

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



Subject: RE

Topic: Beginning with the Church

Year: 3

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What should I already know?

- The church is a building.
- We belong to God
- We do the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass.
- We sing hymns during Mass.
- The actions and words when we welcome someone.
- Some of the actions at the Liturgy of the Eucharist e.g. the bread and the wine.
- The bread and wine are the body and blood of Christ.

What we will be learning about:

- That people are welcomed at home, school and in the Church in different ways through our actions and words and why we do this.
- Belonging is to be part of something important.
- The Church welcomes us in many ways e.g. Baptism, Mass, events and a guide around the church.
- We know we belong to the church because we gather and talk, we pray together and we attend Mass and events.
- The Church is the people. We are the Church, The Church is us.
- The Church is the body of Christ.
- The Church works best when all its parts (members) work best.
- The three sacraments of 'welcome' are called the sacraments of initiation.
- The three sacraments of initiation are Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
- Baptism has special words, actions and symbols
- The Eucharist is a catholic service (Sacrament) remembering/celebrating the last supper, in which bread and wine are consecrated (become the body and bloody of Christ) and consumed.
- There are four parts to Mass; Gather, Hear the word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Depart.

Vocabulary

Baptism: In the Catholic Church, infants are baptized to welcome them into the Catholic faith and to free them from the original sin they were born with.

Eucharist: The Eucharist is the consecrated host (wafer) which Christians believe is the actual body of Christ.

Confirmation: The word means strengthening or deepening one's relationship with God. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives them the increased ability to practice their Catholic faith.

Sacrament: an outward and visible sign of an inward and invisible grace

Initiation: to join/ be welcomed to the Church

Ritual: a religious ceremony consisting of a series of actions performed according to a prescribed order.

Consecration: to make something sacred

