



- ◆ The children will continue to deepen their appreciation of the Sacraments. In P6 these will be a particular focus on the sacraments of Service, Marriage and Holy Orders. Parish links will enable this learning to be enriched.
- ◆ Opportunities for engagement with the local community of faith will be strengthened, as pupils discern their own gifts and talents and how they can use them in their local faith community.
- ◆ As part of the pupils relationship and moral education programme, the topic of Puberty is addressed in accordance with National Guidelines from the Bishops Conference of Scotland.
- ◆ In P6, pupils will explore the lives of the founders of some religious Orders and there by be inspired and challenged in their own response to God's call to care for the poor. They will also research the role of the missionary lay groups and religious orders.
- ◆ A further theme permeating the programme is that of pilgrimage. Pupils will learn about some Scottish pilgrimage sites and explore why they emerged. They will also research the stories of Lourdes and Fatima.
- ◆ Pupils will explore some of the principles by which people of the Jewish and/or Muslim faith communities live.

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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

P6

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

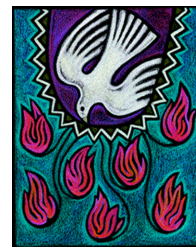
◇ Revealed Truth of God



◇ Hours of God

◇ Signs of God

◇ Mystery of God



◇ Word of God

◇ Reign of God

My child is in P6. What will they learn in Religious Education Classes this year?

- ◆ Pupils appreciation of their uniqueness as children formed in the Image of God will be deepened as they develop a consequent respect for the dignity of all people. A particular focus this year will be on openness to new migrant communities in our local areas.
- ◆ Familiarity with the Liturgical seasons and Calendar—Advent, Christmas, Lent and Eastertide, 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 strengthen their ability to participate in Liturgy, pray silently and aloud, using their own words. They will become familiar with recitation of the Rosary and all Mass responses. 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 explore prescribed New Testament passages from the Gospel of Matthew. A greater number of Old Testament passages will be reflected upon, especially from the Book of Exodus as contextualised in the syllabus
- ◆ A strong theme in the P6 programme is that of 'Discipleship, Vocation and Ministry'. This will be treated through a study of selected texts from the Acts of the Apostles and the Beatitudes. Pupils will be invited to reflect on both Gods continuous call to relationship with them and their own response. This focus will also include reference to saints such as Maxmillian Kolbe and Martin de Porres.