

# **IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

**THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

7<sup>th</sup> September

**THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

14<sup>th</sup> September

**ALL SAINTS**

(Holy Day of Obligation)

1<sup>st</sup> November

**ALL SOULS**

2<sup>nd</sup> November

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

24<sup>th</sup> November

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

1<sup>st</sup> December

**FEAST OF ST EDWARD CAMPION**

1<sup>st</sup> December

**FEAST OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER SJ**

3<sup>rd</sup> December

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

8<sup>th</sup> December

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

(Holy Day of Obligation)

25<sup>th</sup> December

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**MICHAELMAS TERM 2024**

**COME AND SEE AT HOME**

Dear Parents,

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 first week across the school is dedicated to our Jesuit Ethos and The Jesuit Education.

## DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

*9 September – 11 October*

Reception	<b>MYSELF</b> - God knows and loves each one
PP1	<b>FAMILIES</b> - God's love and care for every family
PP2	<b>BEGINNINGS</b> - God is present in every beginning
LP1	<b>HOMES</b> - God's vision for every family
LP2	<b>PEOPLE</b> - The family of God in Scripture
Prep	<b>OURSELVES</b> - Created in the image and likeness of God
Elements	<b>LOVING</b> - 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

## BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

*14 October – 15 November*

Reception	<b>WELCOME</b> - Baptism: a welcome to God's family
PP1	<b>BELONGING</b> - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family
PP2	<b>SIGNS AND SYMBOLS</b> - Signs and symbols in Baptism
LP1	<b>PROMISES</b> - Promises made at Baptism
LP2	<b>CALLED</b> - Confirmation: a call to witness
Prep	<b>LIFE CHOICES</b> - Marriage, commitment and service
Elements	<b>VOCATION AND COMMITMENT</b> - The vocation of priesthood and religious life

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

*18 November - 13 December*

Reception	<b>BIRTHDAY</b> - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday
PP1	<b>WAITING</b> - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas
PP2	<b>PREPARATIONS</b> - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas
LP1	<b>VISITORS</b> - waiting for the coming of Jesus
LP2	<b>GIFT</b> - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
Prep	<b>HOPE</b> - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one
Elements	<b>EXPECTATIONS</b> - 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.