



Archdiocese of Dublin  
Education Secretariat

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Class	Theme/Lesson	Scripture	Prayer New/ Revised	Songs/Poems	Prayer Service
Junior Infants	Theme 1: My Family Lesson 1: I have a name Lesson 2: I have a family Lesson 3: I can share love with my family Lesson 4: We are all in one family		Sign of the Cross Morning Prayer	I Have a Name "They Care for Me" "A Cup Full of Kindness" Quiet and Still	p.45
Senior Infants	Theme 1: Our World Lesson 1: God is with us Lesson 2: God created our world Lesson 3: Thank you God for our world Lesson 4: God asks us to care for the world	Ps 63:8 Gen 1-2:3 Gen 1:26-7 Ps 66:5 Ps 139 Ps 104 1 Sam 16: 1-11	Glory Be (with gesture)  Morning Prayer	Quiet and Still "God is With Me" "Thank you God for Summertime" "My Body" Thank You, God, for Our World Caring for God's World	p. 46
First Class	Theme 1: Belonging Lesson 1: We belong together Lesson 2: We belong to the Church Lesson 3: God loves us Theme 2: Jesus Lesson 1: Jesus	Is 49:15 Ps 9:1 Ps 105: 1-6 Jer 31:3	Night Prayer Grace Before & After Meals Hail Mary Our Father	Together Again "Belonging" Baptism Song When Jesus was a Boy	p.43
Second Class	Theme 1: Called and Chosen Lesson 1. Our Class- a circle of friends Lesson 2. Jesus chose followers Lesson 3. We are Jesus' followers Theme 2: Jesus Lesson 1: Jesus; healer, helper, friend	Mk 1:16-20.3:13- 14, 16-19	Morning Prayer Night Prayer  Our Father with actions	Circle of Friends "My Friend" The Apostles Baptism Song Quiet and Still	p.43

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Third Class	Theme 10: The Mass Lesson 1: At Mass We Listen to the Word of God Lesson 2: At Mass We Remember and Give Thanks	Ex: 19:3-8 Psalm 148 Psalm 31 1 Peter 5:7 Lk 22:19-20	Prayers of the Mass	"Remember" We Come to you, Lord Jesus Céad Míle Fáilte Romhat	p. 336			p. 79  p. 84
Fourth Class	Theme 11: The Mass Lesson 1: At Mass We Give Thanks Lesson 2: We Go from Mass to Live Like Jesus	Lk 22:17-20 Psalm 37	Prayers of the Mass	Eat this Bread Ithigí an t-arán seo Christ be Our Light	p. 401			Pps 90 & 93
Fifth Class	Theme 10: The Mass Lesson1: On the Road to Emmaus Lesson 2: The Table of the Lord	Lk 24:13-35 Is 41:10 1 Cor 11:23-25	Prayers of the Mass Ár Phaidir	The Welcome Table We Come to Your Feast "Remember"	p.373	- Choose 3 Bible Stories of Jesus sharing meals - Recall a Mass you took part in		Pps. 109 &113
Sixth Class	Theme 8: Eucharist Lesson 1: At Mass We Give Thanks Lesson 2: At Mass We Remember Jesus' Sacrifice	Ps: 100  Jn 15: 1,4-5, 7-10, 16-17		"At Mass We Remember"  More Than Just O Sacrament Most Holy		My Prayer at Mass  My Response to Jesus	Maximilian Kolbe	Pps. 85&89

<b>1 September</b>	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
<b>8 September</b>	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>9 September</b>	Blessed Frederic Ozanam (founder of the Society of St Vincent de Paul)
<b>9 September</b>	St. Ciaran, Clonmacnoise
<b>14 September</b>	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
<b>15 September</b>	Our Lady of Sorrows
<b>21 September</b>	St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
<b>27 September</b>	St. Vincent de Paul ( <i>Grow in Love</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class, pp. 286-7 and <i>Grow in Love</i> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class)

### **Celebration of First Holy Communion 2020-2021-2022**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, many of the children attending Catholic primary schools have not yet had the opportunity to receive Holy Communion in their local parishes.

You will see from this monthly memo for September 2021, the Diocesan Advisors are putting the focus on the *Grow in Love* Theme and Lessons on the Eucharist as the first lessons to be taught this term. This will help families and children to prepare for the reception of this important sacrament.

The lessons will also help those who have received the Eucharist to refresh their minds and hearts about the meaning and nourishment the Eucharist gives to their lives. The work of these lessons will help all to grow in faith and God's love, nourishing them to participate in the mission of Jesus.



### **1 September 2021, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

'This World Day of Prayer for Creation offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation.' God's people give thanks to God 'for the marvellous works he has entrusted to' their 'care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which' they 'live.'

The celebration of the Day on the same date as the Orthodox Church will be a valuable opportunity to bear witness to our growing communion with our Orthodox brothers and sisters. We live in a time where all Christians are faced with identical and important challenges and we must give common replies to these in order to appear more credible and effective (Pope Francis, quoted in the *Liturgical Calendar for Ireland 2021*, p.140).

Quotations from Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter, ***Laudato Si'***, On Care for Our Common Home, is included in the *Grow in Love* religious education programme. The children learn this prayer 'Care for the Earth' in Third Class and revise it in Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Classes.

Care for the Earth

God our Creator,

You gave us the earth, the sky and the  
seas.

Show us how to care for world,  
Not only for today but for ages to  
come

Do not let any plan or work of ours  
destroy the beauty of creation.

Send your Spirit to help us take care of  
the world and all your creation. Amen.

