



## St. Cuthbert's Catholic High School 2024 – 2025 Sacred Time Themes and Rota

33Week Beginning & Liturgical Colour	Gospel from Sunday – Word of the Week	Prayer Theme	Explanation	Important Dates	Collective Sacred Time Lead
2 <sup>nd</sup> September Ordinary Time	<a href="#">Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23</a> “You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”	School Value- Commitment	<p>Jesus teaches about true discipleship, challenging His followers to focus on inner purity rather than external rituals. He emphasizes the importance of taking up their cross, denying themselves, and following Him wholeheartedly, which is a big commitment.</p> <p>Prayer: Lord, be with us as we start a new school. Help us to be committed to our learning and to show compassion to others. Give us the courage we need to overcome obstacles. Help us to build a strong community of love and care. Amen.</p>	5 <sup>th</sup> September – St Teresa of Calcutta Feast Day (year 9 saint)  6 <sup>th</sup> – National Read a book day  8 <sup>th</sup> – International literacy day	No Collective Sacred Time
9 <sup>th</sup> September Ordinary Time	<a href="#">Mark 7:31-37 –</a> ‘He said to him, “ <i>Ephphatha!</i> ” (which means “Be opened!”). At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak’.	Listen	<p>In the Gospel reading from Mark, Jesus heals a deaf man with a speech issue. Despite Jesus’ instructions to keep the miracle quiet, the news spreads widely. This story shows Jesus’ compassion and power to heal. We all suffer from spiritual deafness at times. Sometimes we don’t want to hear God’s voice or the opinions of others. Jesus can heal us, just as He healed the deaf man, if we take time to listen. To overcome our spiritual deafness, we need to spend more time in prayer. Listening to God, rather than just speaking, can open our hearts to His healing. The reading reminds us of God’s healing power, His justice, and our call to live out our faith. We are encouraged to trust in God’s promises, treat everyone with equality, and seek healing from Jesus.</p> <p>Prayer: Lord, open our ears to hear Your voice and our hearts to receive Your healing. Help us to treat everyone with the love and respect they deserve. Guide us to live out our faith in all that we do. Amen.</p>		HOY

<p>16<sup>th</sup> September Ordinary Time</p>	<p><a href="#">Mark 8:27-35</a> 'For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it'</p>	<p>Discipleship</p>	<p>In this passage, Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter declares, "You are the Christ," marking a turning point in understanding Jesus' identity. Jesus then reveals that He will suffer, be rejected, and be killed, but will rise after three days. This shocks the disciples, who struggle with the idea of a suffering Messiah. Jesus asks us to follow Him. Being a Christian and following Jesus sometimes requires us to face challenges and difficulties. But by following Jesus we find true life and peace.</p> <p>Prayer: Lord, help us to listen to Your voice and follow Your path. Give us the strength to live out our faith through our actions. May we take up our cross and find true life in You. Amen.</p>	<p>21<sup>st</sup> September – International Day of Peace  21<sup>st</sup> – World gratitude day</p>	<p>Mr Holland</p>
<p>23<sup>rd</sup> September Ordinary Time</p>	<p><a href="#">Mark 9:30-37</a> 'If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.'</p>	<p>Catholic Social Teaching</p>	<p>Jesus teaches his disciples about true greatness. He tells them that whoever wants to be first must be the servant of all. He then places a child in their midst, showing them that welcoming the least is welcoming Him. Jesus turns the idea of greatness upside down. Instead of seeking power and status, He calls us to serve others, especially those who are vulnerable and in need. By serving others with humility, we follow Jesus' example. It is not about being noticed or praised, but about genuine care and love for others. This is how we live out our faith and show the world the love of Christ.</p> <p>Prayer: Lord, grant us the strength to follow Your will above our own. Help us to serve others with humility and love. Amen.</p>	<p>27<sup>th</sup> Sept – St. Vincent De Paul feast day 26<sup>th</sup> – International Day of Languages 27<sup>th</sup> September – Macmillan Coffee Morning</p>	<p>Spanish</p>
<p>30<sup>th</sup> September  Ordinary Time</p>	<p><a href="#">Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48</a> 'Whoever is not against us is for us.'</p>	<p>School value – Community: Better together</p>	<p>In the Gospel, the disciples see someone casting out demons in Jesus' name and try to stop him. Jesus tells them not to stop him because anyone who is not against us is for us. Jesus emphasizes that good works done in His name are valuable. This lesson shows us the importance of being inclusive in our ministry. We should not be quick to judge others who are doing good work, even if they are not part of our group. Jesus</p>	<p>October – Black History Month 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> – Rosh Hashanah in Judaism (new year)</p>	<p>Mr McAuley</p>

