

COME AND SEE - THEOLOGICAL STEPPING STONES FOR DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

Year 1 FAMILIES	Year 2 BEGINNINGS	Year 3 HOMES	Year 4 PEOPLE	Year 5 OURSELVES	Year 6 LOVING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God loves and cares for everyone • We can trust God • Jesus was part of a loving family • The importance of prayer: night prayers • The psalms help us pray and think about God • God cares for us as a loving parent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God is present in every beginning • The story of Creation, God made the world • God made us and loves us • The importance of prayer; morning prayer • A psalm is a song of praise to God 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Christian home; an image of and a sharing in the love between Christ and the Church • Paul's letters to the early Christian community teaching about God's vision for every family • The Christian duty of parents towards children and children towards parents • The example of the Holy Family • God is always with us • We are chosen by God to be a holy people and the implications in daily life • Jesus' new rule 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The genealogy of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew • Jesus' human family • The story of Abraham, the father of God's chosen people • The story of Jacob • The story of the love and fidelity of Ruth • Solomon, the wise ruler • The role of Joseph in Jesus' life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Called to holiness • Virtue of peace • Made in the image and likeness of God • To know, love and serve God • God's children • Lives of holy people • Thanksgiving to God • God as a loving parent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's love, care and forgiveness • God's unconditional love, which is not earned but given • The Beatitudes • The parable of the prodigal son • Scripture which helps the understanding of God's love

COME AND SEE - THEOLOGICAL STEPPING STONES FOR BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

Year 1 BELONGING	Year 2 SIGNS & SYMBOLS	Year 3 PROMISES:	Year 4 CALLED:	Year 5 LIFE CHOICES	Year 6 VOCATION & COMMITMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptism is an invitation from God to belong to the Church family • The Church family welcomes the one who is to be Baptised • A sacrament is God's way of being present at special moments in our lives • The words of Baptism. 'I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit • Some of the Rite of the Sacrament of Baptism • The role of parents and godparents • The Our Father • Some of the symbols used in Baptism, particularly the candle given at Baptism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rite of Baptism • The signs and symbols used in Baptism; Easter candle, light, font, water, anointing with chrism, white garment • The reading of the Word of God • Recognition that Christians as members of the Church family act in a particular way because they are following the light of Christ • The role of parents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What a Sacrament is • The structure of the Rite of the Sacrament of Baptism • Becoming a member of Church family • The celebration of the Word of God • The litany of the Saints • The renunciation of sin and Profession of Faith • Anointing with the Oil of Chrism • Symbolism of the lighted candle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The call of David and Samuel in the Old Testament • The call of the Apostles • The Sacrament of Confirmation • The Baptismal promises • The work of the Holy Spirit in our lives • The ways in which we can respond to the call of God • The example of people who responded to God's call • The Trinity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sacrament of Marriage • The call to holiness • Each person shares in the mission of Christ • Witness of Christian life • Christian service • The Beatitudes • Love of God and neighbour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocation to the priesthood and religious life • The ministerial priesthood • The Sacrament of Ordination • Some understanding of the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience • The witness of all Christians through Baptism

COME AND SEE - THEOLOGICAL STEPPING STONES ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

Year 1 WAITING	Year 2 PREPARATIONS	Year 3 VISITORS	Year 4 GIFT	Year 5 HOPE	Year 6 EXPECTATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some aspects of the liturgical season of Advent: a time of waiting to celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas • Advent wreath and its symbolism • The Annunciation • The Visitation • The Nativity • The beginning of an understanding of the Incarnation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advent four weeks of preparation for the celebration of Jesus at Christmas • Understanding of the liturgical year • Isaiah description of the one who is to come • The Annunciation • The Visitation • The Nativity • Jesus comes to us as God's gift because he loves us • Jesus light for the world • The opening prayer at the Night Mass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas • The meaning of the Jesse tree • Isaiah foretells the coming of the Messiah • The joys and demands of being a Christian • The stories of the Annunciation and the Visitation • The story of the birth of Jesus and the visit of the Shepherds (Luke) • The visit of the Wise Men (Matthew) • An understanding that Jesus came to earth for the good of all 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The liturgical season of Advent • Advent is focused on the "coming" of Jesus as Messiah • The messiah is the one promised by God who would show God's love and bring peace • Isaiah prophecy about coming of the Messiah • Further understanding of the Incarnation • That Jesus will come again at the end of the world as he promised • Gaudete Sunday • The visit of the Wise Men 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The liturgical season of Advent • The theological virtue of hope • Isaiah and Jeremiah's prophecies about the coming of the Messiah • Waiting in hope for the coming of Jesus at Christmas • Waiting in hope for the second coming of Christ at the end of time • Further understanding of the Incarnation • Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The liturgical season of Advent. • Isaiah's expectation of the Messiah • The Word in John's Gospel • The Annunciation • The Incarnation • The Angelus • John the Baptist announces the coming of the Messiah • The second coming of Jesus Christ

