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| **St Alban and St Stephen Catholic Primary School**  *Learning and Growing With God By Our Side* |

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| **Our School Year** |

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| **Autumn Term** | |
| **September** | **New School Year Mass**  We return to school and celebrate Mass together. Year 4 lead us in praying for the year ahead. |
| **October** | **Harvest**  Our Pupil Chaplains lead our Harvest assembly and present the food and money that we have collected to our local food bank. |
| **Praying the Rosary**  In October, we mark the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. Throughout the month, our Prayer Leaders help all classes to learn to pray the Rosary |
| **November** | **All Souls (2 November)**  The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed  Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died.  Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  May they rest in peace. Amen.  **Remembrance Day (11 November)**  Our Pupil Chaplains lead our Remembrance assembly. Our Book of Remembrance for Holy Souls contains the names of loved ones we will be praying for. |
| **Advent**  As the church’s liturgical year begins, we light our advent wreath during our Advent sharing assembly and make Advent promises. Advent means ‘coming’. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. Pupils from each class and our Prayer Team lead prayers to remind us that we are coming out of darkness into light. |
| **December** | **Christmas**  KS1 invite their grandparents to share in a special Christmas celebration with carols. |
| KS2 remind us of the meaning of Christmas through Bible readings and carols. |
| EYFS lead us in the Nativity. |

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| **Spring Term** | |
| **January** | **Epiphany**  We return to school and in our Epiphany sharing assembly and RE lessons, we think about the gifts that God has given us. |
| **February** | **Ash Wednesday**  Our Parish priest and Pupil Chaplains lead the liturgy at the start of Lent. Our foreheads are marked with an ash cross. During Lent, we collect for the CCS, supporting vulnerable local families.  Year 4,5 and 6 pupils take part in a service of Reconciliation and make their confessions. |
| **March** | **World Day of Prayer**  Our Pupil Chaplains lead prayer workshops for KS2 and prayers in KS1 as we unite and pray with Christians all over the world. |
| **Mothering Sunday**  Nursery lead a special celebration for their mothers and carers. |
| **April** | **Easter**  Year 5 pupils perform an Easter Passion Play to share the events of Holy Week and retell the death and glorious resurrection of Jesus. |

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| **Summer Term** | |
| **May** | **Mary’s Month of May**  Year 1 hold their Marian Procession and lay flowers at the feel of our Lady. |
| **Ascension**  In a special Ascension assembly, we reflect on Jesus’ ascension into Heaven. |
| **Pentecost**  In our Pentecost sharing assembly and RE lessons, we think about how we can use God’s gift of the Holy Spirit. |
| **June** | **Feast of St Alban**  We learn about St Alban and in a special Mass held on his Feast Day, we reflect on how his faith can inspire us in our own lives. |
| **First Holy Communion Celebration Mass**  We celebrate with our Year 3 Pupils, giving thanks that they have received the sacrament of First Holy Communion |
| **July** | **Year 2 Moving Up Ceremony**  Year 2 share readings, prayers and memories with their families as they move to Upper School. |
| **Year 6 Leavers’ Mass**  Year 6 lead a special Mass to give thanks for their time at St Alban and Stephen and to pray for the future as they take the next step on their journey. |