

RE Overview

St Matthew's 2023-24



EARLY YEARS

Branch 1 - Creation and Covenant

- God made the earth and everything in it.
- God made me.
- The words and actions of the sign of the cross.
- God love me.
- God loves everyone.
- God made the wonderful world.
- Celebrate God's wonderful world.
- Look after God's world.

Branch 2 – Prophecy and promise

- Mary was going to have a baby.
- His name will be Jesus.
- Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
- The Annunciation.
- The Nativity.
- Mary was chosen by God.
- The tradition of the crib.
- Various cultures celebration of Christmas.

Branch 3 – Galilee to Jerusalem

- The wise men visit Jesus.
- Jesus welcomes little children.
- Jesus blesses little children.
- Feeding of the 5000.
- The Glory Be is a special prayer.
- Show love to everyone like Jesus.
- We welcome and show love to everyone.

Branch 4 – Desert to Garden

- Lent is a time to care for others.
- Jesus died on the cross.
- Jesus was given new life by God.
- God loves everyone.
- Caring for others during Lent.
- Easter is a celebration that Jesus is with us still.
- Simple signs of Lent
- How various cultures celebrate Lent and Easter.

Branch 5 – To the ends of the Earth

- Jesus went back to his father
- He sent a special friend, the Holy Spirit to look after us.

- Story of Pentecost.
- The early Christian community.
- The Holy spirit is our friend.
- Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
- The Good News is lived in the community.
- The parish church is a special place to meet the community.
- Jesus wants us to be happy.

Branch 6 – Dialogue and encounter

- Friends of Jesus.
- Talking about Faith.

YEAR 1

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FAMILIES	God's love and care for every family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How families show love and care for each other. • God's love and care for them and their families. • How God shows love and care for individuals, families and all of creation
BELONGING	Baptism an invitation to belong to God's family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What it feels like to belong • The experience of belonging to their family and the Church family • How babies are welcomed into the Church family.? • Parents are blessed.
WAITING	Advent a time to look forward to Christmas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How we feel when we are waiting • Why waiting can be difficult at times • Others may help us as we wait • We can help others.
SPECIAL PEOPLE	People in the parish family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special people help us • What makes a person special • How we can love and serve each other • There are people who do special jobs at Mass when the parish family gathers • Some of ways in which these people help
MEALS	Mass; Jesus' special meal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What important for a happy meal • What makes a family meal special. • Preparation for a meal. • How we love and serve Jesus • How it is good to say thank you for our meals

CHANGE	Lent a time for change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the season change. • The ways we change and grow in love and kindness. • How we can change and make a new start in Lent.
HOLIDAYS AND HOLYDAYS	Pentecost: the feast of the Holy Spirit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why are holidays different from ordinary days • What makes holidays happy times • How holidays are times to relax and do something different • We should thank God for holidays and our wonderful world
BEING SORRY	God helps us to choose well	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making choices that help us feel happy. • Making choices that make us feel unhappy. • What helps us to make good choices. • How would it be if everyone followed Jesus' new rule to 'love one another'. • Sometimes hard to say sorry and to forgive. • It is good to say sorry • The end of the day is a good time to reflect on the choices made and to ask God's forgiveness.
NEIGHBOURS	Neighbours share God's world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is our neighbour? • What makes a good neighbour • How we can be a good neighbour • What happens if someone is not a good neighbour

YEAR 2

BEGINNINGS	God is present in every beginning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How you feel when you begin anything new • Why some beginnings are easy and some are difficult • How we begin our day • How each day is a new beginning. • God cares for everyone. • God being present in all new beginnings
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SIGNS & SYMBOLS	Signs and symbols used in Baptism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meaning and importance of some symbols in life. • The power of symbols to convey meaning • Some of the signs and symbols in daily life
PREPARING	Advent; preparing to celebrate Christmas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is it necessary to prepare? • What would happen if you didn't prepare? • How you feel when you are preparing for special times? • What is the best way to prepare for Jesus' coming?
BOOKS	The books used in Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of books in our lives. • The need for books • How books can help us
THANKSGIVING	Mass a special time for saying thank you to God for everything, especially Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How you feel when you thank others • How you feel when you are thanked • Why we thank God our Father • How the parish family can spread the message of thanksgiving and peace.
OPPORTUNITIES	Lent an opportunity to start anew in order to celebrate Jesus' new life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How each day offers opportunities for good • What helps a person choose well • The opportunity of Lent offers to make a new start.
SPREAD THE WORD	Pentecost a time to spread the Good News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of messages in daily life • The responsibility of passing on messages • The new life of Jesus • How the Holy Spirit helps Christians • Jesus has promised us new life
RULES	Reasons for rules in the Christian family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance for ourselves and others of keeping rules. • How rules are necessary in life

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How it is sometimes hard to say sorry • How it is sometimes hard to forgive others • The good feeling when people make up • The difference between doing something accidentally and on purpose. • The importance and helpfulness of examining your conscience every day. • A sorry prayer
TREASURES	God's treasure; the world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What we treasure • What treasures do we share? • We are God's treasure • How we thank God for the treasures of our world • How we should treat the treasures of this earth

