**IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM:**

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**1 January**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**7 January**

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**8 January**

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING / YEAR OF PRAYER LAUNCH WEEK**

**29th January – 2nd February**

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

**2 February**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**14 February**

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

**19 March**

**Whole School Mass for the Feast of St Joseph will be Thursday 21st March**

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

**24 March**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**28 March**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**29 March**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**31 March**

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

**Religious Education**

**spring Term 2024**

**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**

***WC 8th January – WC 29th January***

**Early Years CELEbrating -** People celebrate in Church

**Classes 3,4 and 5 Books -** The books used in Church

**Class 6, 7 and 8 Community -** Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish

**Classes 9, 10 and 11 sources -** the Bible, the special book for the Church

**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.**

**Eucharist - Relating**

***WC 5th February – WC 4th March***

**Early Years gathering -** Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist

**Classes 3,4 and 5 thanksgiving -** Mass, a special time to thank God

**Class 6, 7 and 8 giving & receiving -** Living in communion

**Classes 9, 10 and 11 unity -** Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

**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**

***WC 11th March – WC 25th March***

**Early Year growing -** Looking forward to Easter

**Classes 3,4 and 5 opportunities -** Lent: an opportunity to start anew

**Class 6, 7 and 8 self discipline -** Celebrating growth to new life

**Classes 9, 10 and 11 death & new life -** Celebrating Jesus’ death and resurrection

**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.**