

P5.2 Our Lady's Feast Days

CfE Experiences and Outcomes & TIOF Core Learning

RERC 2-15a – Hours of God

I can recognise Mary's significance within the Catholic tradition and I know that celebrating her feast days and praying to God through Mary can enrich my life.

Success Criteria from Core Learning

- I can recall and describe feast days attributed to Our Lady.

Key Vocabulary

Feast Day, Marian devotion, Annunciation, Assumption (a range of other vocabulary will arise, depending on the Feast Days selected to study)

Teaching and Learning

Introduction

Begin the lesson with the words 'Feast Day' written on sheets of paper. Split the class into small groups and ask them to discuss and write anything they know about Feast Days on the sheet, around the words. Bring the groups together and ask each to report back on the thoughts they have collated.

Give a definition of 'Feast Day' and describe the importance these have in our Catholic calendar. Inform the pupils that there are a number of Marian Feast Days and that we will be looking closely at some of the days devoted to Our Lady. Do the pupils already know some of these? Do they know what is important about the days they are able to name?

Activity 1 - Timeline

This task could be carried out individually, in pairs or in groups. Give out the list of Our Lady's Feast Days (AR5.2a) with dates. Ask pupils to rewrite these in the form of a chronological timeline. This will allow the pupils an overview of a number of the Marian Feast Days throughout the year.

Activity 2- Research task

Again this task could be carried out individually, in pairs or small groups (depending on ability or available resources). Give the children a different Marian Feast Day each to research. They could use ICT or books. Ask the pupils to create a factsheet about their Feast Day which they can then present to the class. A large timeline could be placed on the wall and the Feast Day factsheets affixed in a chronological order to allow the pupils' work to be displayed.

Activity 3

Similar tasks to those above could be carried out with regards to the Marian months of devotion.

Plenary

The children could learn the hymn 'Immaculate Mary' and sing this as a sign of devotion to finish this lesson.

Prayer and Reflection

Hail Mary

The Memorare

Could learn and recite some on the prayers linked to various Feast Days, such as the prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Hymn: Immaculate Mary

Resources

Paper with 'Feast Days' written on
AR5.2a - Timeline sheets
Computers with internet access
Books on Our Lady

Research Challenge