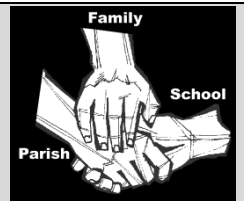


# The Year of Mercy

Linking School, Parish and Home



## Religious Education

### Key Idea: In the Beginning

This unit is intended as the first for the academic year 2016/2017. As this unit is timed to be the first taught and to support Archbishop Vincent's themes for the Year of Mercy, this unit focuses on the stories of creation as recorded in Genesis and the Psalms as expressions of prayer.

### Unit Content

Pupils begin their study by examining one or both of the stories of creation found in Genesis 1 and 2. In learning about and then praying the Psalms, pupils learn how the Church praises God in creation.

### Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

*It is hoped that pupils will develop:*

- A sense of wonder for creation
- A willingness to learn from Scripture
- An appreciation of the truths contained in Scripture
- A sense of the value of prayer

### Activities to try at home

You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much higher if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs. Help your child by trying one or more of these activities while this unit is being taught:

- Tell stories about 'beginnings' in your family: your extended family, births, moves to another place or house, starting school, building or making something.
- Be creative! Bake or cook with your children, plant or weed the garden, undertake a project together. Celebrate your creativity!

### An idea for prayer at home

#### Prayer Activity

Pray at mealtimes:

'Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hope and dreams and visions rock of faith and vault of grace, here the love of Christ shall end division, all are welcome in this place!' Martyr Haugen.

