

SACRAMENTS



The seven sacraments represented in a stained glass window

Reception

This unit introduces children to the idea of God's presence at all times in their lives. It allows them to become more familiar with special occasions in their own lives, the lives of others and the life of the Church. With plenty of discussion it will prepare pupils for future years work on sacraments. Pupils will have the opportunity to use the words associated with sacraments and explore the meanings, appropriate to their age.

Year One

This unit builds on the work done in reception class and in particular starts to focus on forgiveness and healing. It establishes the relationship of the actions of healing and forgiveness with Jesus. By exploring the healing and forgiveness of Jesus, pupils should begin to explore their importance in their own lives and the life of the Church.

Year Two

The purpose this unit is to enable the children to develop their understanding of what a sacrament is. This understanding is developed through exploration of what happens during the Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony and the Eucharist.

Year Three

This unit helps deepen pupils' knowledge and understanding of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. It expresses both what happens during Mass and the meaning behind what happens. It should be used to support those pupils about to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

Year Four

This unit helps pupils to explore the nature of vocation and its symbolism in preparation for work on the sacraments of vocation in year 5. This is done through Old Testament stories which show how God calls people in faith and the symbolism of anointing.

Year Five

This unit explores in greater depth the Sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony. Pupils should gain an understanding of the symbolism associated with the two sacraments.

Year Six

This unit builds on all the work undertaken on sacraments in previous years and should enable pupils to explore sacraments at a deeper level. In particular, pupils should understand their own role in the Church as a result.