

Date	Sunday of the Year	Colour	Readings	Notes for Catechesis: (Children's Liturgy)
27th Nov 2022	<b>1st Advent</b>		<p>Isaiah 2:1-5 "Come let us go up to the Lord"</p> <p>Ps 121 " I rejoiced when I heard them say"</p> <p>Romans 13:11-14 " ..wake up..live decently"</p> <p><b>Mt 24: 37-44 " Stay awake and be Ready"</b></p>	<p><b>Important:</b>  <b>Alleluia is sung throughout Advent but NOT the Gloria</b></p> <p><b>Candle 1: Hope</b>  <b>Stay awake be ready</b> We are called to live the gospel values at all times . Be ready for his coming.            Sudden arrival of Lord - being ready looking forward to his coming- with <b>expectant hope</b> )            Possible introduction of <b>Advent prayer bags</b>  <b>Advent Wreath: Holly</b> as an evergreen- Gods everlasting love</p>
4th December 2022	<b>2nd Advent</b>		<p>Isaiah 11:1-10 "A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse" ... wisdom, insight, counsel, power, knowledge, awe, integrity..."The wolf lives with the lamb"...</p> <p>Ps 71: " In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails."</p> <p>Romans 15: 4-9 "people who did not give up were helped by God"...He will be the saviour of all men</p> <p><b>Mt 3:1-12 " A voice cries out in the wilderness:</b>  <b>Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight"</b></p>	<p><b>Candle 2: Peace</b>            We look at our lives- We are sorry for times we did not love one another we make up- peace . We turn back to God .  <b>CONVERSION</b> means turning towards God (and therefore away from sin  <b>John the Baptist</b>- Get ready- prepare your selves for his coming Make his paths straight- What are the pot holes in life that you want to "fill in"?            Symbolic activity: spiral path of goodness using footprints</p>
11th December 2022	<b>3rd Advent</b> Gaudete Sunday	Rose	<p>Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened..ears deaf unsealed, dumb sing for joy            "God is coming to save you"</p> <p>Ps: 145: "Come Lord Save us " ( he is just to those oppressed- gives bread to the hungry, sets prisoners free....</p> <p>James 5: 7-1 " do not loose heart because the Lord is coming" be patient</p> <p><b>Mt 11:2-11(7)</b>  <b>" Are you the One who is to come or do we wait for someone else? ..the blind see- lame walk, deaf hear, good news is proclaimed.. happy is the man who does not loose faith in me.</b></p>	<p><b>Candle 3: Rejoice</b>            In the darkness of Advent we wait with bubbling joy inside because when Christ comes he will bring healing and wholeness to our world. Jesus coming is Good News to our broken world  <b>John Baptist</b> asks Jesus if he is the special one Jesus says " Yes look the blind see, the sick are healed I am the one you have been waiting for.            Use of Bauble : Isaiah " Jesus is coming soon"            Prayers of Intercession today- use a " Fist of friendship" as a way of helping the children pray for the needs of others around the world who are in need today.</p>
18th December 2022	<b>4th Advent</b>		<p>Isaiah 7: 10-14 " The maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel a name which means "God is with us"</p> <p>Ps: 23 1-6 Let the Lord enter He is the King of Glory:...Who shall see him? .."The man with clean hands and a pure heart"</p> <p>Romans 1: 1-7..."Jesus Christ, descendant of David, Son of God..."</p> <p><b>Mt 1: 18-24 The Nativity story told from Joseph's experience.</b>  <b>" She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins."</b> Emmanuel " God with us"            fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy (1st Reading today)</p>	<p><b>Candle 4: Love trust and openness of heart</b>            Both <b>Mary</b> and <b>Joseph</b> show <b>faith</b> and <b>trust</b> in God            We are encouraged to open our hearts just like Mary did so that God's love can be born in us this Christmas.            This week at home we try to make our hearts a soft warm nest of love to welcome baby Jesus when he comes.            Emmanuel means " God is with us"            Use of Heart as a symbolic action during prayers of intercession Prayer bag symbol" God Loves you so much he sent his son to be with you always" ( echoes the close of Matthews Gospel.)</p>

