

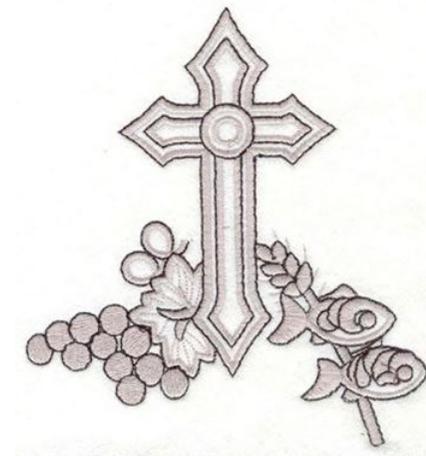
When you want to plan a moment of prayer together (commonly described as Collective Worship) it is often hard to choose the right piece of Scripture, or to know where to look.

- The suggestions given here give some references which you might find useful. There will be lots of other references which will be just as good.
- Remember that the Word of God **must** be proclaimed at every act of formal prayer together (Collective Worship). Finding appropriate readings takes time and sometimes it is too easy to stay with the same readings. That is why there are sometimes several readings suggested for a particular theme or feast.
- It is important that we become familiar with finding our way round Scripture. Younger children will, of course, need help and often more 'child-friendly' versions of the stories but as children progress through KS2 they should be developing confidence in searching and selecting passages from the Bible when planning and leading their own acts of worship.
- Both children and adults often find the **Respond** and **Go Forth/ Mission** sections the hardest to plan for. The guidance given here is precisely that- it is **guidance** and those planning worship are free to choose other ways to respond. These are suggestions that will, hopefully, open the way to a wider range of experiences.
- It is still of vital importance that adults still lead acts of worship within their own classes in order to model good practice and to ensure that children routinely see adults engaged in worship.

Scripture Themes

Support for planning Prayer and Liturgy for
adults and children.

Spring Term 2019



Theme and Scripture	Respond	Go Forth/Mission
January The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus , which is celebrated on January 3 rd . The first eight days of January fall during the liturgical season known as Christmas which is represented by the liturgical colour white. The remaining days of January are the beginning of Ordinary Time. The liturgical colour changes to green — a symbol of the hope in the resurrection.		
6th Feast of the Epiphany Mt 2: 1-12 The Wise Men visit Jesus Is 60: 1-6 Kings shall visit you.	What gift might you bring to Jesus today? Write it and place in a big box (decorated to look like a present).	After visiting Jesus the Wise Men went home a different way. They changed direction . What changes will you make in your life today?
Sunday after Epiphany: Baptism of the Lord Mt 3: 13-17 This is my Son, the Beloved	Say the words ' <i>This is my Son/ Daughter, the Beloved, in whom I am well pleased'</i> quietly in your mind. Be happy to know this is how God thinks of you.	Ask someone at home about your Baptism or of someone else. What promises were made?
February The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family . We are in the season of Ordinary Time which is represented by the liturgical colour green. Green, the symbol of hope, is the colour of the sprouting seed and the hope of new life.		
2nd The Presentation in the Temple L 2: 22-40 The story of Simeon and Anna in the Temple	Simeon and Anna were happiest when they saw Jesus. Share a time when you were really happy. What made it so special to you?	Simeon and Anna were happiest when they saw Jesus. Do you feel happy when you are in God's presence? Take time today to spend some quiet happy time with God.
11th Our Lady of Lourdes (Patron of our Diocese) Mk. 6:53-56 Jesus heals the sick L 1: 26-38 The Annunciation L 1: 46-55 The Magnificat	Mary has lots of beautiful titles. Find a litany prayer to Mary or write one of your own to pray together: <i>Holy Mary, pray for us. Holy Mother of God, pray for us...</i>	Our Lady of Lourdes is especially loved by the sick and prays for them. Could you visit or send a card to someone who is not well?
March Ash Wednesday marks beginning of Lent . The liturgical colour changes to purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.		
6th Ash Wednesday This feast is most likely to be celebrated in church or as a school mass.		

17th St Patrick L 10:1-12 Go out to preach and heal Acts 13:46-49 I have made you a light for the Gentiles	St Patrick describes himself as being like a stone, lying in the mud, which God lifted up and placed at the very top of the wall. Choose a stone. Know that God has chosen you for some special work. Can you imagine what this might be? When you have thought of something place the stones back in a pile. Can you still see your stone? We all work together to build the Kingdom of God.	Say this prayer together: <i>"God has created me to do some special work for him. He has given some work to me which he has not given to anyone else. I have my mission. He has not created me for a reason. I shall do good, and I shall do his work."</i> (Adapted from Blessed John Henry Newman.)
19th St Joseph Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 The angel comes to Joseph in a dream	The angel gave Joseph the courage to trust Mary and to do God's will. Take a pair of wings and write on it something that may be troubling you.	Take your angel wings home with you. Put them under your pillow each night. Pray for God's love to help you with whatever troubles you.
25th The Annunciation L 1: 26-38 The Angel Gabriel appears to Mary.	Say a decade of the Rosary: The first Joyful Mystery – The Annunciation	Sing: " <i>Holy Virgin, by God's decree</i> " or another hymn to Mary.
April The month of April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit . The entire month falls during the Easter season. The liturgical colour is white — the colour of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence.		
14th Palm Sunday L 19: 28-40 Jesus rides into Jerusalem.	Stand in a conscience alley. Choose one person to walk between as Jesus. As he walks between you call out words of praise and glory.	Sing: " <i>Give me joy in my heart Keep me praising</i> ". Find something today to praise God for- it might be a friend or the sight of something beautiful.
18th Maundy Thursday Jn 13: 1-15 Jesus washes the disciples' feet	Jesus was showing his friends how to be the perfect role model. Who do you look up to as someone who puts others first?	What can you do for someone else today to show that you are not too proud to serve others? Take Jesus as your role model.
23rd St George Jn 15:18-21 If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you too.	St. George was prepared to stand up for his beliefs. What would you be prepared to stand up for? Write it on the back of a flag of St. George. Say a prayer for people in the world who suffer because of their faith.	Take your flag home. Put it somewhere where you can be reminded of what you want to stand up for. Share this message with people at home.