

**GOD MATTERS****UNIT DATES 2017-2018**

The dates given below are approximate and may need to be adapted to local circumstances.

| UNIT  | TEACHING TIME |                       |
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| <b>Term One</b>   |               |                       |
| Creation  | 04.09.17      | 4 weeks               |
| Prayers Feasts and Saints   | 02.10.17      | 2 Weeks               |
| Islam   | 16.10.17      | 1 Week                |
| 23.10.17  | Half term     |                       |
| Sacraments  | 30.10.17      | 4 Weeks               |
| Advent  | 27.11.17      | 2 weeks               |
| Christmas   | 11.12.17      | 1 -2 weeks            |
| <b>Term Two</b>   |               |                       |
| Feasts of Christmas - Epiphany  | 02.01.18      | 2 weeks               |
| Revelation  | 15.01.18      | 4 Weeks               |
|   | Half Term     |                       |
| Lent  | 19.02.18      | 4 Weeks               |
| Holy Week (In school)   | 19.03.17      | 1-2 Weeks             |
| <b>Term Three</b>   |               |                       |
| Easter  | 16.04.18      | 4 Weeks               |
| Pentecost and Mission   | 14.05.18      | 2 Weeks               |
|   | Half Term     |                       |
| Pentecost and Mission   | 04.06.18      | 2 Weeks               |
| Judaism   | 18.06.18      | 1 week                |
| Sikhism and Hinduism  | 25.06.18      | 2 weeks               |
| Big Questions of Faith<br>Project RE e.g.<br>Going Back to Areas of Concern<br>Retreat/Pilgrimage Experiences | 09.07.18      | Until the End of Term |

Please see below for specific dates of Feasts and Saints' Days

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| <b>September</b>                | <b>New Beginnings</b>  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> September      | Exaltation of the Cross – opportunity to explore why we make the sign of the cross |
|                                 | <b>Home Mission Sunday</b>   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> September      | St. Matthew - Evangelist   |
|                                 | <b>Harvest</b>   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> September      | St. Vincent de Paul  |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> September      | St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels - Feast                               |
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| <b>October</b>                  | <b>Month of the Rosary</b>   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> October         | St. Therese of the Child Jesus   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> October         | Guardian Angels - Feast  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> October         | St. Francis of Assisi  |
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| 7 <sup>th</sup> October         | Our Lady of the Rosary – CAFOD Family Fast Day                                     |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> October        | St. Teresa – Doctor of the Church  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> October        | St. Luke the Evangelist  |
| <b>November</b>                 | <b>Month of Remembrance for those who have died</b>                                |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> November        | All Saints   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> November        | All Souls  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> November        | Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – FEAST   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> November       | Christ the King – Solemnity  |
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| 27 <sup>th</sup> November       | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent   |
| <b>December</b>                 | Beginning of new Liturgical Year and <b>Advent</b>                                 |
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| 6 <sup>th</sup> December        | St. Nicholas   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> December        | Immaculate Conception – Feast  |
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| <b>January</b>                  | <b>Christmastide until Baptism of the Lord</b>                                     |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> January         | Mary Mother of God   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> January         | Epiphany   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> January         | Baptism of the Lord – Feast  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> January        | Conversion of St. Paul   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> January        | St. Thomas Aquinas   |
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| <b>February</b>                 |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> February        | Presentation of the Lord – Feast of Candlemass                                     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> February        | St. Blaise – Patron Saint of sore throats  |
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| <b>14<sup>th</sup> February</b> | <b>Ash Wednesday</b>   |
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| <b>March - Lent</b>             |  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> March           | St. David – patron Saint of Wales - Feast  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> March          | St. Patrick – patron Saint of Ireland - Feast                                      |
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| 20 <sup>th</sup> March          | St. Joseph (Transferred feast)   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> March          | Annunciation of the Lord   |
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| <b>April</b>                    |  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> March          | Palm Sunday  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> March          | Spy Wednesday and <b>Chrism Mass</b> at the Cathedral                              |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> March          | Maundy Thursday – washing of disciples feet and institution of the Eucharist       |

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| 30 <sup>th</sup> March | Good Friday  |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> March | Holy Saturday  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> April  | Easter Sunday  |
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| <b>April</b>           | <b>Eastertide</b>  |
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| 23 <sup>rd</sup> April | St. George – patron saint of England- Feast                  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> April | St. Mark – Evangelist - Feast                                |
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| <b>May</b>             | Month of Mary  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> May    | <b>Ascension of the Lord</b>                                 |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> May   | <b>Pentecost</b>   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> May   | St. Matthias, Apostle - Feast                                |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> May   | <b>Trinity Sunday</b>  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> May   | <b>Corpus Christi – Body and Blood of Christ</b>             |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> May   | Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary                        |
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| <b>June</b>            |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> June   | <b>Feast of Sacred Heart - Solemnity</b>                     |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> June  | St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More – Martyrs - Feast        |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> June  | Birth of St. John the Baptist                                |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> June  | <b>St. Peter and St. Paul – Holy Day of Obligation</b>       |
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| <b>July</b>            | <b>Thanksgiving and Moving On</b>                            |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>       | St. Benedict - Feast   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup>       | St. Bridget of Sweden - Feast                                |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>       | St. James – Apostle - Feast                                  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup>       | St. Joachim and St. Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
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