			<p>values all efforts done in His name. By recognising and supporting the good works of others, we build a stronger community. We are all working towards the same goal. This spirit of inclusiveness strengthens our faith and unity.</p> <p>Prayer: Lord, help us to be open to Your spirit in all people. Teach us to use our wealth wisely and to be generous. May we always recognise and support the good works done in Your name. Amen.</p>	<p>4th – CAFOD Family Fast Day 4<sup>th</sup> – Feast of St. Francis of Assisi 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Navaratri in Hinduism (good over evil) 4<sup>th</sup> – world animal day 5<sup>th</sup> – world teacher’s day</p>	
For 7 <sup>th</sup> October Ordinary Time	<p><a href="#">Mark 10:2-16</a> ‘Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.’</p>	Trust	<p>Jesus teaches that we must be like children to enter the Kingdom of God. Children trust and depend on their parents completely. They do not worry about their worth or seek approval from others. In the same way, we must trust in God and depend on Him. We are God’s children, and He loves us unconditionally. We do not need to seek approval from others or worry about our worth because God values us. By living as children of God, we can find peace and joy. We can let go of our fears and trust that God will take care of us. This childlike trust helps us to live more fully and freely in God’s love.</p> <p>Prayer: Lord, help us to value our families and those that look after us. Teach us to trust You like children. Guide us to live in unity, love, and respect every day. Amen.</p>	<p>10<sup>th</sup> October – World Mental Health Day 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> – Yom Kippur in Judaism 12<sup>th</sup> October – Blessed Carlo Acutis feast day (year 8 Saint)</p>	PE
14 <sup>th</sup> October Ordinary Time	<p><a href="#">Mark 10:17-27</a> ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a</p>	Overcoming obstacles	<p>Jesus encounters a rich young man who asks how to inherit eternal life. Jesus tells him to sell all he has, give to the poor, and follow Him. This is a difficult command, but it highlights the challenge of detachment from worldly riches. The young man is saddened because he has many possessions. Jesus’ words show us that clinging to wealth can hinder our</p>	18 <sup>th</sup> Oct – World Anti-Slavery Day	Miss Anderson

	needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'		relationship with God. True discipleship requires letting go of material things and trusting fully in Jesus. Jesus assures His disciples that while it is hard for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God, nothing is impossible with God. This gives us hope. If we trust in God and seek His help, we can overcome the obstacles that keep us from following Jesus fully.  Prayer: Lord, grant us wisdom to seek Your will above all else. Help us to embrace Your word and detach from worldly possessions. Guide us in our journey of faith, so we may follow You faithfully and reach eternal life. Amen.	17 <sup>th</sup> – World day for poverty eradication.	
21 <sup>st</sup> October  Ordinary Time	<a href="#">Mark 10:35-45</a> 'Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant'	Service	James and John ask Jesus for positions of honour. Jesus teaches them that true greatness comes from serving others. He came not to be served but to serve and give His life for many. Jesus's response turns worldly ideas of power and authority upside down. True leadership in the Kingdom of God is about humility and service, not seeking honour for oneself. He calls us to follow His example. This lesson challenges us to examine our desires and ambitions. Are we seeking personal glory, or are we willing to serve others selflessly? True greatness is found in humility and service, as shown by Jesus.  Prayer: Lord Jesus, help us to follow Your example of humble service. Teach us to love others as You love us. Give us the strength to serve selflessly and seek Your Kingdom above all. Amen.	1 <sup>st</sup> November – All Saints Feast 2 <sup>nd</sup> November All Souls 31 <sup>st</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> November - Diwali	Form 1 (HOY – please arrange for a form/s to deliver this assembly with their form tutor)
<b>HALF TERM</b>					
4 <sup>th</sup> November Ordinary Time	<a href="#">Mark 12:28b-34</a> 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your	Love	In this Gospel story Jesus teaches us that the most important rules to follow are to love God and love others as we love ourselves. Love is at the heart of the message of Jesus.  Prayer: Lord, help us to love You with all our heart, soul, and strength. Guide us to be faithful in our actions and relationships. May we reflect	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Remembrance Sunday	History

	neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”		Your love in our daily lives by showing love and care to those around us. Amen.		
11 <sup>th</sup> November Ordinary Time	<a href="#">Mark 12:38-44</a> ‘I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.’	CST: Common Good	The story of the widow’s mite in Mark 12:38-44 shows a different kind of bravery. The widow gives all she has, even though it means she will have nothing left. Her sacrifice is real and comes from her deep trust in God. Unlike the scribes, the widow does not gain any honour from her actions. No one notices her but Jesus. Her faith and trust are pure, and her sacrifice shows her deep love for God. The widow’s example challenges us. Are we willing to give all we have to God? Her story encourages us to trust in God’s care, even when it is difficult. True sacrifice is giving without expecting anything in return.  Prayer: Lord, help us to trust in You like the widow did. Guide us to give from our hearts without seeking honour or praise. May our faith be sincere and our sacrifices real. Amen.	Anti-Bullying Week 10 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> – Interfaith Week 13 <sup>th</sup> – World Kindness Day  11 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> – COP 29	Science
18 <sup>th</sup> November Ordinary Time	<a href="#">Mark 13:24-32</a> ‘In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.’	Hope	Jesus teaches that this world will come to an end. He knew his earthly life was nearing its end as he entered Jerusalem. When this Gospel was written, the Christian community faced much turmoil. Jesus’ words reassured them that they were not forgotten. We cannot know God’s exact plans, but we can trust in His mercy. There will be signs of God’s work, but the details are not for us to know. This world is not our final home. Jesus has shown us the way, and we must stay focused on our journey to God. Trust in God’s constant presence and be alert to His signs, both big and small.  Prayer: Lord, help us to live wisely and lead others to You. Thank You for Jesus’ sacrifice. Strengthen our faith and give us hope in difficult times. Amen.	National Road Safety Week 20 <sup>th</sup> – International Children’s Day  One World Week  Global Education Week  21 <sup>st</sup> – World Philosophy Day	English
25 <sup>th</sup> November	<a href="#">John 18:33B-37</a>	Christ the King	When Pilate asks Jesus, ‘are you the King of the Jews?’ Pilate is referring to a king who has power over kingdoms and rules the people. Jesus is a	30 <sup>th</sup> November – St. Andrew’s Day	Miss Barratt

