



Seeds of Faith

Pilot Resource Pack: 6th Class

Archdiocese of Dublin

August 2023



'Pope Francis reminds us that the first proclamation that must ring out over and over in our religious education is that, "Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you."'

(Catholic Preschool and Primary Religious Education Curriculum for Ireland, 2015, p. 9, Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 164).



Introduction

The *Catholic Preschool and Primary Religious Education Curriculum for Ireland* (2015) and the *Grow in Love* Religious Education Programme are the foundation documents for the *Seeds of Faith*, Sixth Class, pilot programme. Parishes will undertake this pilot programme in five areas of the Dublin Diocese beginning in September /October 2023 and will complete it in June 2024. The children who participate in this programme are children of families who seek religious education for their Catholic children who attend schools other than Catholic Schools.

Children who will participate in this pilot programme will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024.

The appointed teacher will teach *Seeds of Faith* on a weekly basis from the *Grow in Love* Teacher Manual on a pilot base. *Seeds of Faith* will be accessible in booklet form for the teachers' use.

Parish Provision of Resources

- To provide a Sixth Class *Grow in Love* Teacher Manual which includes a CD, a set of posters and an access code to the online resources for each teacher.
- To provide a *Grow in Love*, Sixth Class Children's textbook for each child partaking in *Seeds of Faith*.
- To provide a *Seeds of Faith* booklet for each teacher. *Seeds of Faith*, Sixth Class booklet will be printed in two shades of green similar to the *Grow in Love* colour code.
- To provide material for the prayer space, including a copy of The Catholic Children's Bible, St Mary's Press, as outlined in each theme of *Grow in Love*

Initial Note

The Children's *Grow in Love* textbook includes thirty-five lessons which follows the liturgical year and accompanied by individual lesson plans, accessible in the *Grow in Love* Teacher Manual. The Primary Diocesan Advisors in the Education Secretariat will take added responsibility with their existing role, for overseeing *Seeds of Faith* and for training teachers initially for this role. They will also provide ongoing in-service and advise them in their work. The Education Secretariat will collaborate with the Diocesan policy on 'Accompanying Families' in the parish.

Seeds of Faith provides thirty-five lessons based on the *Grow in Love* programme. The parish will provide for twenty-eight of these weeks.

Seeds of Faith offers parents/guardians an opportunity to take their role as the primary educators of their children.



It proposes that the parents/ guardians in collaboration with the parish will engage with their children in seven lessons throughout the year in addition to the twenty-eight lessons taught at parish level. These seven lessons will take place at a face-to-face meeting, a Zoom meeting, or during an agreed time during the liturgical year. Such meetings will provide an additional opportunity for parental support using digital/online resources to pray with families and enhance faith practice.

In-service to Religious Educators

The Primary Diocesan Advisors will provide regular in-service and accompaniment to the teachers, parents/guardians and other partners if requested, on the *Catholic Preschool and Primary Religious Education Curriculum for Ireland (2015)*, the *Grow in Love* Religious Education Programme and *Seeds of Faith*.

Assessment and Evaluation

Regular assessment and evaluation, in consultation with trained Diocesan Advisors for Religious Education will take place, to ensure relevance and accountability to parents/guardians and Church authorities. Such assessment will ensure that Religious Education meets the criteria outlined in the *Catholic Preschool and Primary Religious Education Curriculum for Ireland (2015)*.

Layout

Seeds of Faith resource provides:

- The weekly outline of the lessons which correspond to the lessons in the *Grow in Love* Children's textbook for Sixth Class.
- The weekly Scripture texts (from *The Catholic Children's Bible*, St. Mary's Press, 1993) for thirty-five weeks.
- The additional relevant stories from the *Grow in Love* programme which are required for the thirty-five weeks.
- The Formal Prayers and the Prayers for the Mass.



The suggested structure of each week is as follows.

