

Celebrating

The Church's celebrations are community occasions. On Sundays, the parish family gathers together. We remember how much there is to celebrate; a time to say thank you; a time to know that God's love is offered and made visible here and now in Jesus and in people. Sacraments are more formal special moments: signs of 'God-with-us', who journeys with his people; signs of strength and blessing for life.



Our Father

Our Father,
Who art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name;
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.



Key Vocabulary

Church: the religious community who gather together in a special building also called a church.

Priest: The person who leads the services in church. Our priest is Fr. Andrew.

Parish family: the people who belong to our parish – The Holy Cross.

Parish: a group of people who belong to a particular church and worship there.

Altar: a place, often a table in the centre of the church.

Temple: a building where the Jewish people went to practice their religion.

Key Knowledge

- The Parish community gathers to celebrate such occasions as Baptism, Christmas, wedding.
- Exploring inside the parish church.
- Various ministries undertaken by the parish community.
- The story of the Presentation.



Questions of Meaning and Purpose:

- What is a celebration?
- Why do people celebrate?
- Can you celebrate on your own?