

# RE Overview

## St Matthew's 2024-25



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<b>PEOPLE</b>	The family of God in Scripture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The importance of families</li> <li>• Family relationships</li> <li>• Respect for those who gave us life.</li> </ul>
<b>CALLED</b>	Confirmation a time to renew baptismal promises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our response to being chosen</li> <li>• What it feels like to be chosen</li> <li>• Why it is difficult to make a response in some situations</li> <li>• Giving up something else when you are chosen.</li> <li>• What help do you need to choose</li> <li>• The work of the Holy Spirit in our lives</li> <li>• The work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians</li> <li>• What it is to live in the light of Christ</li> <li>• The commitment of people who respond to the call of God</li> </ul>
<b>GIFT</b>	God's gift of love & friendship in Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What you value most about the gift of friendship</li> <li>• What you offer others in your friendship</li> <li>• Why the gift of love and friendship is important</li> <li>• The joys and demands of friendship</li> <li>• The commitment required by the gift of love and friendship.</li> </ul>
<b>COMMUNITY</b>	life in the local Christian community: ministries in the parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meaning of <i>community</i></li> <li>• The advantages of being part of a <i>community</i>?</li> <li>• What helps to build up <i>community</i></li> <li>• The demands of being part of a community?</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why people give time and service in helping others in their community</li> <li>• The causes of a breakdown of a <i>community</i></li> <li>• How the parish community celebrates together and supports one another</li> </ul>
<b>GIVING &amp; RECEIVING</b>	Living in communion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your experience of giving and receiving.</li> <li>• The importance of giving and receiving?</li> <li>• The joys and demands of giving and receiving?</li> <li>• Why it is important to live in communion</li> <li>• Ways in which we live and grow in communion.</li> <li>• How the Eucharist challenges and enables living and growing in communion?</li> </ul>
<b>SELF DISCIPLINE</b>	Celebrating growth to new life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The experience of giving up something and be very disciplined for a good reason.</li> <li>• How to be self disciplined</li> <li>• How self-discipline helps people to grow and make the best use of their potential</li> <li>• Lent; the opportunity to make change and to prepare for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.</li> </ul>
<b>NEW LIFE</b>	To hear & live the Easter message	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What you do when life is difficult</li> <li>• The experience of good news bringing life and happiness.</li> <li>• How the power of the Holy Spirit helps Christians today</li> </ul>
<b>BUILDING BRIDGES</b>	Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and one another.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What makes friendships strong</li> <li>• How decisions about friendship are informed by beliefs and values.</li> <li>• How friendships are built</li> <li>• How friendships may be restored when they have been broken</li> <li>• Sin and the importance of examining of your conscience</li> <li>• The greatest commandment, love of God and others</li> <li>• The meaning of contrition and of absolution</li> <li>• Forgiveness of others</li> </ul>

<b>GOD'S PEOPLE</b>	Different saints show people what God is like.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What makes a person do extraordinary things?</li> <li>• How ordinary people do extraordinary things.</li> <li>• The qualities you admire in others</li> <li>• How true happiness can be found</li> <li>• How you can do extraordinary things</li> </ul>
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**YEAR 5**

<b>OURSELVES</b>	Created in the image and likeness of God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talents and qualities you admire in others</li> <li>• Your own talents and qualities and how you use them</li> <li>• Identify qualities in anyone else</li> <li>• How talents and qualities are developed.</li> <li>• We are made in the likeness of God</li> <li>• What being unique means</li> <li>• God's love for us</li> <li>• How Christians are called to live in peace.</li> <li>• How people are made in God's image and likeness might live</li> </ul>
<b>LIFE CHOICES</b>	Marriage, commitment and service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ingredients of a good friendship</li> <li>• What fidelity means and how it applies to friendship</li> <li>• Responsibilities friends have for one another</li> <li>• Difficulties and joys of friendships</li> <li>• What is important for friendship to thrive</li> <li>• What it feels like to have faithful friend</li> <li>• Jesus' advice about relationship?</li> <li>• The importance of fidelity, loyalty and commitment in maintaining a friendship</li> <li>• The importance of commitment and responsibility in relationships.</li> <li>• What it means to be committed</li> <li>• The work of Christian service</li> <li>• The Sacrament of Marriage</li> <li>• The symbols of the promises and the blessing of rings</li> <li>• All are called to live in love and service</li> </ul>

<b>HOPE</b>	Advent; waiting in joyful hope for Jesus; the promised one	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your experience of waiting</li> <li>• How people wait in different ways, for different things.</li> <li>• Why waiting is a mystery</li> <li>• How you can best use the time you spend waiting and what might help you</li> <li>• What you think about when you are waiting for something exciting</li> <li>• How you behave when you are waiting</li> <li>• The difference between <i>hope</i> and <i>expect</i></li> <li>• Why people wait with hope</li> <li>• The coming of Jesus at the end of time</li> <li>• Advent is a time of waiting hopefully</li> </ul>
<b>MISSION</b>	Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese. [ecumenism]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The demands and joys being dedicated in your mission</li> <li>• Discovering your mission?</li> <li>• What inspires people in their mission</li> <li>• The joys and demands of engaging in a mission</li> <li>• The reasons why people want to help others.</li> <li>• How people carry out Jesus' mission today</li> <li>• Jesus' prayer for unity</li> </ul>
<b>MEMORIAL SACRIFICE</b>	The Eucharist; the living memorial of Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why memories are important</li> <li>• How it is possible to keep important memories alive</li> <li>• About sacrifice in daily life</li> </ul>
<b>SACRIFICE</b>	Lent a time of giving in order to celebrate the sacrifice of Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How you feel when you give</li> <li>• How you feel when you refuse to give.</li> <li>• The cost of giving.</li> <li>• How people decide whether or not to give</li> <li>• How those decisions are informed by beliefs and values</li> <li>• The costs or rewards of giving can be</li> <li>• That Lent is a season of giving to prepare for the Easter</li> </ul>
<b>TRANSFORMATION</b>	Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How people can use the energy of their minds for the good of others.</li> </ul>