Christ the King	'My kingdom does not belong to this world'		<p>King, be he is a different type of king. Jesus is a king of service and love. We are called to be like Jesus.</p> <p>Prayer: Lord Jesus, King of kings, help us to follow Your example of humble service. Guide us to live in Your truth and love. May we always seek to serve others and honour You as our eternal King. Amen.</p>	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Youth Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> – Buy nothing day	
2 <sup>nd</sup> December Advent	<p><a href="#">Luke 21:25-28, 34-36</a> 'Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.'</p>	Be ready!	<p><b>Sunday marked the beginning of a new liturgical (Church) year. Advent prepares us for the coming of Jesus at Christmas and when he comes again at the second coming in the future.</b></p> <p>The 1st Sunday of Advent reminds us to be watchful and prayerful. Jesus warns about signs in the sun, moon, and stars. These signs can seem scary, but Jesus tells us not to be afraid. Instead, we should stand tall because our redemption is near. This teaches us to be ready for Jesus' return. Being watchful means staying alert and paying attention to how we live. We should avoid things that distract us from God. Instead, we should focus on prayer and good deeds. Jesus calls us to live in a way that pleases God. This makes us ready for His coming. As we begin Advent, we are encouraged to reflect on our lives. Are we living in a way that honours God? Are we watchful and prayerful? By focusing on these themes, we can prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus and grow in our faith.</p> <p>Prayer: Lord, help us to be watchful and prayerful, to grow in love and holiness, and to trust in Your promises. Guide us through this Advent season as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. Amen.</p>	Lent begins 3 <sup>rd</sup> – International Day of persons with Disabilities 7 <sup>th</sup> – Hanukkah begins in Judaism	Form 2 (HOY please arrange for a form/s to lead this assembly with their form tutor)
9 <sup>th</sup> December Advent	<p><a href="#">Luke 3:1-6</a> 'John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.'</p>	Prepare the way for the Lord!	<p>In Advent we are asked to prepare our hearts for Jesus. In the Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to make our paths straight, which means removing anything that stands between us and God. We all face different challenges, which can hinder our spiritual journey. This Advent, we are called to address these obstacles and make room for the Lord.</p>	9 <sup>th</sup> – school closed 9 <sup>th</sup> Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Mrs Larkin

			Prayer: Lord, help us prepare our hearts for Your coming. Guide us to remove obstacles that keep us from You. Strengthen our love and faith as we journey together. Amen.	10 <sup>th</sup> – Human Rights Day	
16 <sup>th</sup> December Advent	<a href="#">Luke 3:10-18</a> 'I am baptising you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.'	Joy	John the Baptist proclaims that Jesus is coming and that he will bring change. We rejoice and look forward to the change and hope that Jesus brings.  Prayer: Lord, fill our hearts with joy and peace as we prepare for Jesus' coming. Help us to rejoice in Your presence and trust in Your care. Guide us to share Your love with others. Amen.	18 <sup>th</sup> – International Migrants Day	End of Term Services
<b>CHRISTMAS</b>					
6 <sup>th</sup> January Christmas	<a href="#">Matthew 2:1-12</a> 'Where is the new born king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.'	Epiphany	The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the Magi visiting Jesus. This is more than a story about wise men bringing gifts. It reveals Jesus is the saviour for all people. The star guiding the Magi symbolises God's light leading all nations to Jesus. This light is different from the power of King Herod. Herod is powerful and fearful. Jesus, though a baby, shows a different kind of kingship. He is humble and vulnerable, yet He changes the world.	6 <sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany Maghi in Sikhism	HOY
13 <sup>th</sup> January Ordinary Time	<a href="#">Luke 3:15-16, 21-22</a> 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'	School Value: Community	In the Baptism of the Lord we see a special moment where the Trinity is revealed. The baptism of Jesus shows us the presence of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This scene helps us understand that God is a community of love. Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of his mission to bring God's love to the world. The Holy Spirit empowers him, and the Father's voice affirms him. We are invited to share in the life of the Trinity and to spread God's love to others. Just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are united in love and mission, we are called to live in love and to serve others in our daily lives.  Prayer: Lord, help us to follow Jesus' example of love and service. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so we can bring hope and kindness to others. Amen.	12 <sup>th</sup> – Baptism of Jesus	Mr Holland
20 <sup>th</sup> January	<a href="#">John 2:1-11</a> 'Do whatever he tells you.'	Faith	Mary's role in the wedding at Cana is important. She notices that the wine has run out, which would have been an embarrassment for Jewish	20 <sup>th</sup> MLK day	Senior Team and Mrs Carvill

