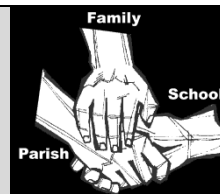


BEING A SACRAMENTAL PEOPLE

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

Topic Theme: 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.

Learning opportunities include:

- Coming to know that God loves each one always and at all times
- Experiencing that a Church is a special place where God's people gather to pray.
- Coming to know that Jesus helps us to choose the good
- Experiencing liturgical celebrations in a variety of simple settings.
- Experiencing and recognise prayer is talking and listening to God
- Learning to say 'sorry'
- Considering ways in which a Christian family and parish share and celebrate life, and showing care for one another.

Monitoring opportunities:

Student's development will be monitored through observation and the collection of work samples for their portfolio.

Affective and Spiritual Dispositions

It is hoped that pupils will develop:

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

Activities to try at home

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:

- 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.

An idea for prayer at home



Prayer Activity

God who is with us everyday. 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 everyday and in all things great and small. Amen