COME AND SEE - THEOLOGICAL STEPPING STONES FOR LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

Year 1 SPECIAL PEOPLE	Year 2 BOOKS	Year 3 JOURNEYS	Year 4 COMMUNITY	Year 5 MISSION	Year 6 SOURCES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Church is where the parish family gathers to celebrate the Good News of Jesus • The priest leads the parish family as they gather to celebrate Mass at church on Sunday • Lay ministries exercised by the parish family • The Presentation of Jesus • Listening to God's Word at Mass • Special reverence for the reading of the Gospel • The Finding of Jesus in the Temple 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The basic division of the Bible into Old and New Testament • The names of some of the Books of the Bible • The place of the Gospels in the Bible, something of their writers • The marks of reverence given the reading of the Gospel during Mass • The religious vocabulary and symbols related to the reading of the Gospel • The names, types and functions of various books used at Mass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The liturgical year • What liturgy is • Special season of the Church's year • The cycle of readings for the Sundays of the Church's year • Ordinary time • The feasts of Our Lady • Pilgrimage Psalms • The importance of prayer in Christian life • How prayer leads to good actions • Mysteries of the Rosary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish, pastoral area/deanery • The vocation of the lay people in the Church • The vocation of ordained ministers • The service to a parish community through ministry • Living our the command of charity and good works • Funeral Rites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ inaugurates the proclamation of the Good News using Isaiah • The apostles share in Christ' mission • The call of Levi • Priestly prayer for unity in John's Gospel • The nature of a diocese • The bishop is the successor of the apostles and continues the mission of Christ • The meaning of ecumenism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sacred Scripture is the inspire Word of God • God is truly present in Scripture • The Old Testament has its own intrinsic value as well being for the Christian part of the total revelation of God in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit • The Gospels are central because Jesus Christ is their centre • The Word of God is venerated and nourishes and governs the Christian life

COME AND SEE - THEOLOGICAL STEPPING STONES FOR EUCHARIST - RELATING

Year 1 – MEALS	Year 2 – THANKSGIVING	Year 3 LISTENING & SHARING:	Year 4 GIVING & RECEIVING:	Year 5 MEMORIAL SACRIFICE	Year 6 UNITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholics go to Mass as members of God’s family • At Mass the action and the words of the Last Supper are repeated • The Preparation of the Gifts • The words and meaning of the Consecration • The Our Father • Presence of Jesus in Holy Communion • Acknowledgement that all good things come from God • The importance of prayer: grace before meals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parts of the Mass – Introductory Rites, Liturgy of Word, Liturgy of Eucharist, Concluding Rites • Some Mass responses • Eucharistic prayer for children • Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist • The implication of the concluding Rite of the Mass, where Catholics enter the world with a mission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The responses of the Mass • The Penitential Act • The Gloria • Liturgy of the Word • The Gospel is the Good News • God speaks to us through the scriptures • The Creed • The Liturgy of the Eucharist • Preparation of the Gifts • The Eucharistic Prayer • Transubstantiation • The Communion Rite • Sending forth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory Rites • Penitential Act • Communion Rite • The Lord’s Prayer • The Sign of Peace • Lamb of God • Holy Communion • Transubstantiation • Prayer after Communion • Concluding Rite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passover in Exodus • The institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper • The Eucharist as a memorial sacrifice of Jesus • Transubstantiation through the power of the Holy Spirit, of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ • The real presence of Christ in the Eucharist • Proclaiming the mystery of faith • Eucharistic Prayer II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The priestly prayer of unity of Jesus in John 17 • One body in union with Christ • Eucharistic Prayers for Children III • The Communion Rite • The unity of the Church in Heaven and on earth with the offering of Christ • Our Father • The priest’s prayer for peace and unity • Lamb of God • The prayer: Lord, I am not worthy • The Eucharistic presence of Christ • Reception of Christ in Holy Communion and union of the faithful

