

Mission – Spring Term

Introduction to the topic:

The experience of community is an essential and enjoyable part of life for people of every age and faith. The cycle of a year and the span of a lifetime contain occasions for regular celebrations as well as unexpected surprises, when people want to celebrate with family, friends and communities.

The Church's celebrations are community occasions. On Sundays, the parish family gathers together. It is a time to 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.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Christian	Follower of Christ.
Catholic	A Christian faith with slightly different beliefs to other Christian faiths.
The Bible	The central source of authority and teaching for Christians.
Old Testament	46 books that include the time before Jesus.
New Testament	27 books about Jesus and the time after.
Four Gospels	Books written about Jesus by the apostles Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
Apostle	Means messenger/one who is sent. Sent to deliver the message of Jesus.
Disciple	Learner. A student who learns from a teacher. Christians are disciples of Jesus.
Mission	Christians going out and spreading the Word of God.
Bishop	The leader of a diocese.
Ecumenism	Promoting unity among Christian Churches.
Cathedral	The main church of a diocese where the Bishop resides.
Diocese	An area under the care of a bishop.
Unity	Coming together as one.
Inspired	To be moved to do or create something.

Key Knowledge and Learning

Know that Christ inaugurates the proclamation of the Good News using Isaiah.

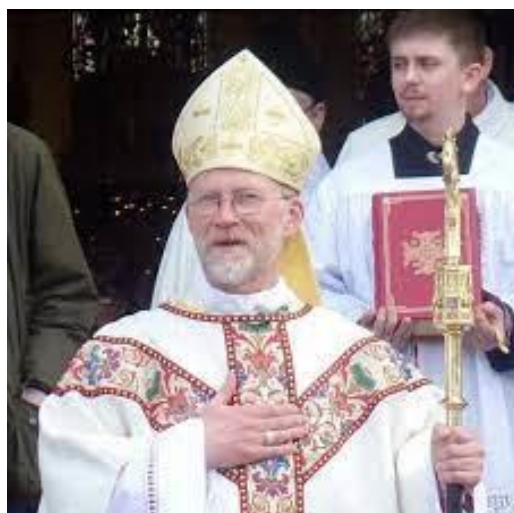
Know how the apostles share in Christ's mission.

Know the prayer for unity in John's Gospel.

Know some of the people, places and actions of a diocese.

Know that the bishop is the successor of the apostles and continues the mission of Christ.

Know that Christian unity is called ecumenism.



Questions of meaning and purpose:

What inspires people in their mission?

What are the joys of engaging in mission?

What are the demands of engaging in a mission?

Why are some people self-less and want to help others?