

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SPRING TERM 2023

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. The children will also spend one week studying Islam.

LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

4th January – 27th January 2023

- Class 1 **CELEBRATING** - People celebrate in Church
- Class 2 **SPECIAL PEOPLE** - People in the parish family
- Class 3 **COMMUNITY** - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
- Class 4 **MISSION** - Continuing Jesus' mission in 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.

Class Saints

This term, each class will also be learning about a different saint.

EUCHARIST - RELATING

6th February – 11th March 2023

- Class 1 **GATHERING** - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
- Class 2 **MEALS** - Mass, Jesus' special meal
- Class 3 **GIVING & RECEIVING** - Living in communion
- Class 4 **MEMORIAL SACRIFICE** - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice

Pupils will study various aspects of Islam for one week. Ask them what they

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

14th March – 31st March 2023

- Class 1 **GROWING** - Looking forward to Easter
- Class 2 **CHANGE** - Lent: a time for change
- Class 3 **SELF DISCIPLINE** - Celebrating growth to new life
- Class 4 **SACRIFICE** - 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

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

1 January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6 January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8 January

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

22 February

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

20 March

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

25 March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

2 April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

6 April

GOOD FRIDAY

7 April

EASTER SUNDAY

9 April