25th December 2022  <i>The Feast of Holy Family is mid week on Fri 30th Dec 16</i>	Nativity of The Lord (Christmas Day)	White	Day time Readings: <b>Isaiah 52:</b> 7-10 "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, happiness salvation" <b>Ps : 97</b> "All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God" <b>Hebrews:1</b> : 1-6 "God has spoken to us through his son" <b>Jn 1: 1-18: "In the beginning was the Word: the word was with God and the Word was God...The Word was made flesh and lived among us"</b>	<b>White Candle: Christ</b> as the Light of the World  We celebrate his birth ( Emmanuel: "God is with us")as he is the "Light of the World." This allegory speaks of the light of His truth, the light of His Word, the light of eternal Life. Those who see the true Light will never walk in spiritual darkness. We are called in turn to be "lights" in our world reflecting His love to others and so illuminate our world with his love. Today many parishes dramatise the Nativity for the adult congregation
1st January 2022	Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God	White	<b>Numbers 6:</b> 22-27 "May the Lord bless you and keep you..." <b>Ps 66</b> O God be gracious and bless us ( Let your face shine upon us...) <b>Galatians 4:</b> 4-7 God has sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts...we are his adopted sons <b>Lk 2:16-21.18 "As for Mary she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart."</b>	Nu 6 is an important prayer used as a family blessing since Old Testament times. Luke : Idea of pondering - to <b>treasure the gift</b> of baby Jesus given not just to the Shepherds but to each one of us and like the shepherds be full of JOY- thanking God We ask <b>Mary</b> as <b>Mother of the Church</b> watch over us as our mother throughout the coming year.
<i>Epiphany of the Lord Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January</i>	Epiphany of the Lord Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	White	<b>Isaiah 60:</b> 1-6 " Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come..." <b>Ps 71</b> "All nations shall fall prostrate before you O Lord" <b>Ephesians 3:</b> 2-3, 5-6 "It has now been revealed that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are part of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them in Christ through the Gospel." <b>Mt 2: 1-12 "We saw his star and have come to do the king homage."</b>	Only in Matthew do we hear the story of the <b>Wise Men</b> from the East. The message here is that Jesus has been born not for a chosen few but for <b>all people</b> of every race and creed. Everyone is invited to know Jesus and share the Good News. Significantly " They returned home by a different route" Having met the child Jesus we are changed and once illuminated within by the Light of Christ we walk a new path. Use of Floor star- battery tea lights for children's prayer intentions as symbolic activity during prayers of intercession.
8th January 2023	The Baptism of the Lord	White	<b>Isaiah 42: 1-4 6-7</b> "Here is my servant in whom my servant delights." <b>Ps 28:1-2, 3-4,9-10</b> "The Lord will bless his people with peace." <b>Acts 10:34-38</b> "God anointed him with the Holy Spirit." <b>Mt 3:13-17</b> <b>" As soon as Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming down on him."</b>	
15th January 2023	<b>2nd Sunday Ordinary Time A</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Isaiah 49:</b> 3, 5-6 "I will make you the light of the nations so my salvation reach to the ends of the earth" <b>Ps 39:</b> "Here I come Lord. I come to do your will" <b>1Corinthians 1:1-3</b> "May God our Father send you grace and peace" <b>Jn 1: 29-34 The Baptism of Jesus</b> <b>"Look there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the World. ....I am witness that he is the Chosen One of God"</b>	

