

**RE Overview**  
**Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School**  
**2025-2026**



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YEAR 4	CALLED	Confirmation a time to renew baptismal promises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our response to being chosen.</li> <li>• What it feels like to be chosen.</li> <li>• Why it is difficult to make a response in some situations.</li> <li>• Giving up something else when you are chosen.</li> <li>• What help do you need to choose.</li> <li>• The work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.</li> <li>• The work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians.</li> <li>• What it is to live in the light of Christ.</li> <li>• The commitment of people who respond to the call of God.</li> </ul>
YEAR 4	GIFT	God's gift of love & friendship in Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What you value most about the gift of friendship.</li> <li>• What you offer others in your friendship.</li> <li>• Why the gift of love and friendship is important.</li> <li>• The joys and demands of friendship.</li> <li>• The commitment required by the gift of love and friendship.</li> </ul>
YEAR 4	COMMUNITY	Life in the local Christian community: ministries in the parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meaning of community.</li> <li>• The advantages of being part of a community.</li> <li>• What helps to build up community.</li> <li>• The demands of being part of a community.</li> <li>• Why people give time and service in helping others in their community.</li> <li>• The causes of a breakdown of a community.</li> <li>• How the parish community celebrates together and supports one another.</li> </ul>
YEAR 4	GIVING & RECEIVING	Living in communion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your experience of giving and receiving.</li> <li>• The importance of giving and receiving.</li> <li>• The joys and demands of giving and receiving.</li> <li>• Why it is important to live in communion.</li> <li>• Ways in which we live and grow in communion.</li> </ul>

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YEAR 4	SELF DISCIPLINE	Celebrating growth to new life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The experience of giving up something and being disciplined for a good reason.</li> <li>• How to be self-disciplined.</li> <li>• How self-discipline helps people to grow and make the best use of their potential.</li> <li>• Lent; the opportunity to make change and to prepare for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.</li> </ul>
YEAR 4	NEW LIFE	To hear & live the Easter message	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What you do when life is difficult.</li> <li>• The experience of good news bringing life and happiness.</li> <li>• How the power of the Holy Spirit helps Christians today.</li> </ul>
YEAR 4	BUILDING BRIDGES	Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What makes friendships strong.</li> <li>• How decisions about friendship are informed by beliefs and values.</li> <li>• How friendships are built.</li> <li>• How friendships may be restored when they have been broken.</li> <li>• Sin and the importance of examining your conscience.</li> <li>• The greatest commandment, love of God and others.</li> <li>• The meaning of contrition and of absolution.</li> <li>• Forgiveness of others.</li> </ul>
YEAR 4	GOD'S PEOPLE	Different saints show people what God is like	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What makes a person do extraordinary things.</li> <li>• How ordinary people do extraordinary things.</li> <li>• The qualities you admire in others.</li> <li>• How true happiness can be found.</li> <li>• How you can do extraordinary things.</li> </ul>
YEAR 5	OURSELVES	Created in the image and likeness of God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talents and qualities you admire in others.</li> <li>• Your own talents and qualities and how you use them.</li> <li>• Identify qualities in anyone else.</li> <li>• How talents and qualities are developed.</li> <li>• We are made in the likeness of God.</li> <li>• What being unique means.</li> <li>• God's love for us.</li> <li>• How Christians are called to live in peace.</li> <li>• How people made in God's image and likeness might live.</li> </ul>

YEAR 5	LIFE CHOICES	Marriage, commitment and service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ingredients of a good friendship.</li> <li>• What fidelity means and how it applies to friendship.</li> <li>• Responsibilities friends have for one another.</li> <li>• Difficulties and joys of friendships.</li> <li>• What is important for friendship to thrive.</li> <li>• What it feels like to have a faithful friend.</li> <li>• Jesus' advice about relationships.</li> <li>• The importance of fidelity, loyalty, and commitment in maintaining a friendship.</li> <li>• The importance of commitment and responsibility in relationships.</li> <li>• What it means to be committed.</li> <li>• The work of Christian service.</li> <li>• The Sacrament of Marriage.</li> <li>• The symbols of the promises and the blessing of rings.</li> <li>• All are called to live in love and service.</li> </ul>
YEAR 5	HOPE	Advent; waiting in joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your experience of waiting.</li> <li>• How people wait in different ways, for different things.</li> <li>• Why waiting is a mystery.</li> <li>• How you can best use the time you spend waiting and what might help you.</li> <li>• What you think about when you are waiting for something exciting.</li> <li>• How you behave when you are waiting.</li> <li>• The difference between hope and expectation.</li> <li>• Why people wait with hope.</li> <li>• The coming of Jesus at the end of time.</li> <li>• Advent is a time of waiting hopefully.</li> </ul>
YEAR 5	MISSION	Continuing Jesus' mission in the diocese [ecumenism]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The demands and joys of being dedicated in your mission.</li> <li>• Discovering your mission.</li> <li>• What inspires people in their mission.</li> <li>• The joys and demands of engaging in a mission.</li> <li>• The reasons why people want to help others.</li> <li>• How people carry out Jesus' mission today.</li> <li>• Jesus' prayer for unity.</li> </ul>
YEAR 5	MEMORIAL SACRIFICE	The Eucharist; the living memorial of Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why memories are important.</li> <li>• How it is possible to keep</li> </ul>