<p>Ordinary Time</p>			<p>family at the time, and she asks Jesus to help. Her faith and care for others are evident in her actions. Mary's request to Jesus shows her trust in His ability to help. She serves as an example of faith and trust. Reflecting on Mary's role can inspire us to have faith and trust in Jesus. We should follow her example by bringing our needs to Jesus and believing in His power to help. Mary's care and faith remind us to turn to Jesus in times of need. This story shows Jesus' first ever miracle.</p> <p>Prayer: Lord, thank You for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the unity they bring. Help us to use our gifts for the good of all. Transform our hearts and guide us to trust in You. May we follow Mary's example of faith and trust. Amen.</p>	<p>20<sup>th</sup> – Blue Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – world religion day</p>	
<p>27<sup>th</sup> January Ordinary Time</p>	<p><a href="#">Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21</a> 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.'</p>	<p>CST: Human Dignity</p>	<p>In this reading we see Jesus explaining His mission. He came to bring good news to the poor and freedom to the oppressed. Jesus' mission is to help and save everyone, showing God's love for all people. This reminds us that Jesus cares deeply for those in need and wants to bring hope and healing. We need follow Jesus' example by caring for the poor, oppressed and those in need.</p> <p>Prayer: Dear Lord, help us to listen to Your word and understand its message. Fill us with the Holy Spirit to live out our mission and bring Your love to others. Guide us to use our gifts for the good of the Church and the world. Amen.</p> <p>Prayer for Holocaust Memorial Day: Loving God, we come to you with heavy hearts, remembering the millions of souls murdered during the Holocaust. In the horrors of that history, when so many groups were targeted because of their identity, and in genocides which followed, we recognise destructive prejudices that drive people apart. Forgive us when we give space to fear, negativity and hatred of others, simply because they are different from us. Through our prayers and actions, help us to stand together with those who are suffering, so that light may banish all darkness, love will prevail over hate and good will triumph</p>	<p>27<sup>th</sup> – Holocaust Memorial Day (for a better future)  Christian Unity Week  31<sup>st</sup> – Saint John Bosco Feat Day (year 10 saint)</p>	<p>Maths</p>



			over evil. Amen (written by religious leaders in UK for Holocaust Memorial Day.)		
3 <sup>rd</sup> February  Presentation of the Lord	<a href="#">Luke 2:22-40</a> ‘he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people.”	Dedication	The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord holds a rich historical and liturgical significance. Its origin can be traced back to Jewish tradition, as described in the Book of Exodus. In this book, it is stated that every firstborn male child belongs to God and must be consecrated to Him. This tradition was followed by Mary and Joseph, who brought Jesus to the temple to fulfil this requirement. By presenting Jesus in the temple, they were acknowledging His special mission and surrendering Him to God’s will.  ‘On the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple, we present ourselves to God with purified spirits, so that our eyes might see the light of salvation and we might thus bring it to the entire world, as the Saints did’. - Pope Francis	1 <sup>st</sup> February - Time to Talk Day 1 <sup>st</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> – World Interfaith Harmony Day 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> children’s mental health week 7 <sup>th</sup> – Safer Internet Day  Children’s Mental Health Week  8 <sup>th</sup> – St. Josephine Bakhita feast day (year 11 saint)	Form 3 (HOY please arrange for a form/s to lead this assembly with their form tutor)
10 <sup>th</sup> February  Ordinary Time	<a href="#">Luke 5:1-11</a> ‘They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking’	CST: Rights and Responsibilities	In the Gospel, Jesus calls Peter, James, and John to follow Him. They were fishermen, likely illiterate and not educated. Yet, Jesus saw potential in them. He calls ordinary people to be His disciples, showing that anyone willing to follow Him can be used for His purposes. The fishermen’s response is immediate. They leave everything and follow Jesus. This act of leaving behind their livelihood and security demonstrates their trust and commitment. It teaches us that following Jesus often requires sacrifice and a willingness to let go of our own plans. Our call to follow Jesus is similar. We might feel unqualified or unworthy, but Jesus invites us to trust Him and follow Him wholeheartedly. By answering this call, we embark on a journey of faith,	14 <sup>th</sup> – Valentine’s Day  17 <sup>th</sup> – Random Acts of Kindness Day  11 <sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day	Computing