22nd January 2023	<b>3rd Sunday Ordinary Time A</b>	<b>Green</b>	<p><b>Isaiah 8:</b> 23-9:3 "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light,"</p> <p><b>Ps 26</b> The Lord is my light and my help</p> <p><b>1 Corinthians 1:</b> 10-13.17 Make up the differences between you instead of quarrelling ( so we can witness to the light who is Christ)</p> <p><b>Mt 4:12-23</b> <b>The witness of John the Baptist</b></p> <p><b>" Follow me and I will make you fishers of people"</b></p>	
29th January 2023  <i>The Presentation of the Lord is celebrated mid week on Thurs 2nd February 2022</i>	<b>4th Sunday Ordinary Time A</b>	<b>Green</b>	<p><b>Zephaniah 2:</b> 3. 3:12-13 " Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth."</p> <p><b>Ps 145:</b> "How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.</p> <p><b>1 Corinthians 1:</b>26-31 "those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones God has chosen"</p> <p><b>Mt 5: 1-12</b></p> <p><b>The Sermon on the Mount (1)</b></p> <p><b>The Beatitudes: " How happy are the poor in Spirit..."</b></p>	<p>The <b>Beatitudes:</b> Jesus sets out the way he wants his followers to live and love each other.</p> <p>These can be difficult for Primary age children to understand: time restriction on Children's Liturgy makes it impossible to unpack the meaning of all 8. May be appropriate ( depending on age) to focus on one or just a couple.</p> <p>Possible use of</p> <p><b>The "Be" attitudes not the " Me" attitudes</b></p> <p>See sample sheet: available from Pauline Books</p>
5th February 2023	<b>5th Sunday Ordinary Time A</b>	<b>Green</b>	<p><b>Isaiah 58:</b> 7-10 "Then will your light shine like the dawn"</p> <p><b>Ps 111:</b> " The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright"</p> <p><b>1 Corinthians 2:</b>1-5 "During my stay, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus as the crucified Christ"</p> <p><b>Mt 5:13-16</b></p> <p><b>The Sermon on the Mount (2)</b></p> <p><b>You are the salt of the earth....You are the light of the world"</b></p>	
12th February 2023	<b>6th Sunday Ordinary Time A</b>	<b>Green</b>	<p><b>Sirach/Ecclesiasticus 15:</b>15-20 "to behave faithfully is within your power" avoid being godless.</p> <p><b>Ps 118:</b> "They are happy who follow God's law!"</p> <p><b>1Corinthians 2:</b> 6-10 "no eye has seen, no ear heard, the things God has prepared for those who love him.</p> <p><b>Mt 5:17-37</b></p> <p><b>The Sermon on the Mount (3) A new standard higher than the old</b></p> <p><b>"Do not imagine I have come to abolish the law...I have come not to abolish the law but to complete them"</b></p>	
19th February 2023 <i>Ash Wednesday (22<sup>nd</sup>)</i>	<b>7th Sunday Ordinary Time A</b>	<b>Green</b>	<p><b>Leviticus 19:</b> 1-2, 17-18 "You must love your neighbour as yourself"</p> <p><b>Ps 102</b> "The Lord is compassion and love"</p> <p><b>1 Cor 3:</b> 16-23 "You are God's temple" and the Spirit lives among you</p> <p><b>Mt 5:38-48</b></p> <p><b>The Sermon on the Mount (4) A new standard higher than the old</b></p> <p><b>Love your enemies..."be perfect like your Father in Heaven"</b></p>	
26 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	<b>1st Sunday in Lent</b>		<p><b>Genesis 2:</b>7-9 3:1-7 Creation Adam Eve : turning away from God</p> <p><b>Ps 50</b> " Have mercy on us O Lord for we have sinned"</p> <p><b>Romans 5:</b> 12-19 However great the number of sins God's grace was even greater</p>	<b>IMPORTANT: During Lent we abstain from both the Gloria and Alleluia</b>

			<b>Mt 4: 1-11 Jesus Temptation in the desert</b> "Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."	
5 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b>		<b>Genesis 12:1-4</b> The Call of Abraham" Leave your country, family and your Father's house for the land I will show you". <b>Ps 32:</b> "May your love be upon us O Lord as we place all our hope in you." <b>Timothy 1:</b> 18-10 God calls us and enlightens us , "rely on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy" <b>Mt 17: 1-9 The Transfiguration:</b> <b>"His face shone like the sun"</b>	
12th March 2023  <i>The Annunciation of the Lord is celebrated mid week on 25th March 17</i>	<b>3rd Sunday in Lent</b>		<b>Exodus 17:</b> 3-7 Moses in the desert at Horeb: " .. strike the rock and water will flow from it for the people to drink." <b>Ps 94</b> Oh that today you would listen to his voice, harden not your hearts" <b>Romans 5:1-2, 5-8</b> " ..the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us." <b>Jn 4: 5-42 The Samaritan Woman:</b> <b>"The water I shall give will turn into a spring inside him welling up to eternal life."</b>	
19th March 2023 <i>Feast of Saint Oscar Romero 24<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<b>4th Sunday in Lent</b> <i>Laetere Sunday</i>	<b>Purple or Rose</b>	<b>Samuel 16:</b> 1b,6-7,10-13a "Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David where he stood .." <b>Ps 22:</b> The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want. <b>Ephesians 5:8-14</b> be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness, right living and truth. <b>Jn 9:1-41 The Healing of the Blind man</b> <b>" So the blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored."</b>	<b>Laetere Sunday</b> ( Isaiah: "Rejoice O Jerusalem") day of hope with Easter now in sight
26 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>5th Sunday in Lent</b>		<b>Ezekiel 37:12-14</b> "I shall put my spirit in you and you shall live...." <b>Ps 129:</b> "With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption." <b>Romans 8:</b> 8-11 The spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you. <b>Jn 11:1-45 The Raising of Lazarus</b> <b>"I am the resurrection and the life if anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live..."</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2023 <i>This week we celebrate</i>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>		<b>Is 50:1-7</b> I offered my back to those who struck me..The Lord comes to my help. I know I shall not be ashamed" <b>Ps 21:</b> My God, My God why have you forsaken me? <b>Phil 2:</b> 6-11 He humbled himself but God raised him high.	