- Gather and Come: Greet one another, settle and focus on the prayer space.
- Recap and Share: After week one, this will be based on the previous 'AT HOME' section in the *Grow in Love* Children's textbook.
- Prayer: Begin with prayer.
- Scripture: Read and reflect on the assigned scripture, preferably from the Bible.
- IN CLASS: This is from the children's *Grow in Love* textbook.
- AT HOME: This also comes from the children's *Grow in Love* textbook. This 'AT HOME' page is the task of the parents/guardians to accompany their child in faith.
- Gather and Go: This provides the opportunity to remind the children of what the religious educator taught in class and the 'AT HOME' page. Each lesson will conclude with prayer and carefully tidy away the prayer space.

Week 1:

Beginning Our New School Year



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

N/A First Lesson

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father

Scripture

Isaiah 41: 10, God's Assurance to Israel

IN CLASS

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AT HOME

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Gather & Go

Week 2:

We Are Made in God's Image



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.9, Beginning Our New School Year

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Liturgy of the Word: Thanks be to God

Scripture

Genesis 1: 27-28, The Creation of Human Beings

IN CLASS

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AT HOME

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Gather & Go

Week 3:

We Communicate with God through Our Prayer



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p. 13, We Are Made in God's Image

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
- Morning Prayer/Night Prayer

Scripture

Luke 11: 1-10, Jesus' Teaching on Prayer

IN CLASS

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AT HOME

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Gather & Go

Week 4:

The Bible Is the Word of God



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p. 17, We Communicate with God through Our Prayer

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
- Morning Prayer/Night Prayer
- An Phaidir
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before/After the Gospel

Scripture

Psalm 119: 105, Light from the Law of the Lord
Matthew 4:4, The Temptation of Jesus

IN CLASS

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AT HOME

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Gather & Go

Week 5:

God Speaks to Us through Creation



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p. 21, The Bible Is the Word of God

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
- Morning Prayer/Night Prayer
- An Phaidir
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before/After the Gospel
- Act of Faith

Scripture

Genesis 1: 1-23, 2: 1-3, The Story of Creation

IN CLASS

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AT HOME

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Gather & Go

Week 6:

The Story of Adam and Eve



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p. 25, God Speaks to Us through Creation

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
- Morning Prayer/Night Prayer
- An Phaidir
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before/After the Gospel
- Act of Faith
- The Prayer of St. Francis

Scripture

Genesis 3: 1-13, Adam and Eve Disobey God

IN CLASS

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AT HOME

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Gather & Go

Week 7:

Jesus Invites Us to Use Our Gifts



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p. 29, The Story of Adam and Eve

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
- Morning Prayer/Night Prayer
- An Phaidir
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before/After the Gospel
- Act of Faith
- The Prayer of St. Francis

Scripture

Matthew 25: 14-29, Parable of the Three Servants

IN CLASS

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Gather & Go

Week 8:

Jesus Calls Us to Forgive



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p. 33, Jesus Invites Us to Use Our Gifts

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
- Morning Prayer/Night Prayer
- An Phaidir
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before/After the Gospel
- Act of Faith
- The Prayer of St. Francis
- Act of Sorrow
- Prayer for Forgiveness

Scripture

Matthew 18: 21-35, Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

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Gather & Go

Week 9: Preparing for Eternal Life



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p. 37, Jesus Calls Us to Forgive

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
- Morning Prayer/Night Prayer
- An Phaidir
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before/After the Gospel
- Act of Faith
- The Prayer of St. Francis
- Act of Sorrow
- Prayer for Forgiveness
- Prayer for those who have died
- Prayer of Commendation

Scripture

Matthew 25: 1-13, Parable of the Ten Young Women

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Gather & Go

Week 10:

Jesus Shows Us the Way



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

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Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
- Morning Prayer/Night Prayer
- An Phaidir
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before/After the Gospel
- Act of Faith
- The Prayer of St. Francis
- Act of Sorrow
- Prayer for Forgiveness
- Prayer for those who have died
- Prayer of Commendation
- Prayer to Guardian Angel

Scripture

John 14: 6-12, Jesus, the Way to the Father

IN CLASS

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AT HOME

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Gather & Go

Week 11:

Islam (I) Muhammed, the Qur'an and the 99 Names of Allah



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p. 41, Jesus Shows Us the Way