			<p>trusting that Jesus will guide and equip us. Like the fishermen, we are called to leave behind anything that hinders our commitment and follow Jesus with our whole heart.</p> <p>Prayer: Lord, help us recognize Your holiness and our need for Your grace. Strengthen us to witness our faith with courage and sincerity. Guide us to follow You wholeheartedly, leaving behind anything that holds us back. Amen.</p>		
<b>HALF TERM</b>					
<p>24<sup>th</sup> February</p> <p>Ordinary Time</p>	<p><a href="#">Luke 6:27-38</a> 'To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.'</p>	<p>Turn the world upside down</p>	<p>Jesus tells us to love our enemies, which goes against the way our world usually works. Today, we often see competition, especially on social media, where getting ahead seems most important. Imagine how different things could be if we loved our enemies and showed forgiveness and mercy to everyone.</p> <p>Prayer: Lord, help us to follow Your example of love and mercy. Teach us to avoid judging others and to show compassion instead. Give us the strength to live like Jesus, spreading kindness and forgiveness. Amen.</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> March – Zero Discrimination Day</p> <p>28<sup>th</sup> – Ramadan begin in Islam</p>	<p>HOY</p>
<p>3<sup>rd</sup> March</p> <p>Ordinary Time</p>	<p><a href="#">Luke 6:39-45</a> 'A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit.'</p>	<p>Words are powerful</p>	<p><b>Ash Wednesday is the day Lent begins. Catholic traditionally receive ashes in a cross on their forehead as a symbol of faith in God and of their repentance. On Shrove (pancake) Tuesday traditionally all of the fats that were given up in Lent were used up pancakes before Lent began.</b></p> <p>In this Gospel reading, Jesus tells us to not judge others until we are perfect. We should not judge people based on their appearance, money or status. What is inside in what matters. Jesus also warns us that our words are powerful and can cause damage. Our words we use reveal a lot about us. Let us use our words to build people up, not to knock them down.</p>	<p>4<sup>th</sup> March – Shrove Tuesday</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> March – Ash Wednesday/start of Lent.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Fairtrade Fortnight</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> National Careers Week</p>	<p>Miss Ward</p>

			Prayer: Lord, help us to speak with kindness and truth. Give us hope in Christ's victory over death. Teach us to be humble and see our own faults. Guide us to live faithfully and love others as You love us. Amen.		
10 <sup>th</sup> March Lent	<a href="#">Luke 4:1-13</a> 'Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.'	Strength	<b>Lent is the 40 days that Christians prepares for Easter. Jesus went into the desert for 40 days to prepare for his mission. We too go into the desert to turn away from the negative things we are tempted by in our lives and to turn back to God. During Lent Christians traditionally pray, give up things and give to others (prayer, fasting and almsgiving).</b>  Prayer: Lord, help us to trust in You and resist temptation. Guide us to share Your love and salvation with everyone. Strengthen our faith during this Lenten season. Amen.	6 <sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day 8 <sup>th</sup> March – International Women's Day 14 <sup>th</sup> – Holi in Hinduism	Chaplaincy Leaders
17 <sup>th</sup> March Lent	<a href="#">Luke 9:28B-36</a> 'While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.'	Change	This reading reminds us that God's glory is always present in our lives. Sometimes we are too attached to our own expectations to see it. We might be too set in our ways, unwilling to let God change us. But God's glory shines through when we let go and let Him work in us. We are reminded to look for God's glory in everyday life. It might be in small acts of kindness or moments of peace. When we open our hearts to God, His glory shines through us.  Prayer: Lord, open our hearts to Your work in our lives. May we reflect Your love and light to the world. Amen.	16 <sup>th</sup> March – Young Carers Action Day 17 <sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick's Day 20 <sup>th</sup> March – St. Cuthbert's Feast Day 20 <sup>th</sup> – International Day of Happiness 21 <sup>st</sup> – End Racial Discrimination Day 22 <sup>nd</sup> – World Water Day	Mr Holland
24 <sup>th</sup> March Lent	<a href="#">Luke 13:1-9</a> 'It may bear fruit in the future. If not, you can cut it down.'	Growth	The parable of the fig tree in the Gospel shows God's patience. Jesus tells us that God gives us time to change and grow in faith. However, we must respond to this opportunity. The fig tree in the parable had not produced fruit for three years. The owner wanted to cut it down, but the	30 <sup>th</sup> March – Mother's Day	Miss Anderson

