

IMPORTANT DATES AUTUMN

TERM 2023

ALL SAINTS ***(1st November)***

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love. There will be a School Mass in St Pius X at 10am.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL **DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)** ***(2nd November)***

Today and throughout the rest of November we will 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.

Feast Day of St Charles Borromeo ***(4th November)***

This year's School Mass will be combined with All Saints. (See above)

FEAST DAY OF CHRIST THE KING ***(26th November)***

ADVENT ***(Begins 3rd December)***

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** ***(8th 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 ***(25th December)***

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

AUTUMN TERM **2023**

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

DATE	CLASS
22rd Sept	6G/F
6th Oct	3/4H
13th Oct	1D
Half Term	
3rd Nov	2D
10th Nov	3H
24th Nov	5M
1st Dec	4H



ST CHARLES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

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 (6TH SEPT-5TH OCT)

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.

ST CHARLES TOPIC (9TH OCT-10TH NOV)

All children will study the life of St Charles at a level appropriate to their year group and compare his life with other saints. They will explore how the Church decides who should become a saint and the process they followed which leads to sainthood. They will reflect on characteristics of a saint and how we should imitate them.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Research and talk about a favourite saint. Research feast days of saints in the Churches calendar.

JUDAISM (9th-17th November)

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

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS – LOVING (13TH NOV-END OF TERM)

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.