Year 3

HOMES	God's vision for every family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What makes a house a home • What makes home a special place for you • What makes a house a home • Why is family important • The respect of parents and children for one another • What do you like to do at home, on your own and as a family • What do people do for you at home, that makes you feel special • What is sometimes difficult about sharing and being part of a group at home • God's dream for every family • God is always there
PROMISES	The meaning of the commitment and promises made at Baptism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is good about being in a group • Why we have rules • The importance of making promises • How some promises are more difficult to keep than others

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The link between the promises made the consequences of actions following the promise. • The role of parents and godparents in bringing up the child in the Faith • What it means to live a child of the Light
VISITORS	The coming of Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How we welcome visitors • How we feel as a visitor • The importance of preparing for visitors. • The joys and demands of visitors
JOURNEYS	Christian family's journey with Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each year has its special times and seasons • Life is a journey • Who is with you on the journey • What makes it good • difficulties times in the life's journey • What/who helps • How we help one another on the journey
LISTENING & SHARING	Jesus gives himself to us in a special way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cost of sharing • The joys of sharing • The importance of listening well and sharing. • The joys and difficulties of listening and sharing • How feelings affect our own and others desire to listen and to share.
GIVING ALL	Lent a time to remember Jesus' total giving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why people are brave and give themselves to others • The demands of total giving in terms of time and giving up something you what to do • How people give themselves to others • Those in need and how we might help them. • Lent an opportunity for giving, growing in goodness. • Jesus' total giving
ENERGY	Gifts of the Holy Spirit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The energy of wind and of fire. • The best use of power of wind and fire • The inspiration of the Holy Spirit

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The power and energy of the Holy Spirit • The prayer to the Holy Spirit • The gifts of the Holy Spirit • Christians can use the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help others.
CHOICES	The importance of examination of conscience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meaning of choice and consequence • The importance of making good choices • What helps in making good choices • Consequences of choices • What it means to examine your conscience • How God is always forgiving
SPECIAL PLACES	Special places for Jesus and the Christian community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How places become special? • What makes a place special? • Special places for you and your family? • Why is our heart a special place? • Keeping our world a special place? • Why do Christians want to keep the world a special pace?

YEAR 4

PEOPLE	The family of God in Scripture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of families • Family relationships • Respect for those who gave us life.
CALLED	Confirmation a time to renew baptismal promises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our response to being chosen • What it feels like to be chosen • Why it is difficult to make a response in some situations • Giving up something else when you are chosen. • What help do you need to chose • The work of the Holy Spirit in our lives • The work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians • What it is to live in the light of Christ • The commitment of people who respond to the call of God

GIFT	God's gift of love & friendship in Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What you value most about the gift of friendship • What you offer others in your friendship • Why the gift of love and friendship is important • The joys and demands of friendship • The commitment required by the gift of love and friendship.
COMMUNITY	life in the local Christian community: ministries in the parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meaning of <i>community</i> • The advantages of being part of a <i>community</i>? • What helps to build up <i>community</i> • The demands of being part of a community? • Why people give time and service in helping others in their community • The causes of a breakdown of a <i>community</i> • How the parish community celebrates together and supports one another
GIVING & RECEIVING	Living in communion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your experience of giving and receiving. • The importance of giving and receiving? • The joys and demands of giving and receiving? • Why it is important to live in communion • Ways in which we live and grow in communion. • How the Eucharist challenges and enables living and growing in communion?
SELF DISCIPLINE	Celebrating growth to new life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The experience of giving up something and be very disciplined for a good reason. • How to be self disciplined • How self-discipline helps people to grow and make the best use of their potential • Lent; the opportunity to make change and to prepare for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.
NEW LIFE	To hear & live the Easter message	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What you do when life is difficult • The experience of good news bringing life. and happiness.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the power of the Holy Spirit helps Christians today
BUILDING BRIDGES	Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and one another.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What makes friendships strong • How decisions about friendship are informed by beliefs and values. • How friendships are built • How friendships may be restored when they have been broken • Sin and the importance of examining of your conscience • The greatest commandment, love of God and others • The meaning of contrition and of absolution • Forgiveness of others
GOD'S PEOPLE	Different saints show people what God is like.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What makes a person do extraordinary things? • How ordinary people do extraordinary things. • The qualities you admire in others • How true happiness can be found • How you can do extraordinary things

YEAR 5

OURSELVES	Created in the image and likeness of God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talents and qualities you admire in others • Your own talents and qualities and how you use them • Identify qualities in anyone else • How talents and qualities are developed. • We are made in the likeness of God • What being unique means • God's love for us • How Christians are called to live in peace. • How people are made in God's image and likeness might live
LIFE CHOICES	Marriage, commitment and service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ingredients of a good friendship • What fidelity means and how it applies to friendship • Responsibilities friends have for one another • Difficulties and joys of friendships