<i>Holy Thursday 6th April</i> <b>WHITE</b> <i>Good Friday 7th April</i> <b>RED</b> <i>Holy Saturday Vigil Mass of the Lords Resurrection</i> <b>WHITE</b>			<b>Mt 26:14-27.66</b> <b>The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b>	
9th April 2023	Solemnity of Easter Sunday	White	<b>Acts 10:</b> 34.37-43 "We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead " <b>Ps 117:</b> This day was made by the Lord we rejoice and our glad <b>Col 3:1-4</b> " Let your thoughts be on heavenly things...because you have died ( to sin) and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. <b>Jn 20:1-9 The Resurrection</b> <b>"He saw and he believed.</b> Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture that he must rise from the dead."	Matthews <b>Resurrection</b> story focus' upon the women's encounter with the Angel : Images can be a powerful way of engaging with the Word: Use of <b>He Qi</b> Resurrection painting: <b>Use of Paint box</b> as a technique to help children unpacking the meaning of both author and artist. See attached sheets
16 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 <i>Feast of Saint Bernadette</i>	2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)	White	<b>Acts 2:</b> 42-47 "The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to prayers." <b>Ps 117:</b> Give thanks to the Lord for he is good for his love has no end. <b>Peter 1: 3-9</b> " In his great mercy he has given us a new birth as his sons by raising Jesus from the dead." <b>Jn 20:19-31</b> <b>Jesus appears in the Upper room.</b> <b>"Peace be with you as the Father sent me, so am I sending you"</b>	
23rd April 2023	3rd Sunday of Easter	White	<b>Acts 2:</b> 14.22-33 Peter addresses the crowd "God raised this man Jesus to life and all of us are witnesses to that. now raised he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit,.. what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit" <b>Ps 12</b> "Show us Lord the path of life" <b>Peter 1:</b> 17-21 "Remember the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life..." <b>Lk 24: 13-35</b> <b>The Journey to Emmaus:</b> <b>"They recognised him at the breaking of bread"</b>	Possible use of He Qi Painting of the <b>Journey to Emmaus</b> Use of Paint box technique as described on Easter Sunday
30 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	4th Sunday of Easter	White	<b>Acts</b> ": 14.36-41 "be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit...That very day about 3,000 were added to their number. <b>Ps 22</b> "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want." <b>Peter 2:</b> 20-25Through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd, the guardian of your souls." <b>Jn 10:1-10</b> <b>"I am the gate of the sheepfold"</b> <b>"I have come so they may have life and have it to the full."</b>	

