

Mass Timetable Advent Term 2021

Date	Diocesan Extraordinary Theme	Feast Days	Class
2.9.21	<p>Welcome</p> <p>At this time of year we welcome many new people into our communities and we also welcome old friends back after a long time apart.</p> <p>Being a welcoming community is at the heart of our faith and this week, perhaps you could find ways to make someone feel welcome, particularly if they feel left out or nervous.</p> <p>The start to this year will be unlike any other - what can you do to help someone this week?</p>	<p>St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor Feast 3.9.21</p>	
16.9.21	<p>Community</p> <p>This week we think about the people in our lives. Our community changes and grows all the time and every person who comes in brings something special and unique.</p> <p>We've not seen those in our communities for so long and being back together helps us to be grateful for those around us. How can you look out for those in our community who we sometimes overlook - how can we show them they important and valued?</p>	<p>Our Lady of Sorrows 15.9.21</p> <p>St Robert Bellarmine – Bishop, Doctor 17.9.21</p>	
30.9.21	<p>Belonging</p> <p>This week we're going to focus on what it means to belong. We sometimes forget that being connected to the Catholic Church means we're part of something incredible. There are 2 billion people who call themselves Christian and 1.1 Billion of them are Catholic. Think this week about what you belong to. How does it feel to belong to something special and what effect does it have on you</p>	<p>St Therese of the Child Jesus – Doctor 1.10.21</p> <p>Harvest Festival</p>	
14.10.21	<p>Relationships</p> <p>This week we celebrate a number of special Holy men and women. Each of them had a special relationship with God. St Teresa of Avila often had a difficult relationship with God and found a way to connect through prayer. She didn't find it easy though and it reminds us that any relationship we have takes time, effort and work, especially our relationship with God.</p> <p>What are the most important relationships in your life? How is your relationship with God?</p>	<p>St Teresa of Avila Doctor</p> <p>Harvest Festival</p>	
	Half Term		
4.11.21	<p>Saints</p> <p>The Saints are a fascinating part of our Church history and tradition. A saint is one of those men and women who in their life, and often their death, set us an example of how to live a life for God. They're were not all perfect however!</p> <p>Often they made bad choices and mistakes in their lives too before turning back to God. They give hope to us all that we can be better people and one day become saints ourselves!</p>		

18.11.21	<p>Worship</p> <p>This week we remember the Presentation of Our Lady at The Temple - this was an Act of Worship that all Jewish families did to give thanks to God for their child.</p> <p>When we come together to worship God we are celebrating all that is good in our lives and reminding ourselves where those blessings come from.</p> <p>This week think about something you want to celebrate and find a way to give thanks for it.</p>	<p>St Hugh of Lincoln Bishop, Patron of the Diocese, P Feast 17.11.21</p> <p>St Elizabeth of Hungary Feast 19.11.21</p>	
2.12.21	<p>Hope</p> <p>The first week of Advent is themed around Hope. It's a chance to remember the hope of God's people as they waited for a messiah and an opportunity to reflect on our hope that one day Jesus will come again. What are you hopeful for in our world? If you could have just one hope for the future what would it be? God gives hope to everyone and as we enter the season of Advent we should remember that whenever things are difficult we can always hope in God.</p>	<p>St Andrew, Apostle Feast 30.11.21</p> <p>St Francis Xavier, Priest Feast 3.12.21</p>	
16.12.21	<p>Joy</p> <p>The third week of Advent is centred on joy.</p> <p>We celebrate Gaudete Sunday to remind us of the Joy of Christmas that is almost here. It's a great chance to think about what brings us joy in our lives and to give thanks for it.</p> <p>It's also an opportunity to reflect on how we can bring joy to those around us and make the world a more joyful place for everyone!</p>	<p>St John of the Cross, Priest 14.12.21</p>	
21.12.21	<p>Christingle Service</p>		