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is important for friendship to thrive • What it feels like to have faithful friend • Jesus' advice about relationship? • The importance of fidelity, loyalty and commitment in maintaining a friendship • The importance of commitment and responsibility in relationships. • What is means to be committed • The work of Christian service • The Sacrament of Marriage • The symbols of the promises and the blessing of rings • All are called to live in love and service
HOPE	Advent; waiting in joyful hope for Jesus; the promised one	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your experience of waiting • How people wait in different ways, for different things. • Why waiting is a mystery • How you can best use the time you spend waiting and what might help you • What you think about when you are waiting for something exciting • How you behave when you are waiting • The difference between <i>hope</i> and <i>expect</i> • Why people wait with hope • The coming of Jesus at the end of time • Advent is a time of waiting hopefully
MISSION	Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese. [ecumenism]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The demands and joys being dedicated in your mission • Discovering your mission? • What inspires people in their mission • The joys and demands of engaging in a mission • The reasons why people want to help others. • How people carry out Jesus' mission today • Jesus' prayer for unity
MEMORIAL SACRIFICE	The Eucharist; the living memorial of Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why memories are important • How it is possible to keep important memories alive • About sacrifice in daily life

<p>SACRIFICE</p>	<p>Lent a time of giving in order to celebrate the sacrifice of Jesus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How you feel when you give • How you feel when you refuse to give. • The cost of giving. • How people decide whether or not to give • How those decisions are informed by beliefs and values • The costs or rewards of giving can be • That Lent is a season of giving to prepare for the Easter
<p>TRANSFORMATION</p>	<p>Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How people can use the energy of their minds for the good of others. • How people can use time and physical energy for the well being of others and why they should. • How energy can transform • How we can use our energy to transform ourselves • How we can use the energy from the earth's resources in a fair and sustainable way. • How the power of the Holy Spirit helps Christians today
<p>FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY</p>	<p>Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What freedom parents have a right to • What freedom children have a right to. • What is responsible and irresponsible behaviour. • How rules can bring freedom • How people know the boundaries that their personal freedom gives them. • How freedom and responsibility are linked. • How people's perception of what their freedom allows may conflict with the expectation of others. • How importance of the Ten Commandments for Christians today. • How the Beatitudes show us a positive way of life. • Jesus teaching on the greatest commandments, love of God and others.

STEWARDSHIP	The Church is called to stewardship of Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What I really care about • Showing concern for what I care for • The meaning of stewardship • Understanding the wonders of God's creation • People are made in the image and likeness of God • Christians can be good stewards. • The Christian's responsibility to take care of, to be a steward of the earth • The importance of ecology
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YEAR 6		
LOVING	God who never stops loving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What unconditional love means • How love is shown • How you are loved and cared for • What members of your family do for each other • How you show love to others • How people have inspired and influenced you to show unconditional love to others • What it means to be truly loving • How people show unconditional love to others • The beliefs and values which have inspired and influenced you to be loving? • The scripture text that demonstrate God's unconditional love for everyone even when times are hard. • The challenge these passages present to Christians. • The Beatitudes and their meaning for today. • God's unconditional love and what this means. • By living in God's way, as Jesus showed us, we can grow in love.
VOCATION AND COMMITMENT	The vocation of priesthood and religious life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What it means to be committed? • Why people are committed? • The implications of lack of commitment • Whom shows commitment • How commitment affects the level of job satisfaction

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responding to the call of Jesus • Our mission in living out our baptismal vows
EXPECTATIONS	Jesus born to show God to the world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The expectations you have of yourself • Having high expectations of others • Trusting and believing in one another • What happens if you let people down or others let you down? • Patience is important in expectations • The difference between wishing and expecting. • The meaning of Advent
SOURCES	The Bible, the special book for the Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The kind of books which are the most helpful • Our lives are enriched by books. • The wonder of books and how they take a person beyond themselves • The presence of God in the words of Scripture • The care and reverence with which the Word of God is treated
UNITY	Eucharist enables people to live in communion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why friendships are important • The most important value in friendship • What helps a friendship to flourish • The kinds of behaviour that break a friendship • Those affected when a friendship is broken • Mending broken friendships • Becoming one with Christ and one another in Holy Communion • The unity which Holy Communion brings
DEATH & NEW LIFE	Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The affect of loss in everyday life • The change it brought • What remained the same • What is the best way to cope with loss • How people cope with loss and death • How death brings new life • Lent, a time to remember the suffering and death of Jesus

WITNESSES	The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When to be a witness • How to be a witness • Why it sometimes needs courage to be a witness • Examples of modern witnesses • The witness of a local charity,
HEALING	Sacrament of the Sick	<p>Showing compassion and care for those who are ill Our attitude towards those people are ill in their minds Helping, caring and understanding those with a learning disability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What gives a person comfort when they are very ill • Why people give time and commitment to caring for others • Why we care for the sick • The Sacrament of Anointing brings comfort to those who are sick • The Christian responsibility for caring for these in need
COMMON GOOD	Work of Christians for the good of all	<p>How we build a fair and just world The difference between fairness and justice, unfairness and injustice Helping to promote the dignity and common good of one another Beatitudes; a guide from Jesus about how to live life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ways we can act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God • How Christians can work for the common good • Something about Catholic Social Teaching