7 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	5th Sunday of Easter	White	<p><b>Acts 6: 1-7</b> They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit to give out food to the needy. "The Word of the Lord continued to spread and the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased."</p> <p><b>Ps 32</b> "May your love be upon us O Lord as we place all our hope in you."</p> <p><b>Peter 2: 4-9</b> "You are a chosen race a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation a people set apart...sing praise of God who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."</p> <p><b>Jn 14: 1-12</b></p> <p><b>"I am the Way the Truth and the Life"</b></p>	
14 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	6th Sunday of Easter	White	<p><b>ACTS 8: 5-8, 14-17</b> "They laid hands upon them and they received the Holy Spirit"</p> <p><b>Ps 65</b> "Cry out with joy to God all the earth."</p> <p><b>Peter 3:15-18</b> Reverence the Lord in your hearts and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope you all have .....In the body Christ was put to death, in the Spirit he was raised to life."</p> <p><b>Jn 14: 15-21</b></p> <p><b>The promise of the Advocate</b></p> <p><b>"I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate....on that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you".</b></p>	The Ascension of the Lord occurs midweek on Thursday 25th May a Holy Day Obligation
21 <sup>st</sup> May 2023	7th Sunday of Easter	White	<p><b>Acts 1:12-14</b> "After Jesus was taken up into heaven the apostles went back...to the Upper Room...and joined together in continuous prayer."</p> <p><b>Ps 26</b> "I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living"</p> <p><b>Peter 4: 13-16</b> "It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ."</p> <p><b>Jn 17:1-11</b></p> <p><b>Father Glorify your Son</b></p> <p><b>"Father glorify your son...let him give eternal life to those you have entrusted to him."</b></p>	
28 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 <i>The Visitation of the BVM is celebrated mid week on Wed 31st May 202</i>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	<b>Red</b>	<p><b>Acts: 2 : 1-11</b> In the Upper Room "They were all filled with the holy spirit"</p> <p><b>Ps 103</b> " Send forth your Spirit O Lord, and renew the face of the earth."</p> <p><b>Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13</b> "Just as a human body, though many parts is a single unit...so it is with Christ. In one Spirit we were all baptised."</p> <p><b>Jn 20:19-23 The Coming of the Holy Spirit</b></p> <p><b>As the Father sent me so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit"</b></p>	
4 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	The Most Holy Trinity	White	<p>Ex 34: 4-6, 8-9 " Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion"</p> <p>Canticle from Daniel 3:52-56 " To you glory and praise evermore".</p> <p>2 Cor 13:11-13 May the grace, love and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.</p> <p><b>Jn 3: 16-18</b></p> <p><b>Life in the Trinity</b></p> <p><b>"God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may..have eternal life."</b></p>	

<b>11th June 2023</b> <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated mid week on Fri 16<sup>th</sup> June and The Nativity of John Baptist on Sat 24th June</i>	<b>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Dt ( Deuteronomy)8:2-3, 14-16</b> "He made you feel hunger then he fed you with manna..to make you understand man does not live on bread alone but everything that comes from the mouth of God" <b>Ps 147 "O Praise the Lord Jerusalem"</b> <b>1Cor 10:16-17</b> That there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body. <b>Jn 6:51-58</b> <b>Food and Drink of Eternal Life</b> <b>" I am the living bread which has come down from heaven."</b>	
<b>18<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b>	<b>11th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Exodus 19:2-6</b> "Now if you obey me completely and keep my covenant, you will be my treasure possession among all peoples...you will be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation." <b>Ps 100:1-3,5</b> "We are His people, the sheep of His flock." <b>Rom 5: 6-11</b> "We were reconciled to God through the death of his son." <b>Mt 9:36-10:8</b> <b>The Mission Sermon (1) Abandoned like sheep without a shepherd</b> <b>"Then he summoned his twelve disciples...Go rather to the lost sheep...cure the sick, raise the dead...without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."</b>	
<b>25th June 2023</b> <i>29th June Ss Peter and Paul : Red</i>	<b>12th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Jeremiah 20:10-13</b> "The Lord is at my side, a mighty hero...He has delivered the soul of the needy" <b>Ps 68</b> " In your great love, answer me, O God" <b>Rom 5: 12-15</b> If it is certain that through one man's fall (Adam)so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through.. Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift." <b>Mt 10:26-33</b> <b>The Mission Sermon (2) Open and Fearless</b> <b>"Why every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid;"</b>	
<b>2nd July 2023</b>	<b>13th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Kings 4:8-11.14-16"</b> <b>This is a holy man of God, let him rest there"</b> <b>Ps 88</b> : I will sing forever of your love, O Lord. <b>Romans: 6:3-4,8-11</b> When we were baptised we went into the tomb with Christ... so that we too might live a new life." <b>Mt 10: 37-42</b> <b>The Mission Sermon (3) Renouncing oneself to follow</b> <b>"Anyone who does not take his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me."</b>	
<b>9th July 2023</b>	<b>14th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Zec 9:9-10</b> "See how your king comes humbly to you" <b>Ps 144</b> "I will bless your name for ever, O God my King." <b>Rom 8: 9,11-13</b> "If by the Spirit you put an end to misdeeds of the body you will live." <b>Mt 11:25-30</b> <b>Mystery of the Kingdom (1): revelation to the simple</b>	