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
- Morning Prayer/Night Prayer
- An Phaidir
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before/After the Gospel
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- Act of Sorrow
- Prayer for Forgiveness
- Prayer for those who have died
- Prayer of Commendation
- Prayer to Guardian Angel

Scripture

Luke 1: 26-38, The Birth of Jesus is Announced

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Gather & Go

Week 12:

Advent: We Prepare to Welcome Our Saviour



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.137, Islam (l) Muhammed, the Qur'an and the 99 Names of Allah

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before/After the Gospel
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- Act of Sorrow
- Prayer for Forgiveness
- Prayer for those who have died
- Prayer of Commendation
- Prayer to Guardian Angel
- Magnificat

Scripture

Isaiah 9:6-7, The Future King,
Isaiah 11:1, The Peaceful Kingdom

IN CLASS

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AT HOME

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Gather & Go

Week 13:

We Celebrate the Birth of Jesus



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p. 45, Advent: We Prepare to Welcome Our Saviour

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
- Morning Prayer/Night Prayer
- An Phaidir
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before/After the Gospel
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- Act of Sorrow
- Prayer for Forgiveness
- Prayer for those who have died
- Prayer of Commendation
- Prayer to Guardian Angel
- Magnificat
- Prayers Before and After Holy Communion

Scripture

**Micah 5:2-5, God Promises a Ruler from Bethlehem,
Matthew 2:1-2,9-12, Visitors from the East**

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Gather & Go

Week 14:

We Are Called to treat Others Fairly



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p. 49, We Celebrate the Birth of Jesus

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
- Morning Prayer/Night Prayer
- An Phaidir
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before/After the Gospel
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- Act of Sorrow
- Prayer for Forgiveness
- Prayer for those who have died
- Prayer of Commendation
- Prayer to Guardian Angel
- Magnificat
- Prayers Before and After Holy Communion
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful
- Mission Prayer

Scripture

Luke 10: 30-35, Parable of the Good Samaritan

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Gather & Go

Week 15:

We Are Called to Care for the Earth



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p. 53, We Are Called to treat Others Fairly

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
- Morning Prayer/Night Prayer
- An Phaidir
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before/After the Gospel
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- Act of Sorrow
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- Prayer of Commendation
- Prayer to Guardian Angel
- Magnificat
- Prayers Before and After Holy Communion
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful
- Mission Prayer
- Prayer for the Earth

Scripture

Luke 16: 19-31, Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

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Gather & Go

Week 16:

St. Brigid and Other Women of Faith



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.57, We Are Called to Care for the Earth

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
- Morning Prayer/Night Prayer
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- Prayer of Commendation
- Prayer to Guardian Angel
- Magnificat
- Prayers Before and After Holy Communion
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful
- Mission Prayer
- Prayer for the Earth
- Brigid's Blessing

Scripture

1 Samuel 1:9-13, 17-19, Hannah and Eli,
1 Samuel 2:1,2, Hannah's Prayer

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Week 17:

Lent: A Time of Repentance and Reconciliation



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

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Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
- Morning Prayer/Night Prayer
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- Prayer of Commendation
- Prayer to Guardian Angel
- Magnificat
- Prayers Before and After Holy Communion
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful
- Mission Prayer
- Prayer for the Earth
- Brigid's Blessing
- Prayers from the Mass: Communion Rite: Agnus Dei

Scripture

**John 1:6-9, John the Baptist,
Matthew 3:1-2, 4-6, 11, The Preaching of John the Baptist,
John 1:29-31, Jesus, the Lamb of God**

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Week 18:

The Church Is a Family



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.129, Lent: A Time of Repentance and Reconciliation

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful
- Mission Prayer
- Prayer for the Earth
- Brigid's Blessing
- Prayers from the Mass: Communion Rite: Agnus Dei

Scripture

1 Corinthians 13:4-8, Love

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Week 19:

Together We Make A Difference



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p. 61, The Church Is a Family

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
- Morning Prayer/Night Prayer
- An Phaidir
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- Mission Prayer
- Prayer for the Earth
- Brigid's Blessing
- Prayers from the Mass: Communion Rite: Agnus Dei

