



Archdiocese of Dublin
Education Secretariat



September Memo 2023

GROW IN LOVE

Junior Infants	Theme 1: My Family - Lessons 1, 2, 3, 4
Senior Infants	Theme 1: Our World - Lessons 1, 2, 3, 4
First Class	Theme 1: Belonging - Lessons 1, 2, 3 Theme 2: Jesus - Lesson 1
Second Class	Theme 1: Called and Chosen - Lessons 1, 2, 3 Theme 2: Jesus - Lesson 1
Third Class	Theme 1: God - Lesson 1, 2, 3 Theme 2: The Bible - Lesson 1
Fourth Class	Theme 1: God - Lesson 1, 2, 3 Theme 2: The Bible - Lesson 1
Fifth Class	Theme 1: God is Always With Us - Lessons 1, 2, 3 Theme 2: Jesus - Lesson 1
Sixth Class	Beginning Our New School Year – one lesson Theme 1: God - Lessons 1, 2 Theme 2: Creation - Lesson 1

Date	Feast/Liturgical Occasion	Gospel for Sunday
3 September	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Matthew 16:21-27
5 September	St. Teresa of Calcutta	
8 September	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
9 September	St Ciaran	
10 September	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Matthew 18:15-20
14 September	The Exaltation of the Cross	
17 September	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Matthew 18:21-35
21 September	St Matthew	
24 September	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Matthew 20:1-16
27 September	St Vincent de Paul	
29 September	Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (Archangels)	

01 September – 04 October

SEASON OF CREATION



The Season of Creation began on Thursday, 1 September, and runs until 4 October, the Feast of the Saint Francis of Assisi, patron of ecologists. The Season of Creation has a special significance in the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season, which is marked throughout the Christian world, celebrates the joy of creation and encourage awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

For 2023, the theme is “Let Justice and Peace Flow”.



This year's theme "Let Justice and Peace Flow" takes inspiration from the Prophet Amos who declares: "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24). Therefore, we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity. As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.

During the Season of Creation Pope Francis invites us to listen to the voice of creation, to the voices of those who suffer the impacts of climate change, to the voices of those who hold generational wisdom about how to live gratefully within the limits of the land. These are voices of the Earth. The global Christian family is called to awaken to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and with each other and to encourage our parish communities to do the same.

Season of Creation resources are available on www.catholicbishops.ie

05 September: St. Teresa of Kolkata

Mother Teresa (1910 – 1997) was a nun, a missionary, and founder of the Order of Missionaries of Charity, who dedicated her life to serving the poor.

- *She was born in Skopje, Macedonia, on 26 August 1910.*
- *She entered the convent at the age of 18 and joined the Sisters of Loreto in Rathfarnham, Dublin.*
- *She wanted to help the hungry, homeless, lepers and all who felt unwanted and unloved.*
- *She started to work in the slums in India and founded the Missionaries of Charity.*
- *She opened centres for the sick, homeless, unwanted and unloved all over the world*
- *She had incredible organizational skills along with her compassion and love for humanity*
- *She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in honour of all she did to help the suffering poor*



Quote from Mother Teresa
"Not all of us can do great things.
But we can do small things with great love."

08 September: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary



09 September: St. Ciaran



St. Ciaran was born in Roscommon around (c.516 – c. 549). He came to Clonmacnoise in January 545 where he founded a monastery, which was to become one of the most renowned in Europe. He died at the age of thirty-three while the monastery was still being built.

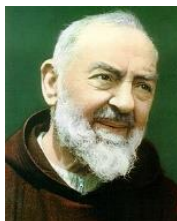
14 September: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

15 September: Our Lady of Sorrows



12 September: St. Ailbe

23 September: St. Padre Pio (Pius of Pietrelcina) (1887 – 1968)



Quote from Padre Pio: ‘Pray, hope and don’t worry’

25 September: St. Finbarr

St. Finbarr (550 – 620) came to Gougane Barra and lived there as a hermit (a person who lives alone and apart from others and devote their time to prayer). When disciples (followers) gathered round him, he moved to Cork at the mouth of the River Lee where he founded a monastery, which became a famous centre of learning.



Gougane Barra, County Cork



St. Finbarr's Cathedral

27 September: St. Vincent de Paul

Vincent de Paul (1580 – 1660) came from a poor farming family. He was very clever so his parents made many sacrifices to give him a good education. After leaving school, he became a priest.

At the time in France, many people were poor and hungry. Vincent spent his time comforting and supporting the poor and sick. He showed them the love of God through the acts of kindness he performed and by celebrating the sacraments with them. He always remembered what Jesus said: “Love your neighbour as yourself” and that was how he lived his life. He founded the order of priests known as the Vincentian Fathers and the Daughters of Charity. His work took him to the poorest of homes, prisons and workhouses and he treated everyone with great love and compassion.

Vincent was canonised in 1737 and he is known as St. Vincent de Paul. There are numerous parishes all over the world with a St. Vincent de Paul Society, which carry on his work today.