			important memories alive. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• About sacrifice in daily life.</li> </ul>
YEAR 5	SACRIFICE	Lent a time of giving in order to celebrate the sacrifice of Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How you feel when you give.</li> <li>• How you feel when you refuse to give.</li> <li>• The cost of giving.</li> <li>• How people decide whether or not to give.</li> <li>• How those decisions are informed by beliefs and values.</li> <li>• The costs or rewards of giving.</li> <li>• That Lent is a season of giving to prepare for Easter.</li> </ul>
YEAR 5	TRANSFORMATION	Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How people can use the energy of their minds for the good of others.</li> <li>• How people can use time and physical energy for the well-being of others and why they should.</li> <li>• How energy can transform.</li> <li>• How we can use our energy to transform ourselves.</li> <li>• How we can use the energy from the earth's resources in a fair and sustainable way.</li> <li>• How the power of the Holy Spirit helps Christians today.</li> </ul>
YEAR 5	FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY	Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What freedom parents have a right to.</li> <li>• What freedom children have a right to.</li> <li>• What is responsible and irresponsible behaviour.</li> <li>• How rules can bring freedom.</li> <li>• How people know the boundaries that their personal freedom gives them.</li> <li>• How freedom and responsibility are linked.</li> <li>• How people's perception of what their freedom allows may conflict with the expectation of others.</li> <li>• The importance of the Ten Commandments for Christians today.</li> <li>• How the Beatitudes show us a positive way of life.</li> <li>• Jesus' teaching on the greatest commandments, love of God and others.</li> </ul>
YEAR 5	STEWARDSHIP	The Church is called to stewardship of Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What I really care about.</li> <li>• Showing concern for what I care for.</li> <li>• The meaning of stewardship.</li> <li>• Understanding the wonders of God's creation.</li> <li>• People are made in the image and</li> </ul>

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YEAR 6	LOVING	God who never stops loving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What unconditional love means.</li> <li>• How love is shown.</li> <li>• How you are loved and cared for.</li> <li>• What members of your family do for each other.</li> <li>• How you show love to others.</li> <li>• How people have inspired and influenced you to show unconditional love to others.</li> <li>• What it means to be truly loving.</li> <li>• How people show unconditional love to others.</li> <li>• The beliefs and values which have inspired and influenced you to be loving.</li> <li>• The scripture texts that demonstrate God's unconditional love for everyone even when times are hard.</li> <li>• The challenge these passages present to Christians.</li> <li>• The Beatitudes and their meaning for today.</li> <li>• God's unconditional love and what this means.</li> <li>• By living in God's way, as Jesus showed us, we can grow in love.</li> </ul>
YEAR 6	VOCATION AND COMMITMENT	The vocation of priesthood and religious life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What it means to be committed.</li> <li>• Why people are committed.</li> <li>• The implications of lack of commitment.</li> <li>• Who shows commitment.</li> <li>• How commitment affects the level of job satisfaction.</li> <li>• Responding to the call of Jesus.</li> <li>• Our mission in living out our baptismal vows.</li> </ul>
YEAR 6	EXPECTATIONS	Jesus born to show God to the world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The expectations you have of yourself.</li> <li>• Having high expectations of others.</li> <li>• Trusting and believing in one another.</li> <li>• What happens if you let people down or others let you down.</li> <li>• Patience is important in expectations.</li> <li>• The difference between wishing</li> </ul>

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YEAR 6	DEATH & NEW LIFE	Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The effect of loss in everyday life.</li> <li>• The change it brought.</li> <li>• What remained the same.</li> <li>• What is the best way to cope with loss.</li> <li>• How people cope with loss and death.</li> <li>• How death brings new life.</li> <li>• Lent, a time to remember the suffering and death of Jesus.</li> </ul>
YEAR 6	WITNESSES	The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When to be a witness.</li> <li>• How to be a witness.</li> <li>• Why it sometimes needs courage to be a witness.</li> <li>• Examples of modern witnesses.</li> <li>• The witness of a local charity.</li> </ul>
YEAR 6	HEALING	Sacrament of the Sick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Showing compassion and care for those who are ill.</li> <li>• Our attitude towards those people who are ill in their minds.</li> <li>• Helping, caring, and understanding those with a learning disability.</li> <li>• What gives a person comfort when they are very ill.</li> <li>• Why people give time and commitment to caring for others.</li> <li>• Why we care for the sick.</li> <li>• The Sacrament of Anointing brings comfort to those who are sick.</li> </ul>

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YEAR 6	COMMON GOOD	Work of Christians for the good of all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How we build a fair and just world.</li> <li>• The difference between fairness and justice, unfairness and injustice.</li> <li>• Helping to promote the dignity and common good of one another.</li> <li>• Beatitudes; a guide from Jesus about how to live life.</li> <li>• The ways we can act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God.</li> <li>• How Christians can work for the common good.</li> <li>• Something about Catholic Social Teaching.</li> </ul>