Scripture

**Matthew 28:16-18, Jesus Appears to His Disciples,
Acts 4:32-35, The Believers Share Their Possessions**

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Gather & Go

Week 20:

Christian Marriage



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.65, Together We Make a Difference

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
- Morning Prayer/Night Prayer
- An Phaidir
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- Prayer to Guardian Angel
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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful
- Mission Prayer
- Prayer for the Earth
- Brigid's Blessing
- Prayers from the Mass: Communion Rite: Agnus Dei
- Act of Love

Scripture

Ruth 1:1-17, The Story of Ruth,
John 2:7-10, The Wedding Feast Gather and Go at Cana

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Week 21:

Other Traditions in the Christian Family



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

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Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
- Morning Prayer/Night Prayer
- An Phaidir
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- Magnificat
- Prayers Before and After Holy Communion
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful
- Mission Prayer
- Prayer for the Earth
- Brigid's Blessing
- Prayers from the Mass: Communion Rite: Agnus Dei
- The Angelus

Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:12, 15-16, 18-20, 25-27, One Body with Many Parts

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Week 22:

We Remember the Passion and Death of Jesus



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.73, Other Traditions in the Christian Family

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
- Morning Prayer/Night Prayer
- An Phaidir
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before/After the Gospel
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- Prayer for Forgiveness
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- Prayer of Commendation
- Prayer to Guardian Angel
- Magnificat
- Prayers Before and After Holy Communion
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful
- Mission Prayer
- Prayer for the Earth
- Brigid's Blessing
- Prayers from the Mass: Communion Rite: Agnus Dei
- The Angelus
- We adore you, O Christ and we praise you...because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world

Scripture

**Matthew 26:47-53, Jesus Eats the Passover Meal with his Disciples,
Luke 22: 47-53, The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus,
Mark 15:16-47, Jesus is Mocked and Crucified**

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Week 23:

Our Reason to Hope



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.77, We Remember the Passion and Death of Jesus

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
- Morning Prayer/Night Prayer
- An Phaidir
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before/After the Gospel
- Act of Faith
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- Magnificat
- Prayers Before and After Holy Communion
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful
- Mission Prayer
- Prayer for the Earth
- Brigid's Blessing
- Prayers from the Mass: Communion Rite: Agnus Dei
- The Angelus
- We adore you, O Christ and we praise you...because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world
- Act of Hope

Scripture

John 21:1-14, "Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples"

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Week 24:

St. Patrick



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

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Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
- Morning Prayer/Night Prayer
- An Phaidir
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before/After the Gospel
- Act of Faith
- The Prayer of St. Francis
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- Mission Prayer
- Prayer for the Earth
- Brigid's Blessing
- Prayers from the Mass: Communion Rite: Agnus Dei
- The Angelus
- We adore you, O Christ and we praise you...because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world
- Patrick's Breastplate

Scripture

John 21: 15-17, Jesus and Peter

IN CLASS

St Patrick and King Laoghaire

AT HOME

Discuss St Patrick

Gather & Go

Week 24:

St. Patrick



St Patrick

God asked St Patrick to return to Ireland and spread the message about Christianity throughout the country. At that time Ireland was a pagan country ruled by Celtic druids and a High King called Laoghaire, who lived in Tara, County Meath. The Celtic people had their own laws and customs and worshipped pagan gods. In the beginning St Patrick's words fell on deaf ears. The Celtic people didn't want to hear about God, and the druids felt threatened by what St Patrick had to say. But Patrick was brave and determined and he continued with his preaching. The Celtic feast of Bealtaine (The Feast of Fires) was a major festival to celebrate the beginning of summer and the triumph over dark powers. Traditionally, Ireland's High King would light a fire on the top of the Hill of Tara at this time, and this fire would then be used to light all other fires. So, when St Patrick lit a fire on the Hill of Slane to mark the Christian celebration of the Resurrection at Easter, in advance of High King Laoghaire lighting his fire, the High King was not happy. The Hill of Slane could be seen from the Hill of Tara. So Laoghaire sent the druids to investigate, and they reported back that St Patrick's fire had magical powers because they could not put it out. They warned that if the King did not extinguish Patrick's fire, it would burn forever. King Laoghaire couldn't extinguish the fire, so he sent for St Patrick. He was very impressed with what St Patrick told him about God, about the Trinity, and about how God sent Jesus to show us how to live and how to love, and he converted to Christianity. He gave Patrick permission to travel freely throughout Ireland doing his missionary work, and gradually the people of Ireland became Christians. St Patrick was clever. When he was teaching about Christianity, he often began by linking his teaching to existing Celtic customs. For example, St Patrick knew that the shamrock was already a sacred plant to the Celts, so he used it to teach about the mystery of the Trinity – that there are Three Persons in the one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He held a shamrock high and said, 'Do you see how this shamrock has three leaves that are united on one stalk? In the same way, the Three Persons of the Trinity are united in one God?'

