

**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, WRIGHTINGTON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2021**



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**

<b>EYFS</b>	<b>CELEBRATING</b> - People celebrate in Church
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>SPECIAL PEOPLE</b> - People in the parish family
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>BOOKS</b> - The books used in Church
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>MISSION</b> - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)
<b>Class 5</b>	<b>MISSION</b> - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)

**OTHER FAITH – HINDUISM**

**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**

<b>EYFS</b>	<b>GATHERING</b> - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>MEALS</b> - Mass, Jesus' special meal
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING</b> - Mass, a special time to thank God
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>MEMORIAL SACRIFICE</b> - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
<b>Class 5</b>	<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**

<b>EYFS</b>	<b>GROWING</b> - Looking forward to Easter
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>CHANGE</b> - Lent: a time for change
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b> - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>SACRIFICE</b> - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
<b>Class 5</b>	<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**

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

1 January

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

6 January

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

10 January

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

2 February

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

17 February

**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**

28 March

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

1 April

**GOOD FRIDAY**

2 April

**EASTER SUNDAY**

4 April