



RE Topic – Spring 1 2016



Being a Sacramental People



Students will explore the presence of God in the world; in people and the rituals of Church. They will learn to give and receive expressions of sorrow. This unit is focused on what Catholics call the sacramental principle – that we can know and recognise God in our ordinary lives. We will be asking your child to find God in the everyday, in creation and in our faith. It is hoped that they will develop an awareness of God's constant presence, in particular through the Sacraments.

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- *An appreciation of God's presence in the world*
 - *A respect for relationships which bring God's presence to us*
 - *A openness to the presence of God in their own lives*



Spiritual Outcomes: It is hoped that pupils will develop:

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- *A recognition of the times we are sorry and/or need forgiveness*



You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much higher if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs. Help your child by trying one or more of these activities while this unit is being taught:

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- You may have a special place, or item which 'makes present' someone you have lost. Share this place/item and feeling with your child.
 - Sit with your child and go through old photo albums. Tell the stories of what the photos captured and remember and 'make present' the love and friendship that they contain.
 - While travelling to or from school, talk to your child about the environment around them and where they see God.
 - Say this prayer below with them at some point each day.



A prayer for home



God who is with us every day. May we be open to your warmth as the sun on our backs, your love as the hug of a friend, your joy as the smile of a stranger. Help us to remember that you are with us every day and in all things great and small.



Amen