(From 5th Class GIL)

Week 25:

At Mass We Give Thanks



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

St Patrick

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
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- Brigid's Blessing
- Prayers from the Mass: Communion Rite: Agnus Dei
- The Angelus
- We adore you, O Christ and we praise you...because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world
- Patrick's Breastplate
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist- as far as Preface Dialogue

Scripture

Psalm 100: 1-5, Sing to the Lord, all the world!

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Week 26:

At Mass We Remember



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

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Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer for Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: After the Readings
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Comhartha na Croise: In ainm an Athar, agus an Mhic, agus an Spioraid Naoimh. Áiméan.

Glory be to the Father: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Glóir don Athair: Glóir don Athair, agus don Mhac, agus don Spiorad Naomh, Mar a bhí ó thús, mar atá anois agus mar a bheas go brách, le saol na saol. Áiméan.

Morning Prayer: Father in heaven, you love me, You're with me night and day. I want to love you always In all I do and say. I'll try to please you, Father. Bless me through the day. Amen.

Night Prayer: God, our Father, I come to say Thank you for your love today. Thank you for my family, And all the friends you give to me. Guard me in the dark of night, And in the morning send your light. Amen.

Grace before Meals: Bless us, O God, as we sit together. Bless the food we eat today. Bless the hands that made the food. Bless us, O God. Amen.

Grace after Meals: Thank you, God, for the food we have eaten. Thank you, God, for all our friends. Thank you, God, for everything. Thank you, God. Amen.

Prayer to Guardian Angel: Angel sent by God to guide me, Be my light and walk beside me; Be my guardian and protect me; On the paths of life direct me. Amen.

Our Father: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

An Phaidir: Ár nAthair, ata ar neamh, Go naofar d'ainm, Go dtaga do ríocht, Go ndéantar do thoil ar an talamh Mar a dhéantar ar neamh. Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn inniu, Agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha, Mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna féin, Agus ná lig sinn in gcathú, Ach saor sinn ó olc. Áiméan.

Hail Mary: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Sé do Bheatha, a Mhuire: Sé do bheatha, a Mhuire, Atá lán de ghrásta, Tá an Tiarna leat. Is beannaithe thú idir mhná, Agus is beannaithe toradh do bhroinne, Íosa. A Naomh Mhuire, a mháthair Dé, Guigh orainn, na peacaigh, Anois agus ar uair ár mbáis. Áiméan.



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Hail, Holy Queen: Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears! Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

Prayer to the Trinity: Praise to the Father, Praise to the Son, Praise to the Spirit, The Three in One.

Prayers to the Holy Spirit: Holy Spirit, I want to do what is right. Help me. Holy Spirit, I want to live like Jesus. Guide me. Holy Spirit, I want to pray like Jesus. Teach me.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. Enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, And you shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who has taught the hearts of the faithful By the light of the Holy Spirit, Grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise And ever to rejoice in his consolation, Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Act of Faith: O my God, I believe in you and in all that your holy Church teaches because you have said it and your Word is true. You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. You are my Lord and my God. Lord, I believe; increase my faith. Amen.

Act of Hope: O my God, I put my hope in you because I am sure of your promises. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil and grant us peace in our day, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Act of Love: O my God, I love you with all my heart, with all my soul, and with all my strength. Lord, increase our love. Help us to love one another. Amen.

