

**CAFOD Eyes of the world campaign for Primary and Secondary schools.**

From 31st October-12th November, more than 200 world leaders will meet in Glasgow at an event called COP26 to discuss climate change.

Join CAFOD’s campaign, ‘The eyes of the world are on us’ with your pupils to call on the Prime Minister to support the world's poorest communities affected by the climate crisis.

During this time, we pray that our world leaders will be learned and wise in the decisions they make to care for our common home.

Please visit <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Eyes-of-the-world> for prayers, activities and ideas to help fight the climate crisis

**Dates for the Diary\***

**November 2021**

**The Pope’s Prayer Intention for November:** **People who suffer with depression.**

Tue 2 All Souls Day

Wed 3 Memorial of St. Martin De Porres

Thurs 4 Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo

Mon 8 Memorial of Blessed George Napier

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Diocesan Feast)

Tue 9 Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Wed 10 Memorial of St. Leo the Great

Thurs 11 Memorial of St. Martin of Tours

Fri 12 Memorial of St. Josaphat

Mon 15 St Albert the Great

Tue 16 Memorial of St. Edmund of Abingdon

Memorial of St. Margaret of Scotland

Wed 17 Memorial of St. Hilda

Thurs 18 Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of Ss Pater & Paul

Sun 21 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (World Youth Sunday)

Mon 22 Memorial St. Cecilia

Tue 23 Memorial of St. Clement

Memorial of St. Columban

Wed 24 Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac

Thurs 25 Memorial of St. Catherine of Alexandria

Tue 30 Feast of St Andrew, Apostle

**December 2021**

**The Pope’s Prayer Intention for December:** Catechists

Wed 1 Feast of St. Edmund Campion

Fri 3 Memorial of St. Francis Xavier

Mon 6 Memorial of St. Nicholas

Tue 7 Feast of St. Ambrose

Tue 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Thurs 9 St. John Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Fri 10 Memorial in Staffordshire of St Edmund Ginnings

Mon 13 Memorial of St. Lucy

Tue 14 Memorial of St. John of the Cross

*\*For a complete list of dates, readings and colours please refer to the Archdiocese of Birmingham Ordo 2020-2021.*

*Further prayer resources can be found on https://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/*

**November-the month of the Holy Souls**

November is the month of the Holy Souls. We pray for all those who have died and are in Purgatory; that they will soon enjoy their eternal reward in heaven.

Some schools have marked this with a remembrance wall where the school and parish community are invited to tie photos and prayers on e.g. ribbons or flags of family members who have died onto the school gates/fence.

November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints. This is an opportunity for us to celebrate and pray for the lives of all Saints and Martyrs (known and unknown) throughout history.

**Prayer for All Souls**

Into your hands, God of love and all compassion, we commend our brothers and sisters in the sure hope that together with all who have died in Christ shall be united with you in your Heavenly Kingdom.

We give thanks for the blessing of life which you bestowed upon them in this life; they are signs of your goodness and our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful God, turn toward us and listen to our prayers.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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**Classroom Prayer Areas**

**Prayer Focus**

Prayer focus cloths should be green which is the Liturgical season of Ordinary Time until the season of Advent begins on Sunday 28th November when they change to purple.

November is the month of the Holy Souls in the Church’s Liturgical year.

Children can share their prayer intentions for family and friends who have died, those who have no one to pray for them and those who are bereaved.  A popular method of collecting prayer intentions is in the form of a Remembrance book or a basket in which to place the names of people on shaped paper, e.g. crosses, flowers etc. who have died. These can be placed upon the prayer area.

**Advent**

Purple is the colour used during the season of Advent; it is a colour associated with preparation. The First Sunday in Advent is also the start of the Liturgical Year and therefore you could include a ‘Happy New Year!’ banner. You can include an Advent Wreath which is a symbol of our waiting and expectation for Christ to come again.  The evergreen ring symbolises God’s everlasting love and, like a circle, it has no beginning or end.  The holly leaves represent the crown of thorns that Jesus wore at his crucifixion and the red berries are his blood. The four candles mark the four weeks of Advent, three are purple and the third week of Advent is pink.  This commemorates Gaudete Sunday which means rejoice.  Gradually build up the Nativity scene over Advent e.g. Mary and the angel, Mary and Joseph. The figure of baby Jesus should be included after Mass/assembly/prayer service in the final week of term.  You may also wish to include images which relate to your Advent fundraising. A religious Advent calendar can be shared either on the prayer area or on the interactive whiteboard. See CAFOD or Missio’s website:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-calendar>

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/advent-resources/>

For creative ideas on how to make an Advent Wreath, please check out these ideas: <https://www.catholicicing.com/adventwreaths-a-catholic-tradition/>

To find out about Christmas traditions and how Christmas is celebrated in many different countries and cultures around the world please visit: <https://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/>

A group of people kneeling on the ground with flowers in front of them

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**The God Who Speaks: Autumn 2**

“The word became a human being and,

full of grace and truth, lived among us.”

John 1:14

**Bambinelli**

Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent and is also known as Bambinelli Sunday. This is when all the children bring their Bambinelli’s (baby Jesus figures) from their Nativity scenes to St. Peter’s square to be blessed by the Pope.

Why not invite each child in school to make a Bambinelli to be blessed in Church?

You can explore ideas from other schools here: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/share-your-bambinelli-pictures>

**Travelling Crib**

Similar to a prayer bag, a ‘Travelling crib’ could be sent home during the season of Advent to each family in class to share scripture readings and prayer.

Please visit the website below for an ‘Advent Prayers around the Holy Family Crib Set booklet: <https://paxchristi.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/PrimaryHolyFamilyPray>



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Moving Wise men

Schools will be back in school before Epiphany

**CAFOD**

World gifts are a range of virtual charity gifts that can be purchased to help transform the lives of families living in poverty. Follow <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> for more details.

**Missio**

Missio have created Advent and Christmas workshop resources which can be explored here https://missio.org.uk/advent-and-christmastide/

**Staff/Tutor room Noticeboard Autumn 2**