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**CAFOD – Assembly and Resources**

**Virtual Visits:** CAFOD have developed virtual visits so a volunteer can explore and share the work of CAFOD with your class. More details can be found <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/For-teachers/CAFOD-in-your-area>

**Free CPD from CAFOD:** supported by the British Council: Everything is Connected – Enrich school life through global learning. Enhance Catholic life and curriculum with a range of interactive teaching ideas and resources. <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/For-teachers/Connecting-Classrooms-CPD>

**Fratelli Tutti Animation:** Look out for CAFOD’s animation, reflecting upon Pope Francis’ encyclical Fratelli Tutti which will be released in January. <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Fratelli-Tutti-explained>

**Augmented Reality:** Using iPads, children can explore how children in Peru are being changemakers and making the world a better place for their local area. Download the Zappar app, scan the whole picture using the resource

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Changemakers-in-Peru> and see the pictures come to life.

**Collective Worship:** CAFOD continue to update their collective worship resources each week. <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Collective-worship-primary>

**Feast of Epiphany** PowerPoint presentation with prayers. Suitable for KS3 and KS4 assemblies.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-and-youth-resources/Secondary-collective-worship/Epiphany-liturgy>

 **Dates for the Diary**

**January** Pope’s Prayer Intention for Evangelisation:- Human Fraternity

**Tue 5**  Memorial in Staffordshire of St Charles of St Andrew

**Wed 6** Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

**Thur 7** Optional Memorial of St Raymond of Penyafort

**Sun 10** Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

**Tue 12** Optional Memorial of St Aelred of Rievaulx

**Wed 13** Optional Memorial of St Hilary

**Mon 18** Octave of Christian Unity Peace Day (Octave ends Monday 25)

**Tue 19** Feast of St Wulstan

**Wed 20** Optional Memorial of St. Fabian and St. Sebastian

**Thur 21** Memorial of St. Agnes

**Fri 22** Optional Memorial of St. Vincent

**Sun 25** Sunday of the Word of God

**Mon 25** Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

**Tue 26** Memorial of Ss Timothy and Titus

**Wed 27** Memorial in Worcestershire of Blessed Edward Oldcorne

**Thur 28** Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church

**February** Pope’s Prayer Intention: - Violence Against Women

**Tue 2** Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

**Wed 3** Memorial in Staffordshire of St Werburg

**Fri 5** Memorial of St. Agatha, Virgin

**Mon 8**  Optional Memorial of St Josephine Bakhita

**Wed 10** Memorial of St. Scholastica, Virgin

**Thur 11** Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Please note, that Lent begins on Ash Wednesday February 17 which is during half term.

For a complete list of dates, readings and colours please refer to the Archdiocese of Birmingham Ordo 2019-2020.

**“Here is the light you will reveal to the nations” Luke 2: 32**

**Popes Prayer Intentions**

**January: Intention for evangelisation – Human fraternity**

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brother and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

**February: Universal intention – Violence against women**

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

**Prayer for Candlemas**

**(Could be placed on prayer table Feb 2nd)**

God our Father,

source of all light,

today you revealed to Simeon

your light of revelation to all nations.

Bless these candles

and make them holy.

May we who carry them to praise your glory

walk in the path of goodness

and come to the path that shines forever.

Grant this though Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Roman Missal

**Christian Unity week 18th Jan – 25th Jan**

This octave of prayer is shared by Christians throughout the world. Each year the theme for the week is developed by people from a different part of the world. This year the theme is **‘Abiding in Christ.’** The resources for 2021, which are suitable for adults, were prepared for worldwide use by the churches in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen ‘**Abide in my love, and you shall bear much fruit’** is based on John 15: 1-17. <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>

**The Baptism of the Lord:** This feast commemorates the Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan by John the Baptist and it marks the end of the season of Christmas. Although Christ lived without sin and there was no need for him to be baptised, he showed us that baptism frees us from the darkness of sin and incorporates us into the Church, the life of Christ on earth. We recognise the presence of the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). His Flesh blessed the water, and the descent of the Holy Spirit (in the form of a dove) and the voice of God the Father announcing that this was His Son, in whom, He was well pleased, marked the beginning of Christ's public ministry.

[**https://bustedhalo.com/video/baptism**](https://bustedhalo.com/video/baptism) **-** This short video explores Jesus’ Baptism and makes links to the Sacrament of Baptism today. It covers the following questions; Why, exactly, do Catholics have the practice of baptising infants? What is the purpose of Baptism and who can celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism?

**Our Lady of Lourdes:** The feast of this is Thursday 11th February which is the World day for the sick. Remember all the sick of the parish in your prayers. You will find a list of their names in the Parish Bulletin. Perhaps a tutor group from each year could make cards for those who are unwell to remind them that all of their parish family are praying for them.

**Prayer Focus**

It is still the season of Christmas so the crib and all decorations should remain up until after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The cloths on prayer tables should be white and gold until Sunday 10th January when the cloths are changed to green for Ordinary time.

**Christmas:** During the season of Christmas, prayer areas should be adorned in white and gold cloths to celebrate the birth of Christ. Flowers may also be placed in the prayer space (a Poinsettia has significant symbolism). The crib would include a star, the figures of the nativity and then finally the Wise Men on Epiphany (6th January).

Symbols of baptism (cross, white garment, oil, water, light) may also be included on the *Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord*.

**Ordinary Time 1:** During this period of Ordinary Time, prayer areas will be covered in a green cloth. The figures of Mary, Joseph and Jesus in the crib can remain until February 2nd (*The Presentation of Our Lord*) and new candles which may have been blessed at Mass on this date may also be added.

**Missio**

**The Epiphany Liturgy and Blessing of the School/Classroom:** Missio have developed a KS1 and KS2 blessing which can be led by children to ask God to bless their classrooms and school, and all those who work and visit there throughout the coming year. <https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/epiphany/>

**World Day of Sick:** Celebrated on 11th February, we pray for all those who are ill and for their caregivers. Pope Francis encourages us to ask Mary to join her prayers with ours for those who are unwell and suffering. <https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/world-day-for-the-sick/>. You may wish to explore how Mission Together and Sister Sonia are putting faith into action in rural Malawi by watching a short film; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=5&v=IKaQoryBEKQ>.

**Virtual Map:** Mission Together have created a virtual map to show children and young people how we belong to the Universal Church. Navigate the globe and access film clips, prayers and resources. <https://missiontogether.org.uk/mission-together-map/>

**Staff/Tutor room Noticeboard Spring 1**

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