The Angelus: The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary ... And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary ... Behold the handmaid of the Lord ... Be it done unto me according to thy Word. Hail Mary ... And the Word was made flesh ... And dwelt among us. Hail Mary ... Pray for us, O holy Mother of God ... That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Lord, fill our hearts with your love, and as you revealed to us by an angel the coming of your Son as man, so lead us through his suffering and death to the glory of his resurrection, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



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Care for the Earth: God, our Creator, you have given us the earth, and the sky and the seas. Show us how to care for the earth, not just for today but for ages to come. Let no plan or work of ours damage or destroy the beauty of your creation. Send forth your Spirit to direct us to care for the earth and all creation.

Prayer on Opening the Bible: Bless me, O God, so that in opening this Bible I may open my mind and heart To your Word. May it nourish me As it nourished Jesus. Amen.

Prayer on Closing the Bible: Bless me, O God, so that in closing this Bible I may enclose your Word In my heart and in my mind As Jesus enclosed it in his. Amen.

Apostles' Creed: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



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Nicene Creed: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Benedictus (Song of Zechariah): Let us praise the Lord, the God of Israel! He has come to the help of his people and has set them free. He has provided for us a mighty Saviour, a descendent of his servant David. He promised through his holy prophets long ago that he would save us from our enemies, from the power of all those who hate us. He said he would show mercy to our ancestors and remember his sacred covenant. With a solemn oath to our ancestor Abraham he promised to rescue us from our enemies and allow us to serve him without fear, so that we might be holy and righteous before him all the days of our life.

You, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High God. You will go ahead of the Lord to prepare his road for him, to tell his people that they will be saved by having their sins forgiven. Our God is merciful and tender. He will cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on us and to shine from heaven on all those who live in the dark shadow of death, to guide our steps into the path of peace.



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The Magnificat: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant, and from this day all generations will call me blessed. The Almighty has done great things for me: holy is his name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and has sent the rich away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

The Memorare: Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come. Before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Prayer for those who have died: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

Prayer of Commendation: To you, O Lord, we commend the soul of (name) your servant; in the sight of this world he/she is now dead; in your sight may he/she live for ever. Forgive whatever sins he/she committed through human weakness and in your goodness grant him/her everlasting peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of St Francis: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

St Patrick's Breastplate: Christ be with me, Christ be beside me, Christ be before me, Christ be behind me, Christ be at my right hand, Christ be at my left hand, Christ be with me wherever I go, Christ be my friend, for ever and ever. Amen.

Act of Sorrow: O my God, I thank you for loving me. I am sorry for all my sins; for not loving others and not loving you. Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again. Amen.



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Prayer for Forgiveness: O my God, help me to remember the times when I didn't live as Jesus asked me to. Help me to be sorry and to try again. Amen.

Prayer after Forgiveness: O my God, thank you for forgiving me. Help me to love others. Help me to live as Jesus asked me to. Amen.

Prayer before Holy Communion: Lord Jesus, come to me. Lord Jesus, give me your love. Lord Jesus, come to me and give me yourself.

Lord Jesus, friend of children, come to me.
Lord Jesus, you are my Lord and my God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer after Holy Communion: Lord Jesus, I love and adore you. You're a special friend to me. Welcome, Lord Jesus, O welcome, Thank you for coming to me.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, O thank you For giving yourself to me. Make me strong to show your love Wherever I may be.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all of us children in your loving care
And bring us to heaven to live with you there.

I'm ready now, Lord Jesus, To show how much I care. I'm ready now to give your love
At home and everywhere. Amen.

Journey Prayer: Arise with me in the morning, Travel with me through each day, Welcome me on my arrival. God, be with me all the way. Amen.

Mission Prayer: May all the children In the world Share love Share friendship and live In the peace Of God's love Now and forever.

Ár bPaidir Misiúnta: Go roinne Gach páiste ar domhan Grá agus cairdeas, Agus go maire siad I síocháin ghrá Dé Anois agus choíche.

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