

THEMES & TOPICS	EARLY YEARS 1 & 2	YEAR 1 & FS 1	YEAR 2 & FS 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
<b>Domestic church family</b>	<b>Myself</b> God knows and loves each one	<b>Families</b> God's love and care for every family	<b>Beginnings</b> God at every beginning	<b>Homes</b> God's dream for every family	<b>People</b> The family of God in Scripture	<b>Ourselves</b> Created in the image & likeness of God	<b>Loving</b> God who never stops loving
<b>Baptism/confirmation belonging</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Baptism; a welcome to God's family	<b>Belonging</b> Baptism an invitation to belong to God's family	<b>Signs &amp; symbols</b> Signs & symbols in Baptism	<b>Promises</b> Promises made at Baptism	<b>Called</b> Confirmation: a call to witness	<b>Life choices</b> Marriage commitment and service	<b>Vocation &amp; commitment</b> The vocation of priesthood and religious life
<b>Advent/Christmas loving</b>	<b>Birthday</b> Looking forward to Jesus' birthday	<b>Waiting</b> Advent a time to look forward to Christmas	<b>Preparations</b> Advent; preparing to celebrate Christmas	<b>Visitors</b> Advent: waiting for the coming of Jesus	<b>Gift</b> God's gift of love & friendship in Jesus	<b>Hope</b> Advent; waiting in joyful hope for Jesus; the promised one	<b>Expectations</b> Jesus born to show God to the world
<b>Local church community</b>	<b>Celebrating</b> People celebrate in Church	<b>Special people</b> People in the parish family	<b>Books</b> The books used in Church	<b>Journeys</b> Christian family's journey with Jesus	<b>Community</b> life in the local Christian community: ministries in the parish	<b>Mission</b> Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese [ecumenism]	<b>Sources</b> The Bible, the special book for the Church
<b>Eucharist relating</b>	<b>Gathering</b> The parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist	<b>Meals</b> Mass; Jesus' special meal	<b>Thanksgiving</b> Mass a special time for saying thank you to God for everything, especially Jesus	<b>Listening &amp; sharing</b> Jesus gives himself to us in a special way	<b>Giving &amp; receiving</b> Living in communion	<b>Memorial sacrifice</b> The Eucharist the living memorial of Jesus' sacrifice	<b>Unity</b> Eucharist enables people to live in communion.
<b>Lent/Easter giving</b>	<b>Growing</b> Looking forward to Easter	<b>Change</b> Lent a time for change	<b>Opportunities</b> Lent; an opportunity to start anew in order to celebrate Jesus' new life	<b>Giving all</b> Lent a time to remember Jesus' total giving	<b>Self discipline</b> Celebrating growth to new life	<b>Sacrifice</b> Lent a time of aligning with the sacrifice already made by Jesus	<b>Death &amp; new life</b> Celebrating Jesus' death & resurrection
<b>Pentecost serving</b>	<b>Good News</b> Passing on the Good news of Jesus	<b>Holidays &amp; holydays</b> Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit	<b>Spread the word</b> Pentecost a time to spread the Good News	<b>Energy</b> Gifts of the Holy Spirit	<b>New life</b> To hear & live the Easter message	<b>Transformation</b> Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power	<b>Witnesses</b> The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses
<b>Reconciliation Inter-relating</b>	<b>Friends</b> Friends of Jesus	<b>Being sorry</b> God helps us to choose well Sacrament of Reconciliation	<b>Rules</b> Reasons for rules in the Christian family Sacrament of Reconciliation	<b>Choices</b> The importance of examination of conscience Sacrament of Reconciliation	<b>Building bridges</b> Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and each other Sacrament of Reconciliation	<b>Freedom &amp; responsibility</b> Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible	<b>Healing</b> Sacrament of the Sick
<b>Universal Church world</b>	<b>Our world</b> God's wonderful world	<b>Neighbours</b> Neighbours share God's world	<b>Treasures</b> God's treasure; the world	<b>Special places</b> Holy places for Jesus & the Christian	<b>God's people</b> Different saints show people what God is like	<b>Stewardship</b> The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation	<b>Common good</b> Work of the worldwide Christian family



