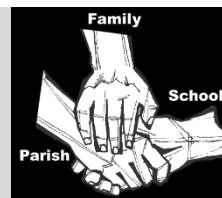


A People of Prayer

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

Topic Theme: People of Prayer

This unit is intended as the first for the Spring Term in the academic year 2016/2017. Continuing the Liturgical year, Year A, this framework explores the **Epiphany of the Lord** (the visit of the wise men, Mt 2:1-12) and the Escape to Egypt before moving to teaching about the Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer. Scripture passages are all taken from the Gospel of Matthew.

Learning opportunities include:

- Coming to know Jesus is God the Father's Son
- Experiencing that a church is a special place where God's People gather to pray
- Experiencing and recognising prayer is talking and listening to God
- Experiencing praying with others as a celebration
- Joining in simple prayers and hymns
- Exploring ways in which a Christian family and parish share and celebrate life, and show care for one another

Monitoring opportunities:

Student's development will be monitored through observation and the collection of work samples for their portfolio.

Affective and Spiritual Dispositions

It is hoped that pupils will develop:

- A willingness to pray
- An openness to people of other faith traditions
- An appreciation of the role of prayer in deepening a relationship with God
- A sense of wonder about different styles 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:

- Make a list of all the blessings your family experiences: small and large. Write them on strips of paper (one on each strip) and place them in a jar or bowl on the table. Take one out each mealtime and thank God for the wonderful blessing in your life. Make sure the name of each family member is included!

An idea for prayer at home

Loving God, We thank you for all the blessing we enjoy, especially for.....

Help us to remember how we are blessed and to look for ways in which we can help and support those who do not enjoy the things we take for granted.

We ask this through Jesus who taught us to know and love God, Amen.

