

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## SPRING TERM 2019

### COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics.

#### LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY (3.1.19-30.1.19)

Early Years	<b>CELEBRATING</b> - People celebrate in Church
Yrs 1 & 2	<b>BOOKS</b> - The books used in Church
Yrs 3 & 4	<b>COMMUNITY</b> - Life in the local Christian community ministries in the parish
Yrs 5 & 6	<b>MISSION</b> - Continuing Jesus' mission in the diocese (ecumenism)

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop. Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

#### EUCCHARIST - RELATING (31.1.19-8.3.19)

Early Years	<b>GATHERING</b> - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Yrs 1 & 2	<b>THANKSGIVING</b> - Mass, a special time to thank God
Yrs 3 & 4	<b>GIVING &amp; RECEIVING</b> - Living in communion
Year 5 & 6	<b>MEMORIAL SACRIFICE</b> - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives. Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

#### LENT/EASTER - GIVING (11.3.19-5.4.19)

Early Year	<b>GROWING</b> - Looking forward to Easter
Yrs 1 & 2	<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b> - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Yrs 3 & 4	<b>SELF DISCIPLINE</b> - Celebrating growth to new life
Yrs 5 & 6	<b>SACRIFICE</b> - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity. If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.

# **IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

Lectionary Sunday Year C Weekdays Year I

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

1 January

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

6 January

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

13 January

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

2 February

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

6 March

**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

10 March

**ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

19 March

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

25 March

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

14 April

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

18 April

**GOOD FRIDAY**

19 April

**EASTER SUNDAY**

21 April

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

30 May