			<b>"Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest..."</b> I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls."	
16th July 2023	<b>15th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Green</b>	<p><b>Isaiah 55:10-11</b> "... the Word that goes out from my mouth does not return to me empty,  <b>Ps 64</b> "Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop."  <b>Romans 8: 18-23</b> All creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons.  <b>Mt 13: 1-23</b>  <b>Mystery of the Kingdom (2): Parable Sower &amp; Seed (part 1)</b>  <b>"The one who receives the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word, understands it and yields a great harvest.</b></p>	
23rd July 2023	<b>16th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Green</b>	<p><b>Wisdom: 12:13.16-19</b> you are mild in judgement and you govern us with great lenience,..by acting thus you have taught how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men.  <b>Ps 85</b> "O Lord you are good and forgiving"  <b>Romans 8:26-27</b> " The Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words.  <b>Mt 13:24-43</b>  <b>Mystery of the Kingdom (3) Parable darnel, mustard seed, yeast (part 2)</b>  <b>" Let the darnel and the wheat both grow until the harvest.....</b>  <b>...the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed-...</b>  <b>...the kingdom of heaven is the yeast that produces leavened dough.</b></p>	
30th July 2023	<b>17th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Green</b>	<p><b>1 Kings 3:5.7-12</b>          "You have asked for discerning judgement for yourself...I will give you a heart wise and shrewd..  <b>Ps 118</b> "Lord how I love your law!"  <b>Romans 8:28-30</b> "We know that by turning everything to their good, God cooperates with all those who love him..."  <b>Mt 13: 44-52</b>  <b>Mystery of the Kingdom (4): Parable hidden treasure, pearl, dragnet</b>  <b>The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field.</b>  <b>The Kingdom is like a dragnet cast into the sea</b></p>	
6th August 2023	<b>Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>	<b>white</b>	<p><b>Daniel 7: 9-10,13-14</b> "And I saw coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man"  <b>Ps96</b> " The Lord is King most high above all the earth"  <b>Peter 1:16-19</b> "We heard this ourselves spoken from heaven"  <b>Mt 17:1-9 The Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>          From the cloud there came a voice which said  <b>"This is my Son, the Beloved: he enjoys my favour. Listen to him."</b></p>	
13th August 2023 <i>The Assumption of the BVM and Holy Day of Obligation Tues 15th August</i>	<b>19th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Green</b>	<p><b>1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13</b> <i>The Lord was not in the wind, nor the earthquake nor the fire</i> "After the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. When Elijah heard this he covered his face and stood at the entrance of the cave "  <b>Ps 84</b> " Let us see O Lord your mercy and give us your saving help.  <b>Romans 9:1-5</b> They were adopted as sons ..and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all.</p>	Use of " wand" by leader to facilitate the children's re telling in simple drama of the <b>miracle</b> of the storm at sea. Use of "copy- cat" style eliminates the need for rehearsed dialogue and encourages an Ignatian experience of being part of the event.



			<b>Mt 14:22-33</b> <b>The Kingdom of God : The Church of Christ (2)</b> <i>(week 1 miracle loaves omit in 17)</i> <b>Jesus walks on Water and Peter with him</b> <b>" Lord save me! Peter cried Jesus put out his hand at once and held him."</b>	(Use of simple props: a wand (Amazon), lengths of blue fabric- a "rain maker" rattle, drum and beater: white fabric for Christ; Tea towel Head dress for Peter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of " talking partners" to facilitate engagement with the story</li> <li>• Where were you in the story?</li> <li>• What did you see? feel? taste touch smell?</li> <li>• What did you think?</li> <li>• <b>HOT SEATING:</b> What would you like to ask...Peter...Jesus?</li> <li>• I wonder.....</li> </ul>
20th August 2023	<b>20th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Isaiah 56:1, 6-7</b> All who observe ..my covenant- these I will bring to my holy mountain...my house will be a house of prayer for all people. <b>Ps 66</b> " Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. <b>Rom 11:13-15, 29-32</b> God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. <b>Mt 15: 21-28</b> <b>The Kingdom of God : The Church of Christ (3)</b> <b>Healing the daughter of the Canaanite Woman</b> <b>" Yes sir but even the house dogs can eat scraps from their masters table. Woman you have great faith"</b>	
27th August 2023	<b>21st Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Isaiah 22: 19-23</b> I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder. <b>Ps 137</b> " Your love O Lord is eternal, discard not the work of your hands" <b>Romans 11:33-36</b> "Who could ever know the mind of God? ...All that exists comes from Him." <b>Mt 16: 13-20</b> <b>The Kingdom of God : The Church of Christ (4)</b> <b>Peters profession of Faith and primacy conferred on him.</b> <b>"You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church"</b>	
3rd September 2023 <i>Friday 8th September</i> <i>The Nativity of BVM</i>	<b>22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Jeremiah 20:7-9</b> The word of the Lord has meant insult for me. <b>Ps 62</b> " For you my soul is thirsting O Lord my God. <b>Rom 12: 1-2</b> Think of God's mercy my brothers and worship him...let your behaviour change modelled by your new mind. <b>Mt 16: 21-27</b> <b>The Kingdom of God : The Church of Christ (5)</b> <b>The Passion prophesied &amp; cost of discipleship</b> <b>If anyone wants to be a follower of mine let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me"</b>	

