

# OVERVIEW OF THE CLASS 5 CYCLE A SYLLABUS

## 6.1 The Kingdom of God

Autumn - first half of term

### Topics/Content

Where is the Kingdom of God?  
The Kingdom of God is for everyone.  
What the Kingdom of God is like.  
The values of the Kingdom of God.  
What we have to do in order to be in the Kingdom of God.  
What we can do for the Kingdom.

"The Kingdom belongs to the poor and lowly, which means those who have accepted it with humble hearts. Jesus is sent to 'preach good news to the poor'; he declares them blessed for 'theirs is the Kingdom of heaven'. To them - the 'little ones' - the Father is pleased to reveal what remains hidden from the wise and the learned. Jesus shares the life of the poor, from the cradle to the cross; he experiences hunger, thirst and privation. Jesus identifies himself with the poor of every kind and makes active love toward them the condition for entering his Kingdom" (CCC 544).

### Learning Outcomes

- Reflect on what the Kingdom of God is like
- Reflect on the importance of responding to the invitation to the Kingdom
- Understand the variety of response to the Kingdom.
- Know that everyone is called to enter the Kingdom and reflect on our response.
- Reflect on words and deeds necessary to show commitment to the Kingdom
- Know that Jesus has compassion on all that suffer.
- Know about people who help to spread the Kingdom of God

## 6.2 Justice

Autumn - second half of term

### Topics/Content

What justice is.  
Examples of people who have spoken out against injustice.  
Examples of people who have worked for justice.  
Why Christmas important for us.  
What we know about the mystery of the Incarnation

"Justice is the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbour. Justice towards God is called 'virtue of religion'. Justice towards people disposes one to respect the rights of each and to establish in human relationships the harmony that promotes equity with regard to persons and to the common good" (CCC 1807).

### Learning Outcomes

- Understand the meaning of justice. Be aware that we are all called to work for justice.
- Know that God calls all of us to speak out about injustice.
- Know about some people who have been persecuted for speaking out about injustice. •Reflect on the cost of commitment.
- Know about some people who work for justice. Reflect on what we can learn from them.
- Know that Advent is a time when we prepare to celebrate the birthday of Jesus. Reflect on ways to prepare in this season.
- Know about the mystery of the incarnation. Reflect on its importance for us.
- Be aware that our Christmas customs are drawn from different countries and cultures.

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## 6.3 Exploring the Mass

Spring - first half of term

### Topics/Content

The New Covenant Jesus made with us.  
How we can live-out our part in this New Covenant.  
Two of the most important parts of the Mass.  
How going to Mass can help us live our lives more fully.  
The Blessed Sacrament?

"In the Eucharist we participate in the Lord's sacrifice. We are joined to the eternal praise and thanksgiving he offers as Son of the Father, and to his sacrifice on the cross. We receive him as our life and food, a promise of the eternal banquet of heaven. At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that become in reality Christ's Body and Blood. Catholic faith adores this enduring presence of Christ not only within the celebration of the Mass but also outside it." "We express our love of God by acknowledging God as the Lord of our lives and giving God our thanks and praise. The regular Sunday participation in the celebration of Mass is a primary duty." (CCC 1213-1274 abridged).

### Learning Outcomes

- Know and think about the story of the Passover
- Know that Jesus is the Bread of Life
- Think about what this means for us
- Know what happened at the Last Supper and reflect on what this means for us (New Covenant)
- Think about our part in this Covenant
- Understand the Penitential Act and the Liturgy of the Word in the Mass and think about their participation in them
- Understand the Offertory, Consecration and Communion and reflect on our part in them
- Understand that the Eucharist is source and summit of life and understand its importance.
- Know that Jesus has chosen to stay with us in a special way in the Blessed Sacrament.
- Be aware of how his presence can help us

## 6.4 Jesus, the Messiah

Spring - second half of term

### Topics/Content

How we know that Jesus is truly God and truly human.  
Why Jesus made a New Covenant with us.  
Why some of the Jewish authorities do not like Jesus.  
When Jesus did not use miracles to escape when he was arrested.  
Why Jesus had to die on a cross.

God's Self-Revelation and the covenant relationship reach their fullness in Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God. He is truly God and, as a man, truly human. His life, death and resurrection are the central events of all human history and at the heart of faith. His cross is the sign of his unique offering of himself for each and every human being. As truly God, Jesus reveals the truth and love of God; as truly human, Jesus reveals the perfect response to God and intimate communion with his Father - 'Abba' (CCC 456-454; 512-559 abridged).

### Learning Outcomes

- Know that Jesus' miracles led many to believe that he was the Son of God
- Deepen our understanding of Jesus, reflecting on what you believe about your faith.
- Understand that Jesus is the Messiah and what this means for us.
- Know about the final journey Jesus made to Jerusalem.
- Understand why Jesus washed the disciples' feet and reflect on the meaning this has for us (Events of Holy Thursday)
- Know about the Passion and Death of Jesus and consider its importance for us (Good Friday)
- Know about the Holy Week ceremonies in church.
- Understand and reflect on what the Resurrection of Jesus means for us.

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## 6.5 The Transforming Spirit

Summer - first half of term

### Topics/Content

The mission that Jesus gave to the Apostles.

What happened at Pentecost.

How the Holy Spirit help the Apostles.

What happened to Saul on the road to

Damascus and what we can learn from this event.

The successors of St. Peter.

"Jesus Christ sent forth the Apostles he had chosen, commissioning them to proclaim the gospel: 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.' Strengthened by this mission, the Apostles went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it" (CCC2).

### Learning Outcomes

- Know and reflect on the calling to be disciples of Jesus
- Know that the apostles were ordinary people
- Know that the apostles were people with strengths and weaknesses just as we are (*Ascension*)
- Know how the apostles changed when they received the Holy Spirit and reflect on how we can be changed (*Pentecost*)
- *Deepen our understanding of Peter, the apostle*
- *Reflect on how the Holy Spirit transformed him*
- Know about the early Christian community and our relationship to it
- Know and think about the persecution of the apostles
- Know and reflect on the preaching of the apostles
- Understand the transformation that took place in Paul
- *Reflect on how Paul's teaching can help us*
- *Understand that the popes are successors of St. Peter*
- *Reflect on how they lead us to Jesus*

## 6.6 Called to Serve

Summer - second half of term

### Topics/Content

The Sacrament of Confirmation.

How the sacrament helps a person who receives it.

Examples of some people who have received the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The Sacrament of Marriage?

Inspirational people you have studied and what makes them so.

"The mission of the Church is to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. This 'people is a most sure seed of unity, hope and salvation for the whole human race'. Its destiny is the Kingdom of God which has been begun on earth by God Himself and which must be further extended until it has been brought to perfection by Him at the end of time" (CCC 782).

### Learning Outcomes

- *Be aware of Jesus' teaching and example of service and how we should try to be like him.*
- Understand that we are called to be disciples. Reflect on our response to this invitation.
- Understand what the Sacrament of Confirmation does for us. Reflect on how we can use the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Understand that there are many ways to serve. Reflect on a variety of ways to help others.
- Know how some people respond to God's call. Reflect on how God was able to use them.
- Understand what it means to be a disciple now. Reflect on ways to use your gift now and in the future.
- *Recognise that God has given us all gifts and talents to use in the service of him and his people.*