

Suggestions for formulating a Religious Education Programme based on the Academic Year/Liturgical Year

“God is Love, and those who live in love live in union with God and God lives in union with them” (1 John 4:16)

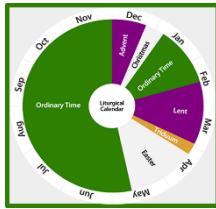
This Religious Education programme, based on the Liturgical Year, will help teachers trying their best to teach during the current lockdown.

This programme might also assist teachers in Special Schools where for various reasons it is not suitable to follow the *Grow in Love* programme.

Please note Religious Education can be taught through the medium of Story, Games, Art, Music, Poetry, Movement and Drama and integrated with every aspect of the curriculum. What is important is that the content of the ***Catholic Preschool and Primary Religious Education Curriculum for Ireland*** is evident in formulating a programme in the context of faith.



The School Year begins in September



The Liturgical Year begins in Advent
See *Grow in Love*
e.g. 3rd Class p.128



The Calendar Year begins in January

Resources:

- *Catholic Preschool and Primary Religious Education Curriculum for Ireland* (2015)
- *Grow in Love* programme (Junior Infants-4th Class, Sept 2017)
- *Grow in Love on-line resources and posters*
- *The Liturgical Calendar for Ireland 2018* (<http://www.liturgy-ireland.ie/liturgical-year-2017.html>) (annual publication available in VERITAS Book Shop)
- Prayer Assemblies for Primary Schools- by Maurice Harmon & Elaine Mahon
- *Catholic Children's Bible*, St Mary's Press
- *Trócaire* Resources
- *Catholic Schools Week* Resources
- *Adapted Kits for Sacramental Preparation* , <https://www.loyolapress.com/products/special-need>