<b>10th September</b> <i>Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Thursday</i> <i>14th September: Red</i> <i>( Fri 15th Sept Our Lady of Sorrows :White)</i>	<b>23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Ezekiel 33: 7-9</b> If you do not speak to the wicked man I will hold you responsible for his death. <b>Ps 94</b> " Oh that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts." <b>Romans 13: 8-10</b> Love is the answer to every one of the commandments. <b>Mt 18: 15-20</b> <b>The Kingdom of God : The Church of Christ (6)</b> <b>The Community sermon part 1: the correction of others &amp; prayer</b> <b>"If he listens you have won your brother back " ...where two or three are gathered in my name I shall be with them"</b>	
<b>17th September 2023</b>	<b>24th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Ecclesiasticus 27: 30-28:7</b> "Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven." <b>Ps 102</b> "The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy." <b>Romans 14: 7-9</b> "Alive or dead we belong to the Lord" <b>Mt 18:21-35</b> <b>The Kingdom of God : The Church of Christ (7)</b> <b>The Community Sermon part 2 : the necessity of forgiveness</b> <b>"not seven times but seventy seven times"</b>	
<b>24th September 2023</b>  <i>Feast of Archangels Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael Fri 29th Sep: White</i>	<b>25th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Isaiah 55: 6-9</b> "Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving: for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways." <b>Ps 144:</b> "The Lord is close to all who call him". <b>Philippians 1 :20c-24,27a</b> " Life to me is Christ" <b>Mt 20: 1-16</b> <b>The Ministry Ends: Authority &amp; Invitation (1)</b> <b>The parable of the vineyard labourers</b> <b>" Why be envious because I am generous?"</b>	
<b>1st October 2023</b> <i>Feast of St Therese</i>  <i>Holy Guardian Angels Tues 2nd October: White</i>  <i>Sat 7th Oct Our Lady of the Rosary: White</i>	<b>26th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Ezekiel 18:25-28</b> When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live. <b>Ps 24</b> : " Remember your mercy Lord" <b>Philippians 2: 1-11</b> "He was humbler yet even to accepting death on the cross but God raised him high and gave him the name above all other names so that all beings.... should bend the knee at the name of Jesus..." <b>Mt 21: 28-32</b> <b>The Ministry Ends: Authority &amp; Invitation (2)</b> <b>The parable of the two sons</b> <b>" I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and sinners are making their way into the kingdom of God before you."</b>	
<b>8th October 2023</b>	<b>27th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Isaiah 5: 1-7</b> " The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel and the men of Judah that chosen plant."	