COME AND SEE - THEOLOGICAL STEPPING STONES FOR LENT/EASTER - GIVING

Year 1 CHANGE	Year 2 OPPORUNTIES	Year 3 GIVING ALL	Year 4 SELF DISCIPLINE	Year 5 SACRIFICE	Year 6 DEATH & NEW LIFE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liturgical season of Lent, the use of purple • Ash Wednesday begins the 40 days of Lent • Lent: a time to change and to grow spirituality in preparation for the celebration of Easter, through prayer and good deeds • Palm Sunday of the Passion • Jesus died on Good Friday • The Stations of the Cross • The Resurrection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ash Wednesday • Lent offers the opportunity to make a new start through prayer, good deeds and giving up things • The liturgy of Lent and Holy Week • The Stations of the Cross • The story of Palm Sunday of the Passion and what happens in the liturgy on that day • Jesus washing his disciples feet and its meaning • The suffering and death of Jesus on Good Friday • The Resurrection of Jesus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liturgical season of Lent • Lenten promises, giving through prayer, giving up and good deeds • The Beatitudes • Jesus in the desert • The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary • The agony in the Garden • Jesus' sacrifice on Good Friday • The Resurrection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ash Wednesday • Lent is a time for self discipline, for prayer, fasting and almsgiving • Jesus commandment to love our enemies • Holy week • The Stations of the Cross • The sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary • Easter Triduum • Liturgy of Maundy Thursday, washing of the feet • Liturgy of Good Friday – reading of the Passion and the Veneration of the Cross • The Resurrection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lent is a time for self sacrifice • Jesus' temptation in the desert • Holy Week • The Stations of the Cross • The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary • Gethsemane: the agony in the garden • Holy Thursday, the altar of Repose • Jesus' suffering • The Crucifixion • Good Friday liturgy of the Passion of the Lord • The Resurrection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lent, a time to remember the suffering and death of Jesus • The raising of Lazarus • Jesus the Bread of Life • The liturgy of Friday of the Passion of the Lord • The liturgy of the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night • The four parts to the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night • Jesus rising to new life

COME AND SEE - THEOLOGICAL STEPPING STONES FOR PENTECOST - SERVING

Year 1 HOLIDAYS & HOLYDAYS	Year 2 SPREADING THE WORD	Year 3 ENERGY	Year 4 NEW LIFE	Year 5 TRANSFORMATION	Year 6 WITNESSES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ascension Day, before Jesus ascended to Heaven he promised to send his Holy Spirit • Pentecost; a holy day – the feast of the Holy Spirit • Pentecost – the beginning of the Church • The Holy Spirit is a helper and guide • Some symbols of the Holy Spirit • The Holy Spirit enables Christians to pass on the message of the Good News of Jesus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit • Prayer to the Holy Spirit • The Ascension; Jesus returns to his Father • Pentecost - the gift of the Holy Spirit for all time • The power of the Holy Spirit in daily life • Christians pass on the Good News of Jesus through the Holy Spirit • The resurrection of the dead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The appearance of Jesus after the Resurrection • The Ascension, Jesus returns to his Father • The first three Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary • Pentecost: the coming of the Holy Spirit • How the Church celebrates Pentecost • Prayer to the Holy Spirit • Symbols of the Holy Spirit and their meaning • The gifts of the Holy Spirit • The inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The descent of the Holy Spirit on Our Lady and Apostles • The feast of Pentecost • The power of the Holy Spirit • The gift and guidance of the Holy Spirit • The witness to the Resurrection of Peter and John • The Journey's of Paul • The beginning of the Christian Church • Paul's journeys; beginning of the Christian Church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The teaching of the Risen Lord on the road to Emmaus • The beginning of the Church of Pentecost • The Holy Spirit strengthens and transforms the lives of Christians • The fruits of the Holy Spirit • The Holy Spirit • The prayer - Come Holy Spirit • The Conversion of Saul • Some of the letters of Paul • The Spirit at work in God's family • Jesus Christ lives in and acts through the Church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Resurrection appearances of Jesus • Jesus. Promise of the Holy Spirit • The Ascension of Jesus • The choice of Stephen who was to be the first martyr • The power of the Holy Spirit • The role of service of deacons • The conversion and witness of Lydia in Acts • Modern witnesses to the Good News • The moral life of Christians is sustained by the Holy Spirit

