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DURING MASS.....

- Don't worry if your child wriggles; adults wriggle too!
- Your child will be watching and modelling your actions. Try to relax and enjoy yourself!
- Briefly explain what is happening as the Mass progresses.
- Encourage your child to join in. Hold the hymn book together. Stand and sit at the appropriate times.
- Sometimes we have a Children's Liturgy for those aged 3 to 7 which your child may wish to attend.
- Enjoy shaking hands at the sign of peace.
- You and your child/children are welcome to come forward at communion.

AFTER MASS

- Talk with parishioners over tea or coffee when a
- Talk positively about the Mass, mentioning things they have enjoyed (the singing, the Eucharist, etc) or something that happened during Mass.
- Light a candle together with someone you know.
- Have a treat on the way home.

DURING THE WEEK

- Say simple prayers together at appropriate times.
- Buy or borrow a 'today's Bible' or 'beginner's' Bible to read together.
- Speak positively about the Mass, 'going to church' a habit.
- Put aside a small amount of money for the offertory collection; it is a gift for the work of the church.

THE CHURCH IS . . .

met together:
songs of praise
ourselves and others
God's forgiveness

listen through:
scriptures
family
our faith

our communion with God
another to receive Him
union.
Jesus in a very special way

scriptures and enables us
world to:
labour as ourselves
of God to others

THE CHURCH YEAR

The church's year is made of different seasons, special days, holy days and saints' days. Seasons and special days are marked by the use of different colours for altar hangings and the Priest's vestments. The four standard colours are white, purple, green and red and are known as liturgical colours.

ADVENT is the four weeks of waiting before Christmas. Colour - **purple**.

CHRISTMAS celebrates the birth of Jesus, God's gift to the world. Colour - **white**.

EPIPHANY is the time when the church thinks about the wise men bringing gifts and how Jesus came for everyone. Colour - **white/green**

LENT is the six and a half weeks before Easter, beginning with Ash Wednesday. Colour - **purple**.

EASTER is the joyful celebration of the day that Jesus rose from the dead. Colour - **white**.

PENTECOST celebrates the day on which the Holy Spirit came into the lives of Jesus' followers in a powerful way. Colour - **red**

Other times are 'ordinary' Colour- **green**

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• A helpful guide

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