

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

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

CHANGE	Lent a time for change	<input type="checkbox"/> How the season change. <input type="checkbox"/> The ways we change and grow in love and kindness. <input type="checkbox"/> How we can change and make a new start in Lent.
HOLIDAYS AND HOLYDAYS	Pentecost: the feast of the Holy Spirit	<input type="checkbox"/> Why are holidays different from ordinary days <input type="checkbox"/> What makes holidays happy times <input type="checkbox"/> How holidays are times to relax and do something different <input type="checkbox"/> We should thank God for holidays and our wonderful world
BEING SORRY	God helps us to choose well	<input type="checkbox"/> Making choices that help us feel happy. <input type="checkbox"/> Making choices that make us feel unhappy. <input type="checkbox"/> What helps us to make good choices. <input type="checkbox"/> How would it be if everyone followed Jesus' new rule to 'love one another'. <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes hard to say sorry and to forgive. <input type="checkbox"/> It is good to say sorry <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Who is our neighbour? <input type="checkbox"/> What makes a good neighbour <input type="checkbox"/> How we can be a good neighbour <input type="checkbox"/> What happens if someone is not a good neighbour

YEAR 2

BEGINNINGS	God is present in every beginning	<input type="checkbox"/> How you feel when you begin anything new <input type="checkbox"/> Why some beginnings are easy and some are difficult <input type="checkbox"/> How we begin our day <input type="checkbox"/> How each day is a new beginning. <input type="checkbox"/> God cares for everyone. <input type="checkbox"/> God being present in all new beginnings
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SIGNS & SYMBOLS	Signs and symbols used in Baptism	<input type="checkbox"/> The meaning and importance of some symbols in life. <input type="checkbox"/> The power of symbols to convey meaning <input type="checkbox"/> Some of the signs and symbols in daily life
PREPARING	Advent; preparing to celebrate Christmas	<input type="checkbox"/> Why is it necessary to prepare? <input type="checkbox"/> What would happen if you didn't prepare? <input type="checkbox"/> How you feel when you are preparing for special times? <input type="checkbox"/> What is the best way to prepare for Jesus' coming?
BOOKS	The books used in Church	<input type="checkbox"/> The importance of books in our lives. <input type="checkbox"/> The need for books <input type="checkbox"/> How books can help us
THANKSGIVING	Mass a special time for saying thank you to God for everything, especially Jesus	<input type="checkbox"/> How you feel when you thank others <input type="checkbox"/> How you feel when you are thanked <input type="checkbox"/> Why we thank God our Father <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> How each day offers opportunities for good <input type="checkbox"/> What helps a person choose well <input type="checkbox"/> The opportunity of Lent offers to make a new start.
SPREAD THE WORD	Pentecost a time to spread the Good News	<input type="checkbox"/> The importance of messages in daily life <input type="checkbox"/> The responsibility of passing on messages <input type="checkbox"/> The new life of Jesus <input type="checkbox"/> How the Holy Spirit helps Christians <input type="checkbox"/> Jesus has promised us new life
RULES	Reasons for rules in the Christian family	<input type="checkbox"/> The importance for ourselves and others of keeping rules. <input type="checkbox"/> How rules are necessary in life

		<input type="checkbox"/> How it is sometimes hard to say sorry <input type="checkbox"/> How it is sometimes hard to forgive others <input type="checkbox"/> The good feeling when people make up <input type="checkbox"/> The difference between doing something accidentally and on purpose. <input type="checkbox"/> The importance and helpfulness of examining your conscience every day. <input type="checkbox"/> A sorry prayer
TREASURES	God's treasure; the world	<input type="checkbox"/> What we treasure <input type="checkbox"/> What treasures do we share? <input type="checkbox"/> We are God's treasure <input type="checkbox"/> How we thank God for the treasures of our world <input type="checkbox"/> How we should treat the treasures of this earth

Year 3

HOMES	God's vision for every family	<input type="checkbox"/> What makes a house a home <input type="checkbox"/> What makes home a special place for you <input type="checkbox"/> What makes a house a home <input type="checkbox"/> Why is family important <input type="checkbox"/> The respect of parents and children for one another <input type="checkbox"/> What do you like to do at home, on your own and as a family <input type="checkbox"/> What do people do for you at home, that makes you feel special <input type="checkbox"/> What is sometimes difficult about sharing and being part of a group at home <input type="checkbox"/> God's dream for every family <input type="checkbox"/> God is always there
PROMISES	The meaning of the commitment and promises made at Baptism	<input type="checkbox"/> What is good about being in a group <input type="checkbox"/> Why we have rules <input type="checkbox"/> The importance of making promises <input type="checkbox"/> How some promises are more difficult to keep than others

