

Year 4 Summer 2 – The Church

Key facts

- The Church is a family of believers.
- The Church is "good news" for people.
- The sacraments help people to live a good life.
- The church's year is different from the calendar year. It begins with Advent . The other main times of the Church's year are Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Ordinary time.
- The Communion of Saints is made up of all people who place their hope in Jesus and belong to Him through Baptism. It includes those who have already died and those still alive.
- Jesus passed on His mission to His followers.
- God calls people to follow Him.
- Mary is the Mother of the Church — our example and helper.



Key vocabulary

Annunciation—When the Angel Gabriel announced to Our Lady that she would be the Mother of God's Son.

Bishop—A priest who is chosen to be leader of a diocese.

Church—A family of believers.

Communion of Saints—All the people in the Church, both dead and alive.

Creed—An important list of the things Christians believe.

Liturgical Calendar—The Church's year.

Ordinary Time—A time to celebrate the presence of Jesus in our ordinary lives.

Sacrament— A special time of meeting with Jesus.

Key Reflections

How is the Church like a family?

What makes a Catholic School different?

How do the sacraments help us?

Why are the different times of the Church's year important to us?

Any gift we give to God, He will transform into something beautiful. What can we give to God?

How is Mary our example and helper?