

Central Theme for Year 1: What special messages are important to our community?

How do I live happily in my community?

Students explore how we are made in the likeness of God and how they can live happily and safely in our community. In order to exist in community, they discuss how people have the freedom to choose from right and wrong, even though it may be a difficult choice.

What do the Gospels tell us about Jesus and His mission?

Students explore the Gospels and identify the mission and ministry of Jesus. They ask the key questions “Who is Jesus?” and “How do we know about Him?”

How do the Gospels show us the story of Easter?

Students continue to explore the mission and ministry of Jesus by sharing The Easter Story and discuss why the Catholic Church celebrates this time.

How can the Sacraments help us to know what God is like?

Students learn about the Sacraments of Eucharist and Baptism and how the story of Jesus is carried on today in our school and parish community through these Sacraments.

How do the stories of the Old Testament tell us about God’s presence in the life of communities?

Students engage with a variety of Old Testament texts to learn about God’s presence in the lives of communities. Through the Creation stories students engage with the concept that God rewards and protects those who live in His image.

Who was Mary and why is she important to us?

Students investigate the story of Mary, woman of faith and mother of Jesus through key questions such as: Who was Mary? Where do we hear her story? Why is she important to us? Students explore devotions to Mary including the Hail Mary, the Angelus, the use of rosary beads and images of Mary.