



St Paschal Baylon  
Catholic Primary School



Following In The Footsteps Of Christ

# Guidance on Focus Tables and Displays

# 2017 / 2018 Liturgical Calendar

**Sundays:** Year A – Gospel of St. Matthew & St. John

**Weekdays:** Year I

Ist Sunday of Advent	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
Christmas	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> December 2016
Epiphany of the Lord	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2017
Easter Sunday	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
Ascension of the Lord	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2017
Pentecost	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
Body and Blood of the Lord	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
St Peter & St Paul	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
The Assumption	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
All Saints	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2017
All Souls	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2017

**Sundays:** Year B – Gospel of St. Mark & St. John

**Weekdays:** Year II

Ist Sunday of Advent	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2017
Christmas	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
Epiphany of the Lord	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
Easter Sunday	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2018
Ascension of the Lord	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Pentecost	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
Body and Blood of the Lord	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2018
St Peter & St Paul	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
The Assumption	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2018
All Saints	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2018
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## Focus Table and Display

For schools, the Liturgical Year is a cycle that unfolds the entire mystery of Christ and keeps the anniversaries of the saints. It includes the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Eastertide and Ordinary Time. Each season has its own character and gives time for the school community to reflect on and celebrate different aspects of Catholic belief in Jesus. The seasons and feasts of the Liturgical year are celebrated in schools and should be visible through displays.

The school has a centrally positioned display that reflects the liturgical season and includes the colour of the season, an image of Christ, any signs or symbols relating to that season and a pertinent quotation from scripture, from a Saint or Church teaching.

Signs of our Catholic identity should be displayed in our classrooms all year round. They should be in a place of prominence. A crucifix, the school's mission statement and any relevant images for the season that support prayer and reflection should be visible in the classroom.

There should be a focus for daily prayer that is Christ centred, including colours, objects and scriptures relating to the liturgical season. A candle and Missal/Bible may also be included. This display is to be distinct from RE work. It should be simple and uncluttered with one object that clearly communicates the theme of the display rather than a collection of various items brought in by the children.

Month	Liturgical Calendar	Colour	Symbols
September	Ordinary Time	Green	Bible, candle
October	Feast of Mary	Blue & white	Mary, rosary, flowers, candles
November	All Saints	White & gold	Symbols to reflect chosen Saint
December	Advent	Purple	Bible, candle, advent wreath
January	Epiphany	Red	Three kings, gifts, stars
February	Ash Wednesday	Purple	Cross draped with purple cloth
March	Lent	Purple	Take a theme from one of the Lenten Gospel readings and use symbols mentioned in the reading to describe the story.
April	Easter	White & gold	Use symbols representing the Risen Christ, Paschal Candle, Bible, flowers
May	Mary / Paschal Baylon focus from 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Blue & white / Purple	Mary, rosary, flowers, candles. Artefacts related to Paschal Baylon
June	Ordinary Time St. Peter & St. Paul (29 <sup>th</sup> June)	Green White and Gold	Bible, candle
July	Ordinary Time	Green	Bible, candle