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<b>FREEDOM &amp; RESPONSIBILITY</b>	Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What freedom parents have a right to</li> <li>• What freedom children have a right to.</li> <li>• What is responsible and irresponsible behaviour.</li> <li>• How rules can bring freedom</li> <li>• How people know the boundaries that their personal freedom gives them.</li> <li>• How freedom and responsibility are linked.</li> <li>• How people's perception of what their freedom allows may conflict with the expectation of others.</li> <li>• How importance of the Ten Commandments for Christians today.</li> <li>• How the Beatitudes show us a positive way of life.</li> <li>• Jesus teaching on the greatest commandments, love of God and others.</li> </ul>
<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>	The Church is called to stewardship of Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What I really care about</li> <li>• Showing concern for what I care for</li> <li>• The meaning of stewardship</li> <li>• Understanding the wonders of God's creation</li> <li>• People are made in the image and likeness of God</li> <li>• Christians can be good stewards.</li> <li>• The Christian's responsibility to take care of, to be a steward of the earth</li> <li>• The importance of ecology</li> </ul>

**YEAR 6**

<p><b>LOVING</b></p>	<p>God who never stops loving</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What unconditional love means</li> <li>• How love is shown</li> <li>• How you are loved and cared for</li> <li>• What members of your family do for each other</li> <li>• How you show love to others</li> <li>• How people have inspired and influenced you to show unconditional love to others</li> <li>• What it means to be truly loving</li> <li>• How people show unconditional love to others</li> <li>• The beliefs and values which have inspired and influenced you to be loving?</li> <li>• The scripture text that demonstrate God's unconditional love for everyone even when times are hard.</li> <li>• The challenge these passages present to Christians.</li> <li>• The Beatitudes and their meaning for today.</li> <li>• God's unconditional love and what this means.</li> <li>• By living in God's way, as Jesus showed us, we can grow in love.</li> </ul>
<p><b>VOCATION AND COMMITMENT</b></p>	<p>The vocation of priesthood and religious life</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What it means to be committed?</li> <li>• Why people are committed?</li> <li>• The implications of lack of commitment</li> <li>• Whom shows commitment</li> <li>• How commitment affects the level of job satisfaction</li> <li>• Responding to the call of Jesus</li> <li>• Our mission in living out our baptismal vows</li> </ul>
<p><b>EXPECTATIONS</b></p>	<p>Jesus born to show God to the world</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The expectations you have of yourself</li> <li>• Having high expectations of others</li> <li>• Trusting and believing in one another</li> <li>• What happens if you let people down or others let you down?</li> <li>• Patience is important in expectations</li> <li>• The difference between wishing and expecting.</li> <li>• The meaning of Advent</li> </ul>

<b>SOURCES</b>	The Bible, the special book for the Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The kind of books which are the most helpful</li> <li>• Our lives are enriched by books.</li> <li>• The wonder of books and how they take a person beyond themselves</li> <li>• The presence of God in the words of Scripture</li> <li>• The care and reverence with which the Word of God is treated</li> </ul>
<b>UNITY</b>	Eucharist enables people to live in communion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why friendships are important</li> <li>• The most important value in friendship</li> <li>• What helps a friendship to flourish</li> <li>• The kinds of behaviour that break a friendship</li> <li>• Those affected when a friendship is broken</li> <li>• Mending broken friendships</li> <li>• Becoming one with Christ and one another in Holy Communion</li> <li>• The unity which Holy Communion brings</li> </ul>
<b>DEATH &amp; NEW LIFE</b>	Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The affect of loss in everyday life</li> <li>• The change it brought</li> <li>• What remained the same</li> <li>• What is the best way to cope with loss</li> <li>• How people cope with loss and death</li> <li>• How death brings new life</li> <li>• Lent, a time to remember the suffering and death of Jesus</li> </ul>
<b>WITNESSES</b>	The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When to be a witness</li> <li>• How to be a witness</li> <li>• Why it sometimes needs courage to be a witness</li> <li>• Examples of modern witnesses</li> <li>• The witness of a local charity,</li> </ul>
<b>HEALING</b>	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"> <li>• What gives a person comfort when they are very ill</li> <li>• Why people give time and commitment to caring for others</li> </ul>

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<b>COMMON GOOD</b>	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"> <li>• The ways we can act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God</li> <li>• How Christians can work for the common good</li> <li>• Something about Catholic Social Teaching</li> </ul>