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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The power and energy of the Holy Spirit <input type="checkbox"/> The prayer to the Holy Spirit <input type="checkbox"/> The gifts of the Holy Spirit <input type="checkbox"/> 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"> <input type="checkbox"/> The meaning of choice and consequence <input type="checkbox"/> The importance of making good choices <input type="checkbox"/> What helps in making good choices <input type="checkbox"/> Consequences of choices <input type="checkbox"/> What it means to examine your conscience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> How God is always forgiving
SPECIAL PLACES	Special places for Jesus and the Christian community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> How places become special? <input type="checkbox"/> What makes a place special? <input type="checkbox"/> Special places for you and your family? <input type="checkbox"/> Why is our heart a special place? <input type="checkbox"/> Keeping our world a special place? <input type="checkbox"/> 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"> <input type="checkbox"/> The importance of families <input type="checkbox"/> Family relationships <input type="checkbox"/> Respect for those who gave us life.
CALLED	Confirmation a time to renew baptismal promises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Our response to being chosen <input type="checkbox"/> What it feels like to be chosen <input type="checkbox"/> Why it is difficult to make a response in some situations <input type="checkbox"/> Giving up something else when you are chosen. <input type="checkbox"/> What help do you need to chose <input type="checkbox"/> The work of the Holy Spirit in our lives <input type="checkbox"/> The work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians <input type="checkbox"/> What it is to live in the light of Christ <input type="checkbox"/> The commitment of people who respond to the call of God

GIFT	God's gift of love & friendship in Jesus	<input type="checkbox"/> What you value most about the gift of friendship <input type="checkbox"/> What you offer others in your friendship <input type="checkbox"/> Why the gift of love and friendship is important <input type="checkbox"/> The joys and demands of friendship <input type="checkbox"/> The commitment required by the gift of love and friendship.
COMMUNITY	life in the local Christian community: ministries in the parish	<input type="checkbox"/> The meaning of <i>community</i> <input type="checkbox"/> The advantages of being part of a <i>community</i> ? <input type="checkbox"/> What helps to build up <i>community</i> <input type="checkbox"/> The demands of being part of a community? <input type="checkbox"/> Why people give time and service in helping others in their community <input type="checkbox"/> The causes of a breakdown of a <i>community</i> <input type="checkbox"/> How the parish community celebrates together and supports one another
GIVING & RECEIVING	Living in communion	<input type="checkbox"/> Your experience of giving and receiving. <input type="checkbox"/> The importance of giving and receiving? <input type="checkbox"/> The joys and demands of giving and receiving? <input type="checkbox"/> Why it is important to live in communion <input type="checkbox"/> Ways in which we live and grow in communion. <input type="checkbox"/> How the Eucharist challenges and enables living and growing in communion?
SELF DISCIPLINE	Celebrating growth to new life	<input type="checkbox"/> The experience of giving up something and be very disciplined for a good reason. <input type="checkbox"/> How to be self disciplined <input type="checkbox"/> How self-discipline helps people to grow and make the best use of their potential <input type="checkbox"/> Lent; the opportunity to make change and to prepare for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.
NEW LIFE	To hear & live the Easter message	<input type="checkbox"/> What you do when life is difficult <input type="checkbox"/> The experience of good news bringing life. and happiness.

		<input type="checkbox"/> How the power of the Holy Spirit helps Christians today
BUILDING BRIDGES	Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and one another.	<input type="checkbox"/> What makes friendships strong <input type="checkbox"/> How decisions about friendship are informed by beliefs and values. <input type="checkbox"/> How friendships are built <input type="checkbox"/> How friendships may be restored when they have been broken <input type="checkbox"/> Sin and the importance of examining of your conscience <input type="checkbox"/> The greatest commandment, love of God and others <input type="checkbox"/> The meaning of contrition and of absolution <input type="checkbox"/> Forgiveness of others
GOD'S PEOPLE	Different saints show people what God is like.	<input type="checkbox"/> What makes a person do extraordinary things? <input type="checkbox"/> How ordinary people do extraordinary things. <input type="checkbox"/> The qualities you admire in others <input type="checkbox"/> How true happiness can be found <input type="checkbox"/> How you can do extraordinary things

YEAR 5

OURSELVES	Created in the image and likeness of God	<input type="checkbox"/> Talents and qualities you admire in others <input type="checkbox"/> Your own talents and qualities and how you use them <input type="checkbox"/> Identify qualities in anyone else <input type="checkbox"/> How talents and qualities are developed. <input type="checkbox"/> We are made in the likeness of God <input type="checkbox"/> What being unique means <input type="checkbox"/> God's love for us <input type="checkbox"/> How Christians are called to live in peace. <input type="checkbox"/> How people are made in God's image and likeness might live
LIFE CHOICES	Marriage, commitment and service	<input type="checkbox"/> The ingredients of a good friendship <input type="checkbox"/> What fidelity means and how it applies to friendship <input type="checkbox"/> Responsibilities friends have for one another <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulties and joys of friendships

