

- ◆ Recognition of the complementarity of science and scripture as understanding of the wonder of Creation is deepened. Exploration of the concept of 'stewardship' and pupils role in protecting nature and promoting life.
- ◆ Deepening of pupils ability to discern God's action in their lives through further reflection on the Beatitudes and the 10 commandments.
- ◆ A lovely feature of the P7 programme is the opportunity to research one or more of the ancient Scottish Abbeys and the monks who lived there.
- ◆ In this final year of primary school there will be a strong emphasis on missionary nature of the church and the pupils invitation to share in it by living the Gospel values and justice, mercy, peace compassion, faithfulness, honesty and by practising their faith sacramentally. Home and parish links are essential here.
- ◆ There is a strong emphasis this year on the post Resurrection appearances of Jesus and the concept of eternal life. This will be integrated with further reflection on the role of the Holy Spirit as Consoler and Advocate and as the one who strengthens our faith and inspires their lives.
- ◆ Themes of Justice and Peace will be further developed by reflection on the lives of St. John Bosco, St Vincent de Paul or the Venerable Margaret St .Claire and of younger saints and holy people such as St. Cecilia, St Lucy, St Aloysius and others as outlined in the Syllabus.

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Ideas for Families

Consider sourcing some of the following for your home:

Being a Parent Today (ed. Fr. Stephen Wang)

Catholic Truth Society (£2.50)

A wonderful booklet to help with all aspects of parenting with particular reference to Faith formation. Very highly recommended, www.cts-online.org.uk

Children's Bibles (Age 4-8)

- * Lions Storyteller Bible (Hartmann & Nagi)
Lovely to read to your child and beautifully Illustrated.
- * Age 8-10. The Lion Bible for Children (Murray Watts & Helen Cann)
- * Age 10+. Children's Bible (New Revised Standard Version) (Abingdon Press)
- * Lions Graphic Bible (Jeff Anderson) This is appealing to young readers as it is in comic format.

Holy Water, Rosary beads, family cross, simple images or statues of Our Lady or favourite saints. See:
www.pauline-uk.org
www.veritasbooksonline.com

Research interesting places to visit and plan some family or parish outing—Carfin, Schoenstaad, Lindisfarne, Nunraw etc. Why not join with other families to do this?

Work together to establish a parish youth group for children aged 10+

Liaise with the staff of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Resources Office to discover what is on offer for you as an adult, email Patricia Carroll (patricia.carroll@staned.org.uk)

Perhaps you would like your own copy of This is Our Faith. This can be purchased online at www.sces.uk.com, cost £20.00



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General Themes & Approaches

P7

Structure of the Syllabus

The content of the "This is Our Faith" syllabus is subdivided into 8 sections called "strands of Faith". Each 'strand' is present in each year and offers our young people a comprehensive overview of the Catholic Christian Faith. Like all other subject areas, you will see the Outcomes & Experiences that describe the learning. Religious Education invites the child to grow in knowledge, understanding and faith and/or appreciation of faith. From P3 onwards the pupils are led gradually in an understanding of other world religions and Christian denominations, which will deepen and evolve as the child grows and matures. In a Catholic School the opportunities provided in Religious Education will also permeate throughout the day. Such opportunities will promote genuine human growth not only for Catholic pupils, but for those of other Christian denominations, other faiths, or stances of living independent of religious belief.



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8 Strands of Faith

◇ Son of God



◇ In the Image of God

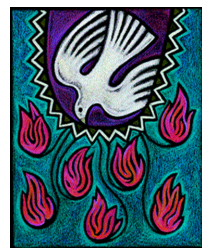
◇ Revealed Truth of God



◇ Hours of God

◇ Signs of God

◇ Mystery of God



◇ Word of God

◇ Reign of God

My child is in P7. What will he/she learn in Religious Education Classes this year?

- ◆ Familiarity with the Liturgical seasons and Calendar—Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter-tide, Pentecost, November Remembrance of the Dead and honouring Mary in May.
- ◆ Ability to pray using the traditional prayers of the Church (see prayer grid). Children will also learn how to pray silently and aloud, using their own words. They will be enabled to lead the recitation of the Rosary. Pupils will be offered opportunities to pray and respond to the Stations of the Cross. A reflection on the meaning of the Creed will also be undertaken. Pupils will learn how to create prayers of Intercession
- ◆ Pupils will explore prescribed New Testament passages from the Gospel of Luke. A greater number of passages from the Old Testament will be reflected upon, especially the Psalms, and the letters of Paul with a focus on his missionary journeys.
- ◆ As part of the Relationship and Moral Education Programme, the pupils will reflect on the precious gift of life from the moment of conception to natural death. They learn that sexuality is a gift from God and is something to be cherished.
- ◆ Pupils appreciation of the sacraments is deepened and they develop their ability to participate more meaningfully in their celebration. Home and parish links will enable this learning to be enriched.