

# IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

## WELCOME MASS

(15<sup>th</sup> September)

St Anne's Church at 9.30am for parents and children from Y1-6.

## HARVEST MASS

(6<sup>th</sup> October)

St Anne's Church at 9.30am for parents and children from Y1-6.

## ALL SAINTS

(1<sup>st</sup> November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

## THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

(2<sup>nd</sup> November)

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

(10<sup>th</sup> November)

The Year 6 children will lead a service for Remembrance day for all school pupils, and the parents of the Year 6 pupils.

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

(26<sup>th</sup> November)

## ADVENT

(Begins 3<sup>rd</sup> December)

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.

## ADVENT MASS

(11<sup>th</sup> December)

St Anne's Church at 9.30am for parents and children from R-6.

## THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(8<sup>th</sup> December)

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

## CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

(13<sup>th</sup> December)

The Year 5 children will lead a service for Remembrance day for all school pupils, and the parents of the Year 6 pupils.

## CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(25<sup>th</sup> December)

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

(30<sup>th</sup> December)

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## AUTUMN TERM 2023

### COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term the children from Year 1-6 will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend a week studying Judaism.

Nursery and Reception will be starting the new R.E. curriculum that covers; Creation and Covenant and Prophecy and Promise.

#### DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

(4<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September)

Early Years	CREATION AND COVENANT - God created us and our world
Year 1	FAMILIES - God's love and care for every family
Year 2	BEGINNINGS - God is present in every beginning
Year 3	HOMES - God's vision for every family
Year 4	PEOPLE - The family of God in Scripture
Year 5	OURSELVES - Created in the image and likeness of God
Year 6	LOVING - God who never stops loving

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love.

Write underneath it  
"We show God's love to one another."

Include those who have died.

#### BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

(2<sup>nd</sup> October – 10<sup>th</sup> November inc half term)

Early Years	CREATION AND COVENANT - God created us and our world
Year 1	BELONGING - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family
Year 2	SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - Signs and symbols in Baptism
Year 3	PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism
Year 4	CALLED - Confirmation: a call to witness
Year 5	LIFE CHOICES - Marriage, commitment and service
Year 6	VOCATION AND COMMITMENT - The vocation of

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

#### JUDAISM (13<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November)

Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.

#### ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

(27<sup>th</sup> November – 21<sup>st</sup> December)

Early Years	PROPHECY AND PROMISE- The birth of Jesus and the Nativity story
Year 1	WAITING - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas
Year 2	PREPARATIONS - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas
Year 3	VISITORS - waiting for the coming of Jesus
Year 4	GIFT - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
Year 5	HOPE - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home.

Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree.

Use the CAFOD or Missio websites to get a religious Advent calendar.