

- ◆ Children's appreciation of God as a Trinity will be deepened. Children begin to consider the concept of Jesus as fully human and divine.
- ◆ The commandments will also be presented this year as enabling us to live in right relationship with God and others.
- ◆ The pupils will be introduced to the lives of some of the saints, and will be encouraged to explore how they can model their lives on their example. Saints included this year are: Bernadette, Therese, Margaret Mary and John Vianney.
- ◆ A lovely feature of the P5 programme includes a study of Christian imagery in history and art of Scotland and the Christian origin of Scottish place names. There is also an opportunity to learn something of the geography of the Holy Land.
- ◆ Pupils will study the work of some lay organisations and religious orders in their parish/diocese / wider church. They will be encouraged to reflect on how they can use their gifts to contribute to the life of these groups.
- ◆ P5 will also offer pupils time to reflect on the meaning of Christian witness in times of trial and suffering in various parts of the world, as outlined in the Syllabus.
- ◆ The children's understanding of the Sacraments is further deepened with a focus on the Sacraments of healing and the Eucharist. Parish links will enable this learning to be enriched.
- ◆ Ecumenical action and some features of Jewish and Muslim life are featured.

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

P5

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

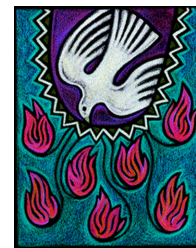
◇ Revealed Truth of God



◇ Hours of God

◇ Signs of God

◇ Mystery of God



◇ Word of God

◇ Reign of God

My child is in P5. What will they learn in Religious Education Classes this year?

- ◆ Pupils will be invited to reflect on their uniqueness as children formed in the "Image of God" and to develop a consequent respect for the dignity of all people especially those in their immediate family, school and parish environment.
- ◆ Children's skills of discernment and decision making are deepened through opportunities for prayerful reflection and quiet meditation.
- ◆ Familiarity with the Liturgical Seasons and Calendar—Advent, Christmas, Lent and Eastertide, 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 begin to learn how 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 New Testament narratives from the Gospel of Mark. A greater number of prescribed Old Testament texts will be reflected upon with a particular emphasis on the prophets and the Book of Genesis. Pupils will learn how to locate Scriptural passages by chapter and verse. Pupils will be encouraged to relate the message of the texts to their own lives and to local and global issues.