COME AND SEE - THEOLOGICAL STEPPING STONES FOR RECONCILIATION - INTER-RELATING

Year 1 BEING SORRY	Year 2 RULES	Year 3 CHOICES	Year 4 BUILDING BRIDGES	Year 5 FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY	Year 6 HEALING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We can have choice in our actions • God helps us to choose well and express sorrow for wrong choices • God forgives us • Examples of forgiveness and sorrow in the Gospel: Levi and Zacchaeus • Use and understanding of religious vocabulary: sorrow and forgiveness • Christians say sorry and forgive each other because they follow Jesus • Foundation for understanding the Sacrament of Reconciliation • Familiarity with a prayer of sorrow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus' commandment to love one another • Jesus' commandment to forgive each other • Sin, the intention to commit sin • Examination of conscience • A prayer of sorrow • Sacrament of Reconciliation: repentance, disclosure of sin, absolution and reparation • The Sign of Peace at Mass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sacrament of Reconciliation and the stages of this Sacrament • The stories of the prodigal son and the two sons • An understanding of sin and some of its consequences • Examination of conscience • An Act of Sorrow • The importance of being sorry and asking forgiveness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's mercy and love • Jesus the Good Shepherd • Examination of conscience • Sacrament of Reconciliation, other names for it, Confession, Penance and Sacrament of Forgiveness • Contrition • Absolution • Penitential Rites I and II • Scripture references to God's unconditional love and forgiveness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ten Commandments • Greatest Commandment – Love God and love others • Beatitudes • Freedom brings responsibility • God is loving and merciful • Seeking God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation • Dignity of the human person 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus healed the sick, the healing of the blind man • The Christian responsibility of caring over the sick • The parable of the Last Judgement in Matthew • The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with the celebration of the Eucharist • The effects of the Sacrament • The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at home or in hospital • The three Sacraments received by those seriously sick, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Viaticum • Pilgrimage to Lourdes

COME AND SEE - THEOLOGICAL STEPPING STONES FOR UNIVERSAL CHURCH - WORLD

Year 1 NEIGHBOURS	Year 2 TREASURES	Year 3 SPECIAL PLACES	Year 4 GOD'S PEOPLE	Year 5 STEWARDSHIP	Year 6 COMMON GOOD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone is a neighbour and loved by God • The story of Good Samaritan • God gives dignity to each human person • A Christian's faith impels them to act fairly towards others • Understanding and application in daily life of Fairtrade • The implications of being global neighbours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Creation story - Genesis • God made the world. • Respect for the integrity of Creation • Praise of God in Creation • Solidarity with those in need • The work of CAFOD • God's care for us • Praise for the World • The Gloria of the Mass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of places associated with the earthly life of Jesus • The place of pilgrimage in the Christian life • Conservation of Creation • The interdependence within Creation • Places set aside for worship –churches • Beginnings of an understanding of contemplative prayer • The social teaching of the Church: justice and solidarity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Communion of Saints • The call to holiness • What a martyr is • Examples of holy people including Blessed Teresa of Calcutta 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An understanding of the book of Genesis and other scripture related to stewardship • The harmony and order of the created world • Solidarity among all creatures • Being made in the image and likeness of God • The integrity of the creation • The stewardship of creation • The Catholic Social Teaching about care for others and for the integrity of creation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus came for the poor and marginalised • The Beatitudes • Catholic Social Teaching • The Common Good • The acceptance of personal responsibility • Justice • Respect for the dignity of the human person • Human solidarity