Missionary Discipleship	Missionary Discipleship is the call to share our faith with others. Missionary Discipleship reminds us that we must go out and share the love of Christ with others, to make the world a better place. Missionary Discipleship is a way of life that is full of joy and hope and in living our life in this way we can bring others to encounter Christ through us.	This week find a way to put your faith into action to help others to encounter Jesus.
22/6	Acceptance	Acceptance is the ability to see and appreciate people for who they are, without judgment. It helps us to build relationships and live in peace with each other. Acceptance comes from the knowledge that all people are loved and valued by God without exception, and because of this, we should be willing to accept others with love and mercy.	Think about someone in your community who might find it hard to join in. Make an effort to include others in what you do this week.
29/6	Follow	Jesus calls himself the way, the truth, and the life. When we follow Jesus, just as the first disciples did, we are making a powerful choice to live our lives according to his teachings. To follow Jesus is not easy, and it often requires great courage, strength and sacrifice.	Try this week to be someone who others will follow by being like Jesus and setting a good example in what you say and do.
6/7	Commission	Christ calls us to be part of his mission in the world. All people are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and to share in his work. We are called to make a positive difference in the world and bring Christ to others through our words and actions.	Try and work as part of a team this week. Where you face a problem ask others to help you with it.