

EYFS  
Spring

THE GATHERING  
OF THE CHURCH



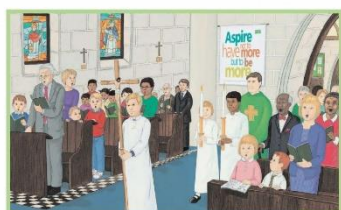
# Gathering

The parish family finds strength in gathering for the celebration of the Eucharist, a sign of God's love in our lives. We share memories, love and thanks as we celebrate the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. We will be learning about the parts of the Mass and learning some of the responses used at Mass. We will listen to the Word of God and find out about what it means to receive Holy Communion.

## Response at Mass

The Priest says: ***The Lord be with you.***

We say: **And with your spirit.**



The Church family come together to celebrate.

## Key Vocabulary

**Welcome:** Fr Andrew greets us and welcomes us to church.

**Blessing:** Fr Andrew asks God to make something or someone holy.

**Pray:** to talk to God.

**Mass:** the special ceremony when the priest blesses the bread and wine and makes them holy.

**Pulpit:** the special place where the priest and the readers read from.

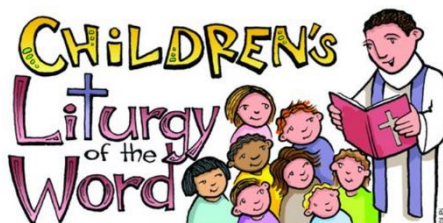
**Font:** a dish or bowl in a church where Holy Water is placed.

**Genuflect:** to kneel on one knee and get up again. It is a sign of respect.

**Holy Communion:** when people receive the body and blood of Jesus.

## Key Knowledge

- The parish family gathers for Mass.
- Entering the church: the holy water font, the aisle and the benches where the people gather.
- Ministries of welcoming and of serving at Mass.
- Jesus gathered the children to speak to them (Mark 10).
- Parts of the Mass
  - gathering
  - welcome
  - listening to God's Word
  - receiving Jesus in Holy Communion.



## Questions of Meaning and Purpose:

- What things are better done together?
- Why are they better with others?