**SUGGESTED 'BIG QUESTIONS'**

<b>Domestic church family</b>	<b>Myself</b> Why am I precious?	<b>Families</b> Why do we have a family and who is my family?	<b>Beginnings</b> Who made the world and everything in it?	<b>Homes</b> What makes a house a home?	<b>People</b> Where do I come from?	<b>Ourselves</b> Who am I?	<b>Loving</b> Do you have to earn love?
<b>Baptism/confirmation belonging</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Why is welcome important?	<b>Belonging</b> What does it mean to belong?	<b>Signs &amp; symbols</b> Are signs & symbols important?	<b>Promises</b> Why make promises?	<b>Called</b> What does it mean to be called and chosen?	<b>Life choices</b> Is commitment important?	<b>Vocation &amp; commitment</b> What is commitment in life?
<b>Advent/Christmas loving</b>	<b>Birthday</b> Why do we celebrate Birthdays?	<b>Waiting</b> Is waiting always difficult?	<b>Preparations</b> Do we need to prepare?	<b>Visitors</b> Are visitors always welcome?	<b>Gift</b> What's so special about gifts?	<b>Hope</b> What does it mean to live in hope?	<b>Expectations</b> Should we have expectations in life?
<b>Local church community</b>	<b>Celebrating</b> What and why do people celebrate?	<b>Special people</b> What makes a person special?	<b>Books</b> Why do we need books?	<b>Journeys</b> Is life a journey?	<b>Community</b> What makes 'community'?	<b>Mission</b> Do we all have a mission in life?	<b>Sources</b> Are books enriching?
<b>Eucharist relating</b>	<b>Gathering</b> Why do people gather together?	<b>Meals</b> What makes some meals special?	<b>Thanksgiving</b> Why should we be grateful people?	<b>Listening &amp; sharing</b> What's so important about listening and sharing?	<b>Giving &amp; receiving</b> What's more important - giving or receiving?	<b>Memorial sacrifice</b> Why do we need memories?	<b>Unity</b> Why are we happiest when we are united?
<b>Lent/Easter giving</b>	<b>Growing</b> How and why do things grow?	<b>Change</b> How and why do things change?	<b>Opportunities</b> How does each day offer opportunities for good?	<b>Giving all</b> What makes some people give everything for other people?	<b>Self discipline</b> Is self-discipline important in life?	<b>Sacrifice</b> Why do we need to make sacrifices?	<b>Death &amp; new life</b> Can any good come out of loss and death?
<b>Pentecost serving</b>	<b>Good News</b> What is good news?	<b>Holidays &amp; holydays</b> Do we need holidays and holydays?	<b>Spread the word</b> Why should we spread Good News?	<b>Energy</b> What's the use of energy?!	<b>New life</b> What's so important about new life?	<b>Transformation</b> How can energy transform?	<b>Witnesses</b> What do I want to witness to in my life?
<b>Reconciliation Inter-relating</b>	<b>Friends</b> Is it good to have friends?	<b>Being sorry</b> Why should we be sorry?	<b>Rules</b> Do we need rules?	<b>Choices</b> What helps me to choose well?	<b>Building bridges</b> Why are bridge-builders important in life?	<b>Freedom &amp; responsibility</b> How do rules bring freedom?	<b>Healing</b> Who needs healing?
<b>Universal Church world</b>	<b>Our world</b> What makes our world so wonderful?	<b>Neighbours</b> Who is my neighbour?	<b>Treasures</b> Is the world a treasure?	<b>Special places</b> What makes a place special?	<b>God's people</b> Why do some people do extraordinary things?	<b>Stewardship</b> Can I be a steward of creation?	<b>Common good</b> How can we work together to build a just and fair world?