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> What is important for friendship to thrive <input type="checkbox"/> What it feels like to have faithful friend <input type="checkbox"/> Jesus' advice about relationship? <input type="checkbox"/> The importance of fidelity, loyalty and commitment in maintaining a friendship <input type="checkbox"/> The importance of commitment and responsibility in relationships. <input type="checkbox"/> What is means to be committed <input type="checkbox"/> The work of Christian service <input type="checkbox"/> The Sacrament of Marriage <input type="checkbox"/> The symbols of the promises and the blessing of rings <input type="checkbox"/> 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"> <input type="checkbox"/> Your experience of waiting <input type="checkbox"/> How people wait in different ways, for different things. <input type="checkbox"/> Why waiting is a mystery <input type="checkbox"/> How you can best use the time you spend waiting and what might help you <input type="checkbox"/> What you think about when you are waiting for something exciting <input type="checkbox"/> How you behave when you are waiting <input type="checkbox"/> The difference between <i>hope</i> and <i>expect</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Why people wait with hope <input type="checkbox"/> The coming of Jesus at the end of time <input type="checkbox"/> Advent is a time of waiting hopefully
MISSION	Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese. [ecumenism]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The demands and joys being dedicated in your mission <input type="checkbox"/> Discovering your mission? <input type="checkbox"/> What inspires people in their mission <input type="checkbox"/> The joys and demands of engaging in a mission <input type="checkbox"/> The reasons why people want to help others. <input type="checkbox"/> How people carry out Jesus' mission today <input type="checkbox"/> Jesus' prayer for unity
MEMORIAL SACRIFICE	The Eucharist; the living memorial of Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Why memories are important <input type="checkbox"/> How it is possible to keep important memories alive <input type="checkbox"/> 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"> <input type="checkbox"/> How you feel when you give <input type="checkbox"/> How you feel when you refuse to give. <input type="checkbox"/> The cost of giving. <input type="checkbox"/> How people decide whether or not to give <input type="checkbox"/> How those decisions are informed by beliefs and values <input type="checkbox"/> The costs or rewards of giving can be <input type="checkbox"/> 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"> <input type="checkbox"/> How people can use the energy of their minds for the good of others. <input type="checkbox"/> How people can use time and physical energy for the well being of others and why they should. <input type="checkbox"/> How energy can transform <input type="checkbox"/> How we can use our energy to transform ourselves <input type="checkbox"/> How we can use the energy from the earth's resources in a fair and sustainable way. <input type="checkbox"/> 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"> <input type="checkbox"/> What freedom parents have a right to <input type="checkbox"/> What freedom children have a right to. <input type="checkbox"/> What is responsible and irresponsible behaviour. <input type="checkbox"/> How rules can bring freedom <input type="checkbox"/> How people know the boundaries that their personal freedom gives them. <input type="checkbox"/> How freedom and responsibility are linked. <input type="checkbox"/> How people's perception of what their freedom allows may conflict with the expectation of others. <input type="checkbox"/> How importance of the Ten Commandments for Christians today. <input type="checkbox"/> How the Beatitudes show us a positive way of life. <input type="checkbox"/> Jesus teaching on the greatest commandments, love of God and others.

STEWARDSHIP	The Church is called to stewardship of Creation	<input type="checkbox"/> What I really care about <input type="checkbox"/> Showing concern for what I care for <input type="checkbox"/> The meaning of stewardship <input type="checkbox"/> Understanding the wonders of God's creation <input type="checkbox"/> People are made in the image and likeness of God <input type="checkbox"/> Christians can be good stewards. <input type="checkbox"/> The Christian's responsibility to take care of, to be a steward of the earth <input type="checkbox"/> The importance of ecology
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YEAR 6		
LOVING	God who never stops loving	<input type="checkbox"/> What unconditional love means <input type="checkbox"/> How love is shown <input type="checkbox"/> How you are loved and cared for <input type="checkbox"/> What members of your family do for each other <input type="checkbox"/> How you show love to others <input type="checkbox"/> How people have inspired and influenced you to show unconditional love to others <input type="checkbox"/> What it means to be truly loving <input type="checkbox"/> How people show unconditional love to others <input type="checkbox"/> The beliefs and values which have inspired and influenced you to be loving? <input type="checkbox"/> The scripture text that demonstrate God's unconditional love for everyone even when times are hard. <input type="checkbox"/> The challenge these passages present to Christians. <input type="checkbox"/> The Beatitudes and their meaning for today. <input type="checkbox"/> God's unconditional love and what this means. <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> What it means to be committed? <input type="checkbox"/> Why people are committed? <input type="checkbox"/> The implications of lack of commitment <input type="checkbox"/> Whom shows commitment <input type="checkbox"/> How commitment affects the level of job satisfaction

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

WITNESSES	The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses	<input type="checkbox"/> When to be a witness <input type="checkbox"/> How to be a witness <input type="checkbox"/> Why it sometimes needs courage to be a witness <input type="checkbox"/> Examples of modern witnesses <input type="checkbox"/> The witness of a local charity,
HEALING	Sacrament of the Sick	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. <input type="checkbox"/> What gives a person comfort when they are very ill <input type="checkbox"/> Why people give time and commitment to caring for others <input type="checkbox"/> Why we care for the sick <input type="checkbox"/> The Sacrament of Anointing brings comfort to those who are sick <input type="checkbox"/> The Christian responsibility for caring for these in need
COMMON GOOD	Work of Christians for the good of all	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. <input type="checkbox"/> The ways we can act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God <input type="checkbox"/> How Christians can work for the common good <input type="checkbox"/> Something about Catholic Social Teaching