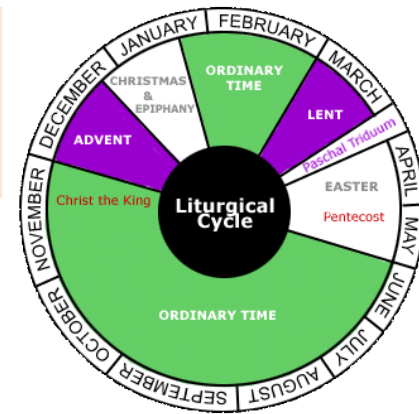




the DIOCESE of EAST ANGLIA

Welcome back to a new term and 2023! We hope that you had blessed and holy Christmases filled with the peace of Christ! Having just started a **new Liturgical Year** at the beginning of Advent, we are not far into the new Church year either.



Changes of Season:

As we return to school, we will have our prayer cloths **white** as we will still be in the **season of Christmas!** White symbolises innocence, purity, victory and joy and is used for joyful and glorious occasions including Jesus, Mary the angels and the saints!

Monday 9th January 2023: We move back into the season of **Ordinary Time**. Our prayer cloths will be **green** to reflect our growth, hope and life in the Lord.

Wednesday 23rd February 2023: We will enter into **Lent** where our cloths will be **purple** to reflect this season of preparation and penance.

Key Dates (holy days of obligation in addition to Sundays are in bold*):

6/1/23 – Solemnity of the Epiphany – whole school Mass in church at 9:30am

8/1/23 – Feast of the Baptism of our Lord

2/2/23 – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

22/2/23 – Ash Wednesday – whole school Mass in church at 9:30am

25/3/23 – Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

2/4/23 – Palm Sunday

w/c 3/4 – Holy Week

7/4/23 – Good Friday

9/4/23 – Easter Sunday

16/4/23 – Divine Mercy Sunday

**If the holy day of obligation falls on a Saturday or Sunday, it is transferred to the nearest Sunday.*

RE in school: Our Gospel values this term are **Generosity** and **Peace** for Spring 1 and **Wisdom** and **Happiness (Joy)** for Spring 2.

This term in our classes, we will be exploring:

EYFS: Getting to Know Jesus, Sorrow and Joy, Lent: Growing & Giving

KS1: Families & Celebrations, Prayer, Lent: Giving

LKS2: Jesus the Teacher, Jesus the Saviour, Prayer

UKS2: Jesus: Bread of Life, Jesus: Son of God, Prayer

On Wednesday 14th December, the diocese of East Anglia had a new Bishop 'installed': Bishop Peter Collins. A group from school were lucky enough to attend and even received Holy Communion from him! Let us keep him in our prayers as he starts his new 'shepherding' of our diocese.

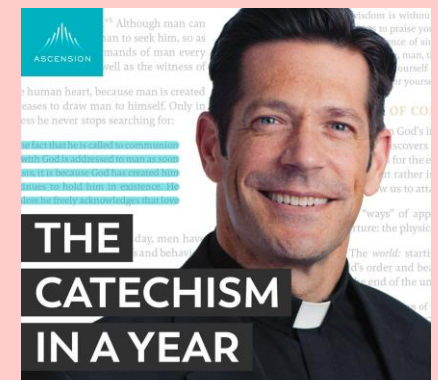


Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI 1927 – 2022

Requiescat in Pace

May we be inspired by his last words to live lives inspired by Christ's true love and the Gospel Values. Amen.

Attention wonderful adults! If you've ever wondered what on Earth the Catholic Church is about (whether Catholic or not!), Fr Mike Schmitz is starting a **'The Catechism in a Year'** podcast. He will go through key Church teachings and explain them in an accessible way. It can be found on YouTube, any podcast apps you use or the Hallow app. Happy learning! (He has also done a Bible in a Year podcast if you'd like to explore more there too.)



Let us pray... Lord, thank you for the gift of community. May we start this new year together in a spirit of generosity in peace: listening with open ears and open hearts so that we can learn and grow together as one. Amen.