<i>Feast of Saint John</i> <i>Henry Newman</i> <i>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October</i>			<p><b>Ps 79:</b> " The Vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.  <b>Philippians 4: 6-9</b> " Keep doing all you have been taught by me ..then the peace of God will be with you.  <b>Mt 21:33-43</b>  <b>The Ministry Ends: Authority &amp; Invitation (3)</b>  <b>The parable of the wicked tenants:</b>  <b>"The kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit".</b></p>	
15th October 2023	<b>28th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Green</b>	<p><b>Isaiah 25:6-10a</b> " On this mountain the Lord of Hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food...and will wipe away tears from every cheek."  <b>Ps 22 :</b> In the Lords own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. ( The Lord is my shepherd)  <b>Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20</b> "There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength."  <b>Mt 22:1-14</b>  <b>The Ministry Ends: Authority &amp; Invitation (4)</b>  <b>The parable of the wedding feast.</b>  <b>"Invite everyone you can find to the wedding."</b></p>	
22nd October 2023	<b>29th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Green</b>	<p><b>Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6</b> " I have called you by your name... I am the Lord unrivalled; there is no other God besides me"  <b>Ps 95:</b> "Give the Lord glory and power"  <b>Thessalonians 1: 1-5b</b> " We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all... We know God loves you and that you have been chosen."  <b>Mt 22: 15-21</b>  <b>The Ministry Ends: Authority &amp; Invitation (5)</b>  <b>Paying tribute to Caesar</b>  <b>"Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."</b></p>	
29th October 2023  <i>Solemnity of All Saints:</i> <i>Wed 1st November Holy</i> <i>Day Obligation: White</i> <i>Thurs 2nd Nov All Soul's</i> <i>Day : White or Purple</i>	<b>30th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Green</b>	<p><b>Exodus 22: 20-26</b> " You must not be harsh with the widow or orphan"...if they cry to me I will listen for I am full of pity.  <b>Ps 17</b> " I love you Lord my strength"  <b>Thessalonians 1: 5c- 10</b> " You broke with idolatry and became servants of God: you are now waiting for his Son."  <b>Mt 22: 34-40</b>  <b>The Ministry Ends: Authority &amp; Invitation (6)</b>  <b>The greatest commandment:</b>  <b>"Love your God and your neighbour as yourself"</b></p>	

5th November 2023  <i>Feast of Dedication of Lateran Basilica Thur 9th Nov :White</i>	<b>31st Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Green</b>	<p><b>Malachi 1 :14b-2: 2b,8-10</b> "You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching."  <b>Ps 130</b> "Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord"  <b>Thes 2: 7b-9,13</b> "as soon as you heard ... God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking and it is still a living power among you who believe it."  <b>Mt 23: 1-12</b>  <b>The Ministry Ends: Authority &amp; Invitation (7)</b>  <b>Hypocrisy and vanity :</b>  <b>"They do not practice what they preach"</b></p>	
12th November 2023  <i>Feast of Saint Hugh of Lincoln Friday 17<sup>th</sup> White</i>	<b>32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Green</b>	<p><b>Wisdom 6: 12-16</b> Wisdom is found by those who look for her.  <b>Ps 62</b> " For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.  <b>1Thessalonians 4: 13-18</b> God will bring with him those who have died in Christ.  <b>Mt 25: 1-13</b>  <b>The Ministry Ends: Authority &amp; Invitation (8)</b>  <b>The final sermon Part 1: The ten bridesmaids</b>  <b>"The bridegroom is here go out to meet him"</b></p>	
19th November 2023	<b>33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Green</b>	<p><b>Proverbs 31: 10-13,19-20,30-31</b> A perfect wife who can find her ? " The woman who is wise is the one to praise."  <b>Ps 127</b> O blessed are those who fear the Lord.  <b>1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6</b> Do not let the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief  <b>Mt 25 14-30</b>  <b>The Ministry Ends: Authority &amp; Invitation (9)</b>  <b>The final sermon Part 2: The talents</b>  <b>"You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness."</b></p>	
26th November 2023	<b>Christ the King</b>	<b>White</b>	<p><b>Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17</b> "I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered... I shall be a true shepherd to them.  <b>Ps 22</b> " The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  <b>1 Corinthians 15: 20-26,28</b> He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father... so that God may be all in all.  <b>Mt 25: 31-46</b>  <b>The Kingdom of God is fulfilled</b>  <b>Christ the King : the Last Judgement</b> (the goats and the sheep)  <b>" Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world."</b></p>	<p>Focus discussion with Primary aged children on  Mt 25 : Verses 34-37  Linking these with the 7 ways to live and love like Jesus ( ie 7 Corporal works of mercy) linking and building upon to their experience with last years "Year of Mercy"  See Attached Sheet: Mt ends the year with the strong image that having heard the Good News of Jesus Christ, having received his light in our hearts we are only fully disciples when we act upon our faith and bring it alive by blessing others , by sharing what we have received. To be a Christian is to be compassionate, to strive for justice for the poor and needy.....</p>

3rd December  
2023

**1st Sunday Advent  
Cycle B**

The new Liturgical Year starts today: Year B (Year of Mark)

**Mark 13: 33-37**

Stay awake because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.

.....This leads us seamlessly back into the  
**First Sunday of Advent** and the call to stay awake, be  
ready for the coming of Christ. We are challenged to live the  
gospel values daily