

Year 4
Spring



Community

The Church's celebrations are community occasions. In this unit we will explore what it means to belong to a community, especially a Christian community. We will find out about the people who serve in our Parish. We will learn about how the Parish gathers to celebrate together and support each other when someone dies.

Prayer for people who have died

Eternal rest grant unto them
O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine
upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen.

Key Knowledge

- Parish, pastoral area/deanery.
- The vocation of the lay people in the Church.
- The vocation of ordained ministers.
- The service to a parish community through ministry.
- Living out the command of charity and good works.
- Funeral Rites.

Key Vocabulary

Community: a group of people living in the same place or who share something in common.

Parish: an area that has its own local church.

Laity: the ordinary people who are involved in the work of a church but who are not priests.

Ministry: performing a specific act on behalf of the Church eg giving communion or reading.

Extraordinary Ministers: a person who is authorised by the church to assist with giving Holy Communion.

Funeral rite: the service the Church performs at the burial of one of its members. It honours the person and entrusts him/her to God.

Pastoral area: the area looked after by a priest or a Bishop.

Deanery: a group of parishes led by a dean (a priest appointed by the Bishop).

Diocese: large group of Parishes led by a Bishop.



Questions of Meaning and Purpose:

- Why are the gifts of love and friendship important?
- What are the joys and demands of the commitment required in the gift of love and friendship?