			<p>gardener asked for more time. This shows that God is patient with us, giving us time to repent and improve. God does not give up on us easily. He waits for us to bear fruit in our lives. Bearing fruit means living out our faith through good actions. It is not enough to simply believe; we must also act on our beliefs. This includes helping others, being kind, and living according to God's will.</p> <p>Prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for Your constant presence and guidance. Help us to trust in Your promise of freedom, stay faithful to You, and bear good fruit in our lives. Grant us the strength to follow Your path. Amen.</p>		
31 <sup>st</sup> March  Lent	<p><a href="#">Luke 15:1-3, 11-32</a> 'While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him.'</p>	Forgiveness	<p>The father represents God and the son in the story represents us. God is always willing to forgive us and welcome us back if we turn to him.</p> <p>Prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for Your constant care and mercy. Help us to seek new beginnings in You and to forgive others as You forgive us. Guide us to live in peace and love. Amen.</p>	30 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> – Eid ul Fitr in Islam – end of Ramadan 31 <sup>st</sup> – Transgender day of Visibility	Mr. Holland
<b>EASTER</b>					
21 <sup>st</sup> April  Easter	<p><a href="#">John 20:1-9</a> 'Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.'</p>	He has risen!	<p><b>Easter is the most important feast in the Catholic liturgical calendar, as it celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus has triumphed over sin and death, and offers us the hope of new life and salvation. Easter is celebrated for 50 days up until Pentecost.</b></p> <p>'Let us go forward with joy of Jesus' resurrection, knowing he is always by our side' – Pope Francis</p>	12 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> – Passover in Judaism 20 <sup>th</sup> – Earth Day	Mrs. Larkin
28 <sup>th</sup> April  Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday	<p><a href="#">John 20:19-31</a> 'Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.'</p>	Doubt	<p>Divine Mercy Sunday is a special day to reflect on God's mercy and our faith. The Gospel reading reminds us of the importance of faith in our lives. Like Thomas, we may have doubts and uncertainties in our faith journey. But Jesus is always with us, ready to strengthen our faith when we ask Him. We should trust in God's promises, even when we can't see them clearly.</p>	28 <sup>th</sup> – St. George's Day	Chaplaincy Leaders

			Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your mercy and love. Help us to trust in You, share Your forgiveness, and be kind to others. Guide us to be faithful witnesses of Your peace and mercy. Amen.		
5 <sup>th</sup> May Easter	<a href="#">John 21:1-19</a> 'And none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they realised it was the Lord.'	School Value - commitment	<b>May is the month that is dedicated to Mary in the Catholic Church</b>  In the Gospel, Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves Him. Each time, Peter affirms his love, and Jesus tells him to care for His followers. This conversation highlights the importance of love and responsibility. Loving Jesus means more than words. It means taking action. Jesus asked Peter to show his love by caring for others. This teaches us that true love for Jesus is shown in how we treat those around us.  Prayer: Lord Jesus, help us to obey You always, to worship You with all our hearts, and to show our love through caring for others. Strengthen our faith and guide us in Your ways. Amen.	10 <sup>th</sup> – World Fairtrade Day	Art
12 <sup>th</sup> May Easter Good Shepherd Sunday	<a href="#">John 10:27-30</a> 'My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.'	Vocation	This story tells us that Jesus is a shepherd who has come to guide all people. We need to listen to what God is calling us to do and we need to follow his words. If we follow Jesus we can't go wrong.  Prayer: Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, help us to hear Your voice and follow You. Give us the courage to share Your message with others. Guide us in our daily lives and lead us to eternal life with You. Amen.	Vocation Sunday in Catholic Church 12 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> Mental Health Awareness Week 12 <sup>th</sup> – Vesak (Buddha Day)	Miss Ward
19 <sup>th</sup> May Easter	<a href="#">John 13:31-33A, 34-35</a> 'This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'	School Value - compassion	One of the most Important themes in Christianity is to love your neighbour. Jesus gives his followers a new commandment which is to love one another. People should be able to see we are a Christian by the way we act and the love we show to others.  Prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for Your constant presence in our lives. Help us to love one another as Jesus taught us. Give us the strength to support each other in our faith journeys and to trust in Your plan. Amen.	15 <sup>th</sup> May – International Day of Families 21 <sup>st</sup> – World Day for Cultural Diversity	Mr McAuley
<b>HALF TERM</b>					

2 <sup>nd</sup> June  Easter	<a href="#">John 17:20-26</a> 'Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you.'	CST: Stewardship and one world	The reading reminds us that God's love and grace are for everyone, and we should welcome all to His family.  Prayer: Lord Jesus, help us stand firm in our faith. Unite us as one family in Your love. Amen.	Pride Month 5 <sup>th</sup> – Thank You Day 8 <sup>th</sup> – Best Friends Day 5 <sup>th</sup> – World Environment Day 8 <sup>th</sup> – World Ocean's Day	Geography and sustainability group
9 <sup>th</sup> June  Pentecost	<a href="#">John 20:19-23</a> 'The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.'	School Value - courage	Jesus ascended into heaven 10 days ago, which is remembered on ascension Thursday in the Catholic Church. Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter Sunday and marks the end of the Easter season. On Pentecost Sunday Christians remember the Holy Spirit coming to the disciples, who were alone and scared at the time. The Holy Spirit gave them courage and gifts to help them to go out and spread the good news about Jesus. Christians believe that God still sends the Holy Spirit to us to give us courage and to guide us.	Pride month 7 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> – Big Green Week	Form 4 (HOY please arrange for a form/s to lead this assembly with their form teacher)
16 <sup>th</sup> June  Trinity Sunday	<a href="#">John 16:12-15</a> 'But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth'	Catholic Social Teaching: Solidarity	Christians believe the God is three persons in one God = Trinity. This is confusing mystery! In this week's reading we are told that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit work together to guide us in love and truth.  Prayer: Holy Trinity, help us embrace your truth and love. Guide our actions and decisions through the Holy Spirit. May we reflect your unity and share your love with all we meet. Amen.	Refugee Week 15 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> June 15 <sup>th</sup> – Father's Day 20 <sup>th</sup> – World Refugee Day 21 <sup>st</sup> – World Music Day	Equality Group
23 <sup>rd</sup> June  Corpus Christi	<a href="#">Luke 9:11B-17</a>	One Body	Corpus Christi = the body of Christ In this reading, Jesus feeds a crowd of 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish. This miracle teaches us that God cares and looks after us. Jesus still feeds us spiritually through receiving His body at communion. God wants us to feed and care for others. We are one body and one world. We all have a part to play in being Jesus' body.	Learning Disability Week	Mrs Barrett

30 <sup>th</sup> June Saints Peter and Paul	<a href="#">Matthew 16:13-19</a> 'I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven'.	Called to be Saints	Saints Peter and Paul are two of the most important figures in the history of Christianity. Neither of them were perfect, but God used them to spread his word and love. They are great examples to Christians today. You can find out more at: <a href="#">Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles – Young Catholics (young-catholics.com)</a>	29 <sup>th</sup> – Feast of St Peter and St Paul. 1 <sup>st</sup> – International Joke Day Plastic Free Month	Technology and Food
7 <sup>th</sup> July Ordinary Time	<a href="#">Luke 10:1-12, 17-20</a> 'Rejoice because your names are written in heaven'	Mission	This Gospel reading reminds us that God will always provide and care for us. We are given the mission of spreading the love and good news of God.		HOY
14 <sup>th</sup> July Ordinary Time	<a href="#">Luke 10:25-37</a> 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself'	Celebrate!	This week' Gospel reading tells us of Jesus' two greatest commandments – love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves'. Loving each other is one of the things that makes our community special. Let us use this week to celebrate all we have achieved and our wonderful community!	12 <sup>th</sup> – Malala Day	No Collective Sacred Time Assemblies
<b>SUMMER</b>					