

Dear Parents,

Please remember to read the Background Notes for Parents first, if you have not already done so.

In **Reception** children will recognise the importance of gathering together. They will learn how the parish family gathers to celebrate Mass and that at Mass the parish family listens to God's Word. As we are not able to gather together as freely as usual due to COVID restrictions this should be talked about with care to avoid upsetting children who may be missing gathering with friends and extended family.

EARLY YEARS - Gathering EUCHARIST THEME	
Key Vocabulary	Welcome blessing listen pray Mass sing gather together alone Lectern "The Lord be with you." "And with your spirit."
<p>The parish family finds strength in gathering for the celebration of the Eucharist, a sign of God's love in our lives. We share memories, love and thanks as we celebrate the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Children will know and understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• how and why people gather together• the joy of gathering together to celebrate at Mass <p>Week 2: Talk about what is happening in the picture from Church's Story 2 (p6-7), how the parish family gather for Mass. Make 'Welcome to Church' poster. Look at Church's Story 1 (p12-13) and talk about how the people stand and sing at the beginning of Mass.</p>	

Week 2: Lesson 1 The parish family gathering for Sunday Mass

Talk about what is happening in the picture from *Church's Story 2* (p6-7), how the parish family gather for Mass.



It's Sunday morning!

Some people are on their way to Church for Mass.

Some go together as a family and others go on their own.

Sometimes people go to Mass on a Saturday evening.

Some Key Questions to ask children

- Q What can you see in the picture?
- Q Where are the people going to?
- Q What are the people standing at the door doing?

Task: Support your child to make a 'Welcome to Church' poster (template provided). Draw people you might see at Mass on a Sunday.

Why not join Father Nigel's live stream Mass on Saturday at 10.30, 6.30pm or Sunday 9.30 – Family Mass, 11.15, 6pm. Click the link below and scroll down